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10 Principles of Arya Samaj

- 1. God is the primary source of all true knowledge and all that is known by its means.(At the beginning of creation, nearly 2 Billion years ago, God gave the knowledge of 4 Vedas to four learned Rishis named Agni, Vayu, Aditya and Angira. Four Vedas called Rigved, Yajurved, Samved and Atharva Ved contain all true knowledge, spiritual and scientific, known to the world.)**
- 2. God is existent, intelligent and blissful. He is formless, omnipotent, just, merciful, unborn, infinite, invariable (unchangeable), having no beginning, matchless (unparalleled), the support of all, the master of all, omnipresent, omniscient, ever young (imperishable), immortal, fearless, eternal, holy and creator of universe. To him alone worship is due.**
- 3. Vedas are the scripture of all true knowledge. It is paramount duty of all Aryan to read them, teach and recite them to others.**
- 4. All human beings should always be ready to accept the truth and give up untruth.**
- 5. All our actions should be according to the principles of Dharma i.e. after differentiating right from wrong.**
- 6. The primary aim of Arya Samaj is to do good to the human beings of whole world i.e. to its physical, spiritual and social welfare.**
- 7. All human beings ought to be treated with love, justice and according to their merits as dictated by Dharma.**
- 8. We should all promote knowledge (Vidya) and dispel ignorance (Avidya).**
- 9. One should not be content with one's own welfare alone but should look for one's welfare in the welfare of all others.**
- 10. In matters which affect the well being of all people an individual should subordinate any personal rights that are in conflict with the wishes of the majority. In matters that affect him/her alone he/she is free to exercise his/her human rights.**

Moonlit Night

By Mr Krishan Chopra

पूर्णा पश्चादुत् पूर्णा पुरस्तादुन्मध्यतः पौर्णमासी जिगाय । तस्यां देवैः संवसन्तो
महित्वा नाकस्य पृष्ठे समीषा मदेम ॥ अथर्ववेद-७.८०.१

Purna pascaduta purna purastad unmadhyatah pournamasi jigaya l
tasyam devaih samvasanto mahitva nakasya prsthe samisa madema ll
Atharva Veda 7.80.1

Meaning in Text Order

Purna = full

Pascat = west

Purna = full

Purastad = east

Uta = and

Madhyatah = in the middle

Pournmasi = full moon night

Jigaya = rises victorious

Tasyam = in that

Devaih = with divine qualities

Samvasantah = residing

Mahitva = the greatness

Nakasya = heavenly state

Prsthe = elevating

Samisa = with hard work

Madema = may we enjoy the pleasure freely.

Meaning

The moon appears full on a moon lit night and the light comes from all directions. The light, by rising in the sky appears victorious. May we adhere to its divine qualities and enjoy the bliss of beatitude.

Contemplation

On a full moonlit night when the moon appears in the sky, it seems that the entire universe is smiling. It is spreading its cool sweet light in all directions. It creates a delightful atmosphere. It is pleasing to live with the charming rays of the moon. In the company of a moonlit night, our feelings are high, becoming glorious and blissful.

This full moonlit night inspires spiritual sense in our minds. It has created an atmosphere of light in our mind as well. It cools down the thoughts in our mind and makes our mind fleecy and velvety. Our senses are lit with its light and inclined to the righteous path. Our eyes see pleasant scenes; our ears hear pleasing words and our tongue tastes noble flavours. Our intellect is making elevated decisions. Every limb has reached its perfection.

The beautiful scene of a moonlit night inspires us to light the full moon in our spiritual life. Our inner minds' resolves became mellow and the rays of the moon spread all around. Our senses are lit with the light of the moon. All our senses and action organs are leading towards sublimity. Our intellect feels sublime.. Our soul accepts noble and sublime desires, comfort and knowledge. Every activity in the light of the full moon at night becomes noble. Every limb of our body blossoms with joy. All defects, flaws, blemishes and shortcomings diminish.

It is our desire that the light of the full moon at night not only comes into our life once a month but also stays with us forever on our spiritual horizon. In its climax we find the culmination of our divine qualities. May we comprehend spirituality in our soul so that we take the benefit of beatitude.

