



# इसमज इसमचेर लारचे २०१९

## Swami Samman (3 March 2019)

*A truly defining moment in the history of the Samaj. It is with a great sense of veneration that the Arya Samaj enters an era of a renewed commitment and dedication to serving humanity, under the guidance of two revered Swamis. This is a new dawn for the Samaj and a platform from which greater heights can surely be achieved. The event was represented by all organisations of the Hindu community who left with great sense of pride that the Samaj has reached such a milestone and will now be led by a Sannyasa Mandal. The function was a grand success and deep gratitude must go to the officials involved in making this function one that has truly left a positive impression on all!*



*Pujya Swami Abhedananda (Chinmaya Mission of S.A), Pujya Swami Vedanand Saraswati (Arya Samaj) and Pujya Hari Bhakti Swami Narasimha (Shri Luxmi Sampradaya) on stage.*



*Pujya Pravrajika Ishtaprana Mataji (Sri Sarada Devi Ashram), Pujya Swami Maitreyi (Arya Samaj) on stage.*





*Members of the Purohit Mandal forming a guard of honour for the procession*



*Welcoming committee to all the guests invited to the function*



*Officials from the Arya Samaj as well as revered dignitaries from other leading Hindu Organisations*



*As expected, a full house at the event. The audience was fully enthralled at the proceedings happening on stage.*



## *Dayanand Jayanti (1 March 2019)*

*Held at the Aryan Benevolent Home, the day celebrated the birth of Swami Dayanand Saraswati and the legacy that he left behind in not only founding the Arya Samaj but also spreading the truth of the Vedas.*



*Members of the Plessislaer Arya Samaj ready in waiting to perform soulfully inspiring bhajans for the audience*



*Pt. Arthi Shanand performing the Havan at the Dayanand Jayanti function*



*Officials initiating the start of the Dayanand Jayanti celebration by lighting the lamp*

## *Sant Ravidas Jayanti (18th February 2019)*

*Held at the NJVC in conjunction with Consulate General of India, the day was set aside for the celebration of Sant Ravidas birthday and his ever-lasting contribution to the bhakti (devotional) movement. The message of Sant Ravidas is for people to reform their minds and show their boundless love for God.*



*Dr Serela Ramklass was the main presenter at the function providing excellent coverage of all the projects which the Arya Samaj is currently involved in.*



*Both Swamis and officials of the Arya Samaj initiating the function.*



*Dr Yogi was a guest speaker giving an inspirational speech on Sant Ravidas*



# *Arya Samaj Gauteng (16th February 2019)*

*The Rise of the Phoenix from the ashes!!! The ASG has officially been restructured with an entirely new and inspired team of executives at a beautiful ceremony held at the Marlboro centre. We officially congratulate ASG for taking this bold step and wish them the very best for the future!!*



*The elected members of Arya Samaj Gauteng along with Dr Rambilass, Swami Vedanand Saraswati and Mr Vijaye Lutchman (High Commissioner of Mauritius)*



*The members of the Arya Samaj Gauteng music group singing beautiful bhajans for the audience gathered at the function.*



*Members participating in the Havan by offering Samagri*



*Yajmaans performing the Havan*

## *International Arya Maha Sammelan (25 -28 October 2018)*

*Hosted by Arya Samaj India in Delhi the international Arya Sammelan was a gathering of all the Arya Samaj's globally, onto one platform. A delegation of Samaj officials went to India accompanied by eight African children that were sponsored. Not only did they perform the Havan on stage, but also experienced the diverse Indian lifestyle and culture. The Samaj youth were also given the opportunity to do presentations at the conference. One of the key highlights was the Sannyasa Initiation of Swami Maitreyi (Pt. Pingla Ganesh) who had been introduced to the gathering by renowned yoga guru Baba Ramdev.*



*Some officials who made the trip to India*



*Official representatives of the Samaj*





*A mass havan by ten thousand youth*



*Celebrations by the South African delegation on the events stage*



*The eight African children performing the Havan in front of an audience of over 100 000*



*Swami Maitreyi with other members of the Samaj*

## *Events to Look Forward to in the Upcoming Months:*

- *Arya Samaj Women's Forum is hosting a free Drug Abuse Seminar: "Teenage Depression and Substance Abuse - You are not alone" on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 between 09h00- 12h30 at Wembley Primary School Hall, Phoenix*
- *Ram Naumi and Arya Samaj Founders Day in Pietermaritzburg on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 starting at 10h30*
- *The Annual General Meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Westville Hindu Primary School*

*P.S - We urge all affiliates who wish to showcase an important event within the past two months in the Samaj Samachar, to please send the details and pictures (with the necessary taglines) via email so that the Arya Samaj community is aware of the projects or functions that are hosted by your Samaj. The Samachar will be issued digitally every two months (bi-monthly) from hereon so do ensure that all details are sent timeously should your affiliate wish to be featured.*