

SAMAJ SAMACHAR

YEAR END 2019

“MAY THE DUSK OF 2019  
USHER IN A NEW DAWN WITH  
RAYS OF HOPE IN 2020”





# Project Tripti

The Samaj successfully installed boreholes in **three** more schools. An official handover ceremony was conducted at each school. Water scarcity is a serious problem and with this initiative we are sure that the lives of many will be changed for the better.





## *Emoyeni Primary School and Lakehaven Children's Home*

The Samaj through a generous donation by Hon Judge C N Patel, facilitated the construction of a newly developed play area for the children of the Emoyeni Primary School. Furthermore, together with the Ishwar and Laila Mangaroo Trust the Samaj facilitated the renovation of the bathrooms at the Lakehaven Children's Home.





# Veda Dharma Sabha Verulam

Veda Niketan exam certificates were presented to students on the 1st December at VDS Verulam. All 13 candidates who wrote the exam passed. Certificates were presented by Mr Bramdaw (President) and Mrs Rajbely. Well done to all on this achievement.





## *VDS PMB 110th Anniversary Celebration*

Hearty congratulations to the VDS – Pietermaritzburg on reaching this significant milestone. The program included well-presented speeches, musical renditions, dance items and sumptuous meals.





## Durban Diwali Festival

The Arya Samaj South Africa participated in the Annual Durban Diwali Festival. Members joined the float procession with great enthusiasm. The different affiliates came together to assist with the management of the stall. There was a tremendous team effort and an excellent excitement and camaraderie throughout. The sales for the 3-days were the highest recorded in the history of the Samaj. Well done to all involved.





## *Arya Samaj Gauteng Diwali Bahukund*

To mark its Diwali celebration the ASG hosted a Bahukund Yajna which included the performance of the havan, Vedic discourse, soulful bhajans and a hearty lunch to close of proceedings. A successful function which bodes well for the Arya Samaj in Gauteng.





## *Yuvak Arya Samaj Clairwood*

The YAS hosted a memorable Diwali function. Their program consisted of a havan, dance performance, bhajans, and meditation. The highlight was the distribution of 100 grocery hampers filled with all the basic necessities for those in need.





## *NJVC Diwali Function*

Swamiji hosted the inaugural Diwali function at the NJVC. It was truly a memorable event with song and dance performed by the local children. All who attended received food hampers on this auspicious occasion.





## *Arya Yuvak Sabha Diwali Function*

The Arya Yuvak Sabha in conjunction with APS hosted its Diwali function. Children from the Sarva Dharma Ashram were also invited to recite the havan mantras. The festivities included a mass havan, dances, musical renditions and speeches. A great display of talent demonstrated the tremendous potential of the newly refurbished Centre to promote our culture.





## *Veda Dharma Sabha Phoenix*

Phoenix Hindu Unity Forum in conjunction with VDS Phoenix hosted their Diwali function at the Phoenix Youth Centre. Speakers from various Hindu organisations addressed the function. Goodwill among the communities was evidenced by the wishes and greetings from the Christian and Muslim communities.





## *Nedfest Diwali Program*

A successful Diwali function in association with the Arya Samaj was held at the Macken Mistry Primary School in Newlands. The main purpose was to commemorate 159 years of the arrival of indentured labourers in SA. Dr Rambilass was the key note speaker.





## *Seva Projects Across different Affiliates for Diwali*

Affiliates throughout the country embarked on Seva projects this Diwali. Thank you to all the members that assisted in making this Diwali a brighter one for all those families that require assistance. May we all persevere in our selfless service to humanity.



*Raisethorpe Arya Samaj and Stree Samaj members donating plates and cups to MHS Moosa Homes*



*Members from Plessierlaer Arya Samaj packing hampers for distribution*





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*Executive members from the Pietermaritzburg affiliates preparing Diwali hampers*



*Members from the Arya Senior Citizens donating towels to ABH - PMB*



*Vedic Yuvak Sabha preparing hampers for Diwali to be distributed to needy families*





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*Veda Dharma Sabha Verulam donating food to 75 senior citizens of the Alwanduthando Service Centre*





*VDS Pietermaritzburg distributed 20 hampers to indigent families*



*Members from Port Shepstone Arya Samaj handing out Diwali Hampers*





*Donor sponsored donation handed out by Swamiji to women in need*



*Disaster Relief for those affected in Kenville with the distribution of blankets from the Samaj*



## *Garbha Function*

The Arya Samaj hosted its garbha function with a special message of the origins of the GARBHA in the Vedas as a tribute to the divinity of women in their special role as Creators. All participants enjoyed the festivities with music and dance.





## *Other Key Events*



*President Dr B. Rambilass was the key note speaker at the Ramakrishna Centre Phoenix discussing 1860 indentured labourers*



*APS Officials with Swamiji from Ananda Marga mission*



*Swamiji on his visit to the Delhi Arya Samaj*



*Swamiji an invited guest at Swaminarayan Mandir in Durban*



*Pujya Swami Vedanand represented the Arya Samaj at a conference in Ecuador on refugees, migrants and uprooted peoples*





## *Message from Dr B Rambilass (President)*



*“Namaste. This edition of our Samaj Samachar makes us all proud of our active engagement in serving the needs of our community. The Samaj has such a rich history and the sustained active involvement of our members is truly heart - warming. This year was not without its own fair of challenges, but as a collective we have managed to achieve many of the objectives as set out in the beginning of the year. I would like to take this moment to express my deep gratitude to all the tireless and selfless efforts of the individuals who continue to serve the Samaj, for without your commitment and dedication none of this great work would have been fulfilled. I wish you all well over the festive period and look forward to joining you in celebrating a year of new horizons that we will journey through in the new year.*”