सत्यार्थ प्रकाश में परिवर्तन-५

आचार्य डॉ. उमेश यादव

पृष्ठ-२३-मूल- “जो प्रत्यक्षादि प्रमाणों की परिक्षा से सत्य-सत्य सिद्ध हो, तथा पक्षपातरहित धर्मरूप आचरण है वह न्याय कहाता है ।”

परिवर्तन- “जो प्रत्यक्षादि प्रमाणों से सत्य-सत्य सिद्ध हो, जो जो पक्षपातरहित आचरण धर्मरूप न्याय कहाता है ।”

नोट- मूल जो द्वितीय संस्करण है वही अधिक स्पष्ट और ठीक है । ऋषि की भाषा भी प्रभावशाली है । जरा ध्यान दें- “तथा पक्षपातरहित धर्मरूप आचरण है वह न्याय कहाता है” कितना स्पष्ट है । यह वाक्य पूर्व वाक्य के भाव से जुड़ा हुआ है । इसमें न्याय उसको कहा जो इन तीन विशेषताओं से युक्त हो-१. प्रत्यक्षादि प्रमाणों से सत्य-सत्य सिद्ध हो २. पक्षपातरहित हो ३. धर्मरूप आचरण हो । लेकिन परिवर्तित वाक्य में प्रयुक्त “जो जो” पद अस्पष्ट है । पक्षपातरहित आचरण तो ठीक है पर “धर्मरूप न्याय” पद भ्रम पैदा कर रहा है । न्याय तो न्याय ही होता है जो धर्मयुक्त होता है, न्याय कभी अधर्मयुक्त नहीं होता अतः न्याय शब्द से पहले धर्मरूप शब्द जोड़ना हास्यास्पद है । अतः ऋषि वाक्य “ धर्मरूप आचरण ” को न्याय कहते हैं- विल्कुल स्पष्ट है ।

पृष्ठ-२७-मूल-“ और जो वैदिक लोग वेद के आरम्भ में ‘हरि ओम्’ लिखते और पढ़ते हैं यह पौराणिक और तांत्रिक लोगों की मिथ्या कल्पना से सीखे हैं । वेदादि शास्त्रों में हरि शब्द आदि में कहीं नहीं ।”

परिवर्तन-“ और जो वैदिक लोग वेद के आरम्भ में हरि ओम् लिखते और पढ़ते हैं यह पौराणिक और तांत्रिक लोगों की मिथ्या कल्पना से सीखे हैं । केवल ओंकार

का पाठ तो ऋषि मुनियों के ग्रन्थों में देखने में आता है, हरि शब्द आदि में कहीं नहीं” ।

नोट- पहला वाक्य तो ठीक है पर दूसरा वाक्य पूरा बदल डाला । “ केवल ओंकार का पाठ तो ऋषि मुनियों के ग्रन्थों में देखने में आता है, हरि शब्द आदि में कहीं नहीं । वस्तुतः यह प्रकरण है कि मंगलाचरण में पूर्व किन शब्दों का प्रयोग होता है । उसको स्पष्ट किया ऋषि ने कि आर्ष ग्रन्थों का आरम्भ “ओ३म् और अथः” शब्दों से किया जाता है । पर “हरि ओम्” पौराणिक और तान्त्रिक लोगों की मिथ्या कल्पना से कुछ वैदिक लोगों ने सीख लिया । अतः वेदादि शास्त्रों के आरम्भ जो लोग हरि ओम् से करते हैं वह गलत है क्योंकि ऐसा करने में कोई प्रमाण नहीं है । परिवर्तित वाक्य में केवल ऋषि मुनियों की चर्चा की गयी, वेदादि शास्त्रों की नहीं जबकि महर्षि दयानन्द का अभिप्राय वेदादि आर्ष ग्रन्थों से स्पष्ट है । अतः परिवर्तन सर्वथा निर्मूल है, व्यर्थ है, प्रमाण रहित है । द्वितीय संस्करण का पाठ ही सही है जो स्पष्ट है ।

प्रिय पाठक गण ! उपरोक्त प्रकरण से आप सुस्पष्ट हो गये होंगे कि परोपकारिणी सभा द्वारा सत्यार्थ प्रकाश में किया जा रहा यत्र-तत्र परिवर्तन निराधार है । इनकी कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है पर यह षडयन्त्र अभी भी हो रहा है । आज ही आप भी परोपकारिणी सभा अजमेर को लिखकर या ईमेल कर दबाव बनावें कि वे ऐसा न करें । वे ऋषि-ग्रन्थ सत्यार्थ प्रकाश के मूल को नष्ट कर रहे हैं जो पाप है । परोपकारिणी सभा का ईमेल है-- । आर्य समाज वेस्टमिड्लैंड्स, बर्मिंघम इस गलत कार्य को रोकवाने में तन-मन-धन से सहयोग दे रहा है । आप भी अपनी पुण्य कमाई से कुछ उदारमना सहयोग दीजिए ताकि इस कार्य को सफलतापूर्वक किया जा सके । कुछ लोगों ने सहयोग दिया है, आप भी इस पुण्य कार्य हेतु पीछे न रहें ।

SACRAMENT
(9th SANSKAR)

KARNAVEDH (EAR PIERCING) SACRAMENT

Now we will write about Ear Piercing Sacrament.

