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“Strength in Unity”

Isipingo Mahayajna (23RD June)

The Isipingo Mahayajna was held at Lotus Park Community Hall hosted by Lorient Satsang Sabha, Arya Samaj Isipingo Beach and Veda Dharma Sabha Isipingo. The event included mantra recitals from the Vedas during performance of the Havan, beautiful bhajans, and a speech by Pujya Swami Vedanand Saraswati about the value of women in the Vedas.



Purohits leading the havan accompanied by President Dr Rambilass and both Swamiji's



Full crowd at the function enjoying the festivities



The Maha Yajna where all members came together to participate

International Yoga Day (22nd June)

The Arya Samaj SA in partnership with our affiliate, the Arya Yuvuk Sabha and the Aryan Benevolent Home hosted its first International Yoga Day with Pujya Swami Vedanand Saraswati, together with trained yoga teachers Jyoti and Vimmi. The day proved to be very beneficial for all the participants as they experienced the benefits that yoga can have in their daily lives. A participation of over 150 people ensured that the event proved to be huge success for all involved! The Samaj remains committed to continue the propagation of yoga to be an integral part of each individual's daily life.



Participants excited for International Yoga Day



Participants in relaxation after yoga session



Young learners enjoying their first attempt at yoga



Vimmi and Swamiji guiding the class

Hamper Distribution to the Youth in Gillets (21st June)

Excellent Youth Program in Gillits by Friends of the Library with Chatsworth Youth Centre, Arya Samaj SA, Iskcon's Food for Life and Revolution Bikers Club. Hampers were handed to all Children present. As part of our Winter Warmer Drive, the Arya Samaj donated the blankets that were part of the hampers. Our gratitude goes to fellow senior member Anesh Ramklass, who spearheaded the drive on behalf of the Samaj.



Organising committee that made the event possible



All the children that were given hampers on the day



Members of the Samaj assisting in serving food to the children



Children sitting together and listening to storytelling

Fund Raising Dinner for Plessislaer Arya Samaj (18th June)

The Plessislaer Arya Samaj hosted a fund-raising dinner in a truly grand affair. Tickets were sold out and the event was a night filled with dance and music, not forgetting the sumptuous meals provided. A well hosted event by all those involved!!



The male members of the Samaj having fun for the photoshoot



Members of the Samaj in their well- dressed and co-ordinated attire



Members of the public enjoying the function



Dances included as entertainment for the evening

Pujya Swami Shantanandji's Visit (10th to 14th June)

Pujya Swamiji from Gujarat - India visited the Arya Samaj community across the country. Swamiji and Mr Sharma resided at the ABH for the duration of his stay and visited the Yuvak Arya Samaj, Arya Bhawan (Port Shepstone), Avoca Cultural Society and Aryan Hall Pietermaritzburg. Swamiji gave discourses, sang bhajans, performed guided meditation and mingled with all the members. Swamiji's visit was truly an enlightening one and it definitely left an indelible impression on everyone.



Pujya Swamiji's visit to Port Shepstone Arya Samaj



Pujya Swamiji's visit to the Arya Samaj Organisations in Pietermaritzburg



Pujya Swamiji's visit to Avoca Cultural Society



Pujya Swamiji's visit to Yuvak Arya Samaj Clairwood

Business Masterclass (1st and 7th June)

The Arya Samaj Women's Forum hosted a business master class for 37 prospecting entrepreneurs. Sessions were hosted over two weekends and were guided by facilitator Usha Maharaj. The programme included guidance on the challenges that entrepreneurs will face and the potential solutions in overcoming them in these tough economic conditions. Each of the participants will be presented with a certificate for successfully completing the course at a grand gala function of the Arya Samaj.



Women's Forum Members assisting the participants during the Masterclass



Facilitator Usha Maharaj sharing valuable lessons



Dr Serela Ramklass (Chairperson) awarding Facilitator Usha Maharaj a token of appreciation



All the participants with members of the Women's Forum

Hindī Vidya Patshala Umhlanga (2nd June)

In association with the Arya Samaj S.A., Hindī Shiksha Sangh and Hindvani, the Umhlanga Hindī Vidya Patshala's 18th Anniversary was celebrated on a grand scale with a Maha Yajna held at the Mount Edgecombe Shree Emperumal Temple grounds. More than 500 Hindus of all linguistic groups were spiritually uplifted by participating in the performance of a Maha yajna of 118 hawan kunds, listening to Vedic chants and uplifting messages by eminent speakers.



Purohits reciting bhajans for the public



Crowd inside the tent enjoying the festivities



Flag hoisting ceremony conducted by Dr B. Rambilass



Flag hoisting ceremony

Social Outreach Projects in Pietermaritzburg

The Arya Samaj Midlands Region co-ordinated outreach projects, where they distributed cups and plates to the P Pillay Homes for the intellectually challenged and to Rainbow Haven Nursing Homes. Furthermore, members got together to pre-pack Rice and Sugar and distributed it to all the Affiliates who then added additional groceries to their hampers for further distribution.



Members showcasing the cups and plates to be donated



Some individuals from the homes receiving the cups and plates



Bags of rice packed by the members ready for distribution by the different affiliates



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Events to Look Forward to in the Upcoming Months:

- *Silverglen Arya Samaj is hosting a Maha Yajna on 14th July 2019*
- *Krishna Astami will be held on the 18th July 2019 at Westville Hindu School*
- *Veda Niketan Exams will take place between the 16th and 23rd August*
- *The Arya Samaj Women's Forum will be hosting a Tea for Choc - Female and childhood cancers event in Umhlanga on the 17th August 2019*
- *Arya Sthree Samaj Raisethorpe will be hosting Women's day on 17th August 2019 covering aspects of child abuse and suicide*

P.S - We urge all affiliates who wish to feature 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 is issued digitally every two months (bi-monthly), so do ensure that all details are sent timeously should your affiliate wish to be featured.