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“लवकेरुंग व वीरिणएण्टे”

Pt Nardev Vedalankar Memorial Lecture (31st August)

To celebrate the life and times of the late Pt Nardev Vedalankar, the Arya Samaj hosted the first inaugural memorial lecture in his honour. It was a truly memorable occasion for all involved. To pay further tribute a bust of the late Pt Nardev was unveiled at the Hindi Shiksha Sangh. Panditji was posthumously honoured for his founding role and contribution towards the organisation.



Guest speaker from the Ramakrishna Center Pujya Swami Saradaprabhananda Ji (Spiritual Head of the Ramakrishna Centre (SA) Phoenix)



Audience engaged in the talks happening on stage

Krishna Janmashtami celebrations at Yuvak Arya Samaj (23rd August)

The Yuvak Arya Samaj celebrated Krishna Janmashtami. Pt Manogran spoke on the significance of this auspicious day. The program included havan, soulful bhajans and a hearty meal to conclude the proceedings.



The havan conducted by Pt Manogran



Soulful bhajans played by the musicians on stage.



Members of the audience enjoying the proceedings

Arya Samaj Women's Forum



The Women's forum hosted a programme with speakers from all spheres relating to Cancer Treatment, Cancer Awareness and Cancer support programmes. All the proceeds from the event, totalling to an amount of R10 000, was donated to CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation). The function was well organised, and we are sure that not only the funds raised but the information provided will go a long way in creating awareness of the dangers of cancer.



Members engrossed in the in-depth talks delivered on stage



Pt S Phillip handing a token of appreciation to Mrs S. Harrichandparsad



Donation of R10 000 from the women's forum to the Choc foundation



A picture that speaks a thousand words!

Krishna Janmashtami (18th August)

An annual event on the APS calendar, Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated at the Westville Hindu School. The program included melodious bhajans and a havan. Certificates were presented to the women who completed the business class program that was hosted by the Women's forum earlier in the year. A lovely program that all enjoyed!



Members enjoying the lunch served



Audience engaged in the proceeding occurring on stage



Participants from the business masterclass being awarded their certificates



Soulful bhajans sung for the audience

Raisethorpe Senior Citizens Group

An excursion was organised for members of the senior citizens group. Their tour included a visit to different social welfare organisations which included the NJVC. The members spent time at the facility observing all the services that NJVC provides for the greater community. All the members thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



Members listening to a presentation while awaiting snacks and refreshments



Perfect photo opportunity moment for all!



Swamiji and Mrs. S. Harrichandparsad (President of Raisethorpe Arya Samaj)

Arya Youth League celebrating Nelson Mandela Day (18th July)

Members of the Youth League got together to celebrate Nelson Mandela Day and do their seva for 67 minutes. Blankets, sandwiches, stationery and snack packs were handed out at the Lakehaven Children's Home as well as St Monica's Child and Youth Care Centre. A wonderful initiative by all the members involved !!



AYL Members handing out stationery packs and snacks



Both Swamiji's with AYL members handing out blankets



Swamiji handing out parcels to the young



Arya Samaj officials at St Monica's Child and Youth Care Centre

Raisethorpe Arya Samaj (14th July)

The students from Girls' High School and Maritzburg College organised a Youth Satsang on Sunday 14/07/2019 under the guidance of Kevin and Reshnee Beekrum at Raisethorpe Arya Samaj Veda Mandir. This event included the yajnopavit ceremony. Seen in the picture are members the Samaj, students and parents.



Participants from the Samaj and the schools



Students taking part in the Havan



Students that took part in the ceremony

Early Diwali Celebrations (14th July)

NeDFest in association with the Arya Prathinidhi Sabha of South Africa hosted an early Diwali Treat for the residents of Happy Valley in Stanger. The plight of the people in the area is a cause for concern. The event provided some relief in their lives - blankets, food and clothes were provided for all.



Members of Nedfest and the Samaj



Pt Dharmand conducting the havan for the community



Blankets were handed out to the residents



Officials of the Arya Prathinidhi Sabha

Silverglen Maha Yajna (14th July)

A beautiful function was hosted by the Silverglen Arya Samaj with many participants performing the havan. A well organised function for all to be more spiritually elevated!!



Pt A Shanand conducting the havan



Members of the public performing havan in their own groups



Swami Maitreyi giving a discourse

Plessierlaer Arya Samaj - 95th celebration

Congratulations to Plessierlaer Arya Samaj and all its members for continuing the sterling work of the Samaj. Celebrating 95 years of existence is truly a special achievement. May the Samaj grow from strength to strength!



Members celebrating with song and dance



A beautifully designed cake to mark the occasion



Members cutting the cake to mark the 95th anniversary



The youth performing a dance item

Events to Look Forward to in the Upcoming Months:

- *Garbha (Celebrating Women) will take place on 5th October*
- *Deepavali function will be held on the 13th October 2019*
- *SAHMS Durban Deepavali Festival will be held from the 18th to the 20th October*

P.S - Has your Samaj observed an important event in the past two months? Do you wish to feature in the Samaj Samachar? Please send the details and pictures (with the necessary taglines) via email. Samaj Samachar will feature the projects and functions that are hosted by your Samaj. This news feature is issued digitally every two months (bi-monthly), so do ensure that all details are sent timeously.