**KARNAVEDHO VARSHE TRITIYE PANCHME VAA. Paraskar
Grihasutra 1/17**

This Sacrament usually is performed when the child is three or five years old. This is ideal time for piercing ears or nose because by this age the ears and nose have developed enough for piercing.

This Sacrament is not related to the sex of the child. This Sacrament is appropriate for a boy or a girl equally. Now a days this Sacrament is more popular in girls compared to boys. In olden times this Sacrament was quite popular among boys. Now days this custom is still popular in some areas where boys are seen wearing earrings. We see the pictures of Maryada Purushottam Rama and Yoga Purush Bhagwan Shree Krishna wearing these earrings.

Although in old scriptures (Shastras) there is no mention of Nose Piercing Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati had accepted the culture of Nose Piercing for girls in this Sacrament. Usually girls and women wear earrings as well as nose pins as part of their make up and wearing various jewellery. By accepting Nose piercing as a part of Ear Piercing Sacrament Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati has increased the importance of women in our society.

Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati has explained the meaning of Paraskar Grihsutra “**Karnavedho Varshe Tritiye Panchme Vaa**” as following. The time of piercing Ears and Nose is when the child is three or five years old. Please see the Second Edition of “Sanskar Vidhi” under Ear Piercing Sacrament as written by Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati. So there should

be no objection to this procedure by any one.

On the day of this Sacrament give shower or bath to the child and dress him/her as appropriate and bring the child at the place of the ceremony. It is important to keep the child happy by offering some nice food items and his/her favourite toys at the time of this Sacrament.

The procedure of Ear Piercing Sacrament

Rakshabhushannimit balasya Karno Vidhyate- Sushruta- Sutrasthan-16/1 this means that this Sacrament is performed to protect the child from diseases and to wear jewellery like earrings. This applies to boys as well as girls. The ear piercing is supposed to prevent hernia development in a child. This Sacrament also prevents young boys from various diseases affecting their testicles and scrotum like Hydrocele which can affect their reproduction capabilities. For this ceremony the parents must get a qualified Vaidya (Physician) or a Goldsmith who is aware with the anatomy of ears and nose.

It is very important to observe asepsis techniques while doing ear or nose piercing.

In western countries ear and nose piercing is done by most of Hair and Beauty Saloons and Body piercing shops. A qualified and trained Ear Piercing person will be aware of risks associated with the procedure for example infection, HIV and Hepatitis associated with dirty piercing needles and instruments. After care after piercing is also very important in order to prevent infection at the site.

Obviously parents should be aware of these complications before piercing procedure is carried out. But there is no need for being too alarmed. As long as aseptic precautions are taken there is very little chance of any infection.

The advantages of ear and nose piercing outweigh the disadvantage of

this procedure.

If possible this Sacrament should be performed under guidance of a qualified priest and a trained person to carry out this procedure.

The Priest should recite following Mantra at the time of piercing right ear/right nostril.

**OM BHADRAM KARNEBHIH SHRUNUYAAM DEVA BHADRAM
PASHYEMAACHBHIYAJATRA:. STHIRAERENGESATUSHTUA
SASTANUBHIVYARSHEMAHI DEVAHITAM YADAAHU:.
YAJURVEDA 25/21**

The Priest should recite the following Mantra at the time of piercing left ear/left nostril.

**OM VASHYANTII VEDAAGANIIGANTI KARNAM PRIYAM
SAKHYAAYAM PARISHSWAJAATAA. YOSHEVA SHINKTE
VITATAADHI DHANVANJYAA IYAM SAMANE PAAYANTI.
YAJURVEDA 29/40**

The same person who has done the piercing should put some earring or nose pin in order to stop the holes closing down. Aseptic fluid and advice should be given to the parents to keep the pierced site clean and thus free from any infection.

Here two Shlokas written by Rishi Kashaya also reinforce the importance of a qualified Vaidya (qualified person in Ayurvedic Medicine) or a Goldsmith to carry out this procedure. These Shlokas are as following.

- 1. KADAA VEDHYAM KATHAM VEDHYAM KUTRA
VEDHYAM KATHAM VYADHAH:. HITOAHITOATYAH
KASHCHA TATRAAGYAH KIM PRAPATSYATE.**

Meaning - Only a qualified and a trained Vaidya (person) will know

when, how and where to pierce the ear or nose. Only this person will know the benefits and disadvantage of this procedure.

**2. TASMAAD BHISHAKA SAKUSHALAH KARNAM
VIDHAYET VICHNANAH:. SHISHOOHA
HARSHAPRAMATSYA DHARMAKAAMAARTHASIDHYE.**

Meaning- please only select a qualified and trained Vaidya (Ayurvedic Medicine) or a Goldsmith who is aware with the anatomy of ear and nose and knows where to pierce and how to take after care of pierced site to stop any infection by applying antiseptic material.

The last section of this Shlok blesses the child with best Sanskars in life for happiness, good health and be follower of Dharma, Artha, Kaam and Moksha (Salvation) in his/her future life.

Parents should know the meanings of above two recited Yajur Veda Mantras.

We should hear only good things with our ears, listen the words spoken with love and sweetness. We should control our eyes to see only good things. Like this all our body parts should stay healthy and function well in order to do good deeds. In future the child should have control over his/her senses and hopefully stay healthy away from developing Hernia and diseases of Testes and Scrotum.

By performing this Sacrament parents aim to give their child owner of a good character and life style.

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दिवा स्वप्न की मधुर यादें

--सत्य प्रकाश गुप्ता

मनुष्य दिन में जागते हुये भी कभी-कभी न जाने किन विचारों में डूब जाता है । विभिन्न विचारों का शिकार होता हुआ न जाने, कहाँ का कहाँ पहुँच जाता है । उसकी कुछ यादें रह जाती हैं जो कभी-कभी अत्यन्त मधुर और सार्थक भी होती हैं । इसे हम दिवा स्वप्न कहते हैं । मेरी भी कुछ ऐसी ही स्थिति है । ऐसी ही एक मधुर स्मृति इस प्रकार है जिसे मैंने शब्दों में बाँध दिया है । आशा है कि प्रिय पाठक वृन्द इसे पसन्द करेंगे ।

मैं घर से निकला छोटी सी एक तंग गली से होता हुआ अथवा एक अंजान रास्ते से होता हुआ वहाँ की ठंडी सड़क पर पहुँचा । वहाँ पर एक बेंच दिखा, मैं अकेला उस पर जा बैठा । बैठा ही था कि बादलों की गड़गड़ाहट की आवाज आने लगी, फिर कुछ पानी की बून्दें पड़ती महसूस होने लगी और तत्क्षण वारिश ! मैं वहाँ से उठा अथवा वारिश से बचने के लिये किसी सुरक्षित स्थान की तलाश में चल पड़ा ।

सुनसान सड़क पर एक मकान दिखाई दिया । उसके दरवाजे पर एक ताला लगा हुआ था । मैंने ताला को छेड़ा ही था कि वह खुल गया । मैंने अपने पाँव उठाये और दहलीज के अन्दर प्रवेश किया । स्वयं को पाया कि तत्क्षण मैं अपने ही विचारों में

गुमराह हो गया ।

सच में यादें बड़ी वेखबर वेजुवां हुआ करती है, हजारों मील का रास्ता सैकड़ों में तै करती हुई कहीं से कहीं पहुँच जाती हैं । कुछ ही क्षणों में देखता हूँ कि अन्धरों की चादर बिछने लगी । मैंने उस हवेली को ज्यों ही देखा, ऐसा लगा जैसे उसमें कभी खेल-कूद में वचपन बिताया हो और जैसे महसूस करने लगा--

जिस घर में वचपन बीता हो, अब बहुत निराला लगता है,
कभी हीरों की जो वस्ती थी, सुनसान वही अब लगता है ।

दरो दीवार खुश्क, धूल और जालों से घिरे हुये,
दरवाजे वेपेंट, छप्पर थे कुछ कटे हुये ।

ताले सारे जाम थे और बाहर के चोतड़े सब टूटे हुये,
छतें थीं गिरी हुयीं, फटे कागज और खाकर डूने थे फेंके हुये ।

दीवारें थीं जिसकी फटी हुयीं,
जिनमें छोटी-छोटी झाड़ियाँ थीं उगी हुयीं ।

इक नाली बाहर की ओर बहती हुयी,
गन्दगी थी जो फैला रही ।

ढेरों मखियाँ थीं भिनक रहीं,
सुनसान सा घर यह लगता था,

इस घर में वचपन बीता था, अब बहुत निराला लगता है ।

कभी हीरों की जो वस्ती थी, सुनसान वही अब लगता है ॥

आगे-----

“ जब मैं घर के अन्दर पहुँचा तब क्या देखा”

वे छत की रसोई, छोटे-छोटे पौधे, अन्दर उगे हुये, रसोई के मध्य में एक दरवाजा, जिसे खोलकर देखने में धूल ही धूल नजर आयी । ईंटों का एक ढेर था अन्दर, इक मिट्टी का भी ढेर था अन्दर पड़ा हुआ ।

हैंड पम्प के पास भी एक ईंटों का चट्टा लगा हुआ था ।

और क्या देखा---

कुछ विखरी-विखरी तारें, कुछ विखरे-विखरे पौधे, दीवारों से उतरा प्लास्टर,
सीढ़ियाँ भी कुछ टूटी हुयीं,
वारम्दा था कुछ नीचे झुका हुआ,
स्टील की पट्टी उखड़ी हुयी ।

कुछ डर सा देखे लगता था,
इक दृश्य जो ऐसा देखा था,
जिस घर में वचपन बीता हो,
अब बहुत निराला लगता है ।

कभी हीरों की जो वस्ती थी, सुनसान वही अब लगता है ॥

उपरोक्त यादें सचमुच में मेरी पुस्तैनी हवेली में मेरे वचपन की है जो ख्यालों के माध्यम से मुखरित हो पायी है । अस्तु !

VEDIC VIVAH MELA **MATRIMONIAL GET TOGETHER - 20/05/2017**

Our Popular Matrimonial Get Together finally took place on 20th May 2017 at the Arya Samaj Bhavan in Nechells, Birmingham.

Participants travelled from all over the country to attend the whole day event which included welcome refreshments and lunch alongside opportunities to chat informally and participate in the speed dating.

The informal approach in marketing the event helped attract more bookings and the day was successful in providing ample opportunity for every participant to chat with all those attending.

Our Hindu families attach a great deal of importance to marriages and spend an enormous amount of time and thought into finding the right person for their son/daughter. Living in a multi-cultural society and being spread out all over the country, finding a suitable match has become very difficult for some. Parents hopes and desires take a back seat as boys and girls are immersed deeply into their careers and professions. They have little time to socialise and opportunities to do so in the right setting are so few.

Having spoken too many of the parents over the phone, I understand the difficulties being faced by people who are trying to find the right life partner from a similar cultural and religious background. The social setting in India automatically provides opportunities for people to meet; this does not happen here in UK and that is why it is important to hold specific events for the purpose of introducing them to each other.

Our event provided the ideal opportunity to meet and network in a relaxed informal environment. The chattering and laughter from the dining room where participants met to have refreshment as they arrived could be heard down the hallway. The event was well organised and participants were particularly impressed with the warm welcome, the booking and registration procedure, and the attention given to them as they joined their colour-coded groups.

There were 40 Participants who took part in the event and the programme for the day ran to schedule. There were more girls than boys and this is an issue we need to address. There were ten people in the Management Team and everyone seemed to be familiar with their role for the day. The Co-ordinators facilitated the process very well.

On behalf of Arya Samaj I would like to thank every member of the Matrimonial Management Team for their hard work and commitment on the day. I would like to thank Ms. Lisa Chauhan (Raji), our Office Manager, for her hard work and dedication to make this event a success.

In particular, I would like to say a special thanks to Harish Malhotra, who managed the food and refreshments all day on his own, food, was displayed beautifully and a wide variety was available throughout the event.

Team members were:

- Acharya ji
- Brij Bala
- Gita ben
- Harish ji

- Kartar Kaur
- Manorama ben
- Prama
- Raji
- Rana ji
- Shine
- Shonali
- Suketu
- Vineet

Thank you to Shankar Sweet Centre for providing hot lunch.

Arya Samaj West Midlands provides a much needed service and holds events to enable like-minded people to meet from similar cultures and communities. The Management team are doing everything possible to improve this service. Members registered with us for matrimonial services will soon be able to access more detailed information, personal biographies and view photographs of potential partners as we are in the process of updating the system to create a more modern dating and matrimonial site on line. We welcome ideas and suggestions from you all to strengthen this vital service. The feedback from participants was positive and reinforces the view that this is a much needed service.

Mrs. Brij Bala Duggal

General Secretary

Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands.

PLEASE SAVE THE ORIGINAL BOOK **“SATYARTH PRAKASH”**

Dear Members of Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands

Some office bearers of Paropkarini Sabha, Dayanand Ashram, Kesarganj, Ajmer-305001 (Rajasthan), India have made totally unnecessary distorted, mutilated and corrupt changes in the 37th, 38th, 39th and 40th edition of sacred book “**Satyarth Prakash**” written by Swami Dayanand Saraswati in year 1883 and printed as second edition in year 1884. These bad changes have destroyed the true meaning and knowledge contained in the book, as written and desired by the original writer Swami Dayanand Saraswati.

Since 1884 and till 1990 “**Satyarth Prakash**” has been printed as written by Swami Dayanand Saraswati in 1883. It is since year 1991 when Paropkarini Sabha office bearers started their unforgivable practice of altering the contents in “**Satyarth Prakash**” in name of modernising the language and improvement.

This sin is totally unforgivable and intolerable and to tolerate this happening is a bigger sin.

A true follower of Vedas and teachings of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati can not tolerate these actions of few irresponsible officials of Paropkarini Sabha in India.

The case against these irresponsible individuals is pending in District Court of Ajmer, India.

The members of Arya Samaj community in India have already spent about £8000 on this case.

Now it is paramount duty of us to help the team fighting this court case in India with all the means at our disposal.

According to the present situation we need to collect about £10,000 to send to India.

So we appeal to all of you to donate generously towards this very worthy cause.

The office bearers of Arya Samaj West Midlands are committed to fight this just cause.

You can write to Paropkarini Sabha to express your views on **psabha@gmail.com**

We have to save the immortal book of “**Satyarth Prakash**” of Swami Dayanand Saraswati at any cost. It is our paramount duty to do this.

You can write the cheque in name of “**Arya Samaj West Midlands**” and post it to **Arya Samaj West Midlands, 188 Inkerman Street, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 4SA.**

Arya Samaj West Midlands will always be grateful for your contribution in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Dr. Narendra Kumar
Chairman
The Board of Trustees**

**Mrs. Brij Bala Duggal
Secretary
The Board of Trustees**

Matrimonial Service

Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands is dedicated to its matrimonial members to provide a service that will help members find a partner for marriage within our community. We feel it is time to make a few changes to help with this process and move forward with the times.

Changes we have made in April 2017:

Website:-

- A new data base on the website that will give members an option to add a **photo** if they wish and a space for members to write a **bio** about themselves and what they are looking for in a partner.
- Existing members would have received a letter in May with information about what we need from you to update your profile. Once you have received this letter please fill it out and send back to us soon as possible, so we can update our **NEW** data base and you can start using the new system.

Matrimonial Service:-

- Members will now be given the **option** to directly contact each other or have the **option** for parents to contact each other.
- All **new** members will be contacted by the office staff for phone conversation during the application process.
- We are also looking in to ways of making our Matrimonial events more successful.

Festivals Information **In Our Bhavan**

AGM

**Sunday 23rd July 2017 after Sunday havan, 12.00pm (noon)
(Please note – all members will receive a notification letter
separately)**

Ved Katha on Satyarth Prakash

Monday 7th August to Tuesday 15th August 2017.

Every evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Sunday 13th August 2017 - 12pm – 1pm.

**At end of the programme, every evening, there will be light
refreshment together.**

Raksha bandhan

Sunday 13th August 2017

11am Havan and there after Rishi Langer

Indian Independence Day Celebrations & Krishna Janmaashtmee

Sunday 20th August 2017

**11am Havan, 12pm to 1.30pm Celebrations and there after Rishi
Langer.**

News

- On 17th May 2017 a Judge in District Court Ajmer, Rajasthan India heard the application about changes made in original book of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati "Satyarth Prakash" by Paropkarini Sabha Ajmer. Mr. Anand Kumar Arya, President of Arya Samaj Tanda U.P. and Mr. Ashok Arya, acting President, Satyarth Prakash Nyas, Udaipur along with Mr. Parmeshwar Nath Mishra, Advocate Supreme Court of India represented the appellant. Paropkarini Sabha Ajmer was represented by their Advocate only. The Honourable Judge has agreed to hear the case on daily basis from 20th July 2017 and give judgement within four months.

On behalf of Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands I would like to thank all those people who donated money following our appeal to help with some of the court expenses. - Dr. Narendra Kumar

Condolences:

- Mr. Rajive Bali and family for loss of their beloved mother Mrs. Sushila Bali (Ajmer-India). Shradhanjali sabha was held on 21st May 2017 in Arya Samaj WM on our Satsang-time. May God grant the departed soul eternal peace and give strength to the family members to bear their loss.
- Mrs. Vibha Cale for loss of her beloved elder brother Mr. Sukhdev Oberoi (Dhariwal Panjab-India). May God grant the departed soul eternal peace and give strength to the family members to bear their loss.

Get Well Soon:

- This is to inform our members and readers that our Patron Shri Gopal Chandra MBE is recovering in Ryland View Nursing Home, Arnhem Way, Tipton, DY4 7HR and telephone number 0121 520 1577. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

- This is to inform our members and readers that Mr Vishwa Nath Bhandari, ex-Vice President of Arya Samaj West Midlands year 2001-2003 is recovering in Gracewell of Edgbaston Care Home, Speedwell Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B5 7PR and telephone number 0121 796 0796. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Sponsors:

- Mr. Vinod Gulati and family sponsored Rishi-Langar on Sunday 21st May 2017. May God bless this family for prosperities and happiness.
- Mrs. Vimla Dodd and family sponsored Rishi-Langar on 11th June 2017 to celebrate birthday of her daughter Kamna Dodd. Miss Kamna Dodd became yajman. May God bless her for long, healthy and happy life.

Many congratulations to all the mentioned families who have had auspicious havan at their residences on different occasions or Sunday Vedic Satsangs in Arya Samaj Bhavan.

Donations to Arya Samaj West Midlands

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| • Mr. Vinod Gulati with Rishi-Langar | £125 |
| • Mr. Vinod Gulati | £30 |
| • Mr. Prem Nanda | £20 |
| • Mr. Rajive Bali - Rishi Lagar Plus | £81 |
| • Mr. & Mrs B.B. Agarwal | £20 |
| • Dr. P.D. Gupta | £51 |
| • Mr. A. Jassal | £10 |
| • Mrs. Swaran Talwar | £10 |
| • Mrs. Vimla Dodd with Rishi-Langar | £181 |

Donations to Arya Samaj West Midland through the Priest-Services.

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| • Dr. M.D. Aggarwal | £400 |
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Thank you for all your Donations!

**Please contact Acharya Dr Umeh Yadav on
0121 359 7727
for more information on**

- **Member or non member wishing to be a Yajman in the Sunday congregation to celebrate an occasion or to remember a departed dear one.**
- **Have Havan, sankars, naming, munden, weddings and Ved Path etc performed at home.**
- **Our premises are licensed for the civil marriage ceremony.**
- **Please join in the Social group at Arya Samaj West Midlands every Wednesday from 11am. Emphasis is on keeping healthy and fit with yoga and Pranayam. Hot vegetarian Lunch is provided at 1pm.**
- **Ved Prachar by our learned Priest Dr Umesh Yadav on Radio XL 7 to 8 am, first Sunday of the month. 2nd July & 6th August.**

Every effort has been taken that information given is correct and complete. But if any mistake is spotted please inform the office.

0121 359 7727

E-mail- enquiries@arya-samaj.org
Website: www.arya-samaj.org

Arya Samaj West Midlands **New Home**

Dear Members and Friends

Our present premises have been under "Compulsory Purchase Order" by High Speed Rail (HS2) since year 2012.

Since then we had several meetings with officials of HS2 and looked for various alternative sites.

Now I am very happy to inform you that we have found new premises for our Arya Samaj.

This is called Trinity Methodist Church, 321 Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 9PR.

The Department for Transport, London has approved our Business case to buy and refurbish the above building. This work will take good few months. Our solicitors are working hard towards exchange of contract prior to our AGM on 23rd July 2017.

This building is in our community area and is located on bus route just outside the building.

We are getting funding for only half of the amount required for refurbishment. So in near future we will request you personally to donate some money in order to carry out total refurbishment requirement.

**Dr. Narendra Kumar
Chairman- The Board of Trustees
Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands**