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INAUGURAL MAHASAMMELLAN

The inaugural Pacific Arya Mahasammellan 2016 will be held in Auckland, New Zealand. This will be a sammellan for all Arya Samajs from Fiji, Australia and New Zealand and all the Arya Samaj organisations from these countries are invited to participate.

The Mahasammellan will be held at the Vedic Centre, 32 Glasglow Avenue, Papatoetoe, Auckland, New Zealand on Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December 2016.

Registration for the event begins on Thursday 15th December 2016 from 7:30pm at the Vedic Centre. This will be a meet and greet session with bhajans. Dinner will be provided.

So come along and mingle with your fellow Aryas.



DESTINATION NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a clean, green and beautiful country with natural beauty in abundance. Our people are multiracial, multicultural, caring and friendly. The Pacific Arya Mahasammellan will be hosted in the city of Auckland from 16-18 December 2016. We invite you to attend this great event, get enlightened and at the same time experience our unparalleled natural beauty.



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DR SATISH PRAKASH JI - KEY SPEAKER

Dr. Satish Prakash was born in 1953 in an Arya Samajist home in Uitvlugt, West Coast Demerara, Guyana, South America. At the age of 7, he chanted Veda Mantras in such a manner that his parents and local Arya Samaj elders were convinced he would have taken an inner interest in Mantras in his later life. At the age of 12, he edited and circulated a transliterated and translated version of the Havan Mantras for use among young Hindu worshippers. During his undergraduate years at the University of Guyana, Dr. Prakash organised several seminars, workshops and camps in which he lectured on the teachings of Veda. In 1976, he wrote and published an Anthology titled, The Veda – What It Can Teach Us. This book has been used for years by thoughtful minds seeking to grasp the inner meaning of the Veda.

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SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

There will be two key speakers, Dr Satish Prakash Ji from the Maharishi Dayananda Gurukula in New York and Pt Guru Datt Ji from the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha in Fiji.

All other speakers and presenters will be local, meaning from Australia, New Zealand and Fiji



In 1974, Dr. Prakash graduated from the University of Guyana with a first degree in Spanish and French. In 1977, he travelled to India to study Sanskrit Grammar and Etymology according to ancient methods of instruction. In 1985, he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Gurukula Kangri University, Haridwar, India. As part of his doctoral thesis, Dr. Prakash critically analysed Rishi Dayananda's universally acclaimed Satyarth Prakash (The Light of Truth).

During the eight years he spent with his Acharyas, Dr. Prakash studied the Vedic limbs and sub-limbs (Anga Upaanga), and other exegetical works called Braahmana, Aaranyaka, Praatishaakhya, and Sutra. He has had intensified discussions with celebrated scholars involved in researching the Veda. He brings to the West an in-depth understanding of the Etymological Method of Vedic Interpretation structured by Yaask Muni thousands of years ago, and rejuvenated by Rishi Dayananda Saraswati in modern times.

Dr. Prakash has evolved into becoming a thinker and writer of considerable calibre. As Founding Acharya of Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula, a Cultural and Educational Centre in Jamaica, Queens, New York, he currently teaches Sanskrit Language and Literature to High School and University Students, and travels to many parts of the World lecturing on Veda and allied subjects. He has written and published translations and commentaries on several works of Hindi-Sanskrit Literature, including the Raamcharitmaanas, the Bhagavad Gita, and the Sanskaar Vidhi.

PT GURU DATT JI, ARYA RATNA - KEY SPEAKER

Pt. Guru Datt Ji was born in Wainikoro, Labasa, Fiji to an Arya Samaji family. He has a Diploma in Education Certificate in Industrial Arts from the University of the South Pacific. He developed a very keen interest in Vedic teachings during his career as a school teacher, and in 1987 resigned from the teaching profession to pursue further studies in India as a Vedic preacher.

Upon his return, he taught Vedic studies in almost all primary and secondary schools administered by the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji.

Since 2002, Pandit Ji is the Principal of the Vedic Training Centre in Samabula, Suva.



Pt Ji has accepted the path of Brahmacharya and has devoted his entire life to the Arya Samaj.

Pt. Guru Datt Ji also serves as president of the APS Fiji Purohit Mandal. He compiled the Vedic Prayer book, Dharmik Shiksha text books for class one to form seven in English and in Hindi, and the Vedang issues (quarterly publication on Vedic knowledge).

Pt. Guru Datt Ji is an accomplished and eloquent Vedic Prachaarak, and is a very well-known personality to Indo-Fijians. He regularly presents lectures in Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and the United States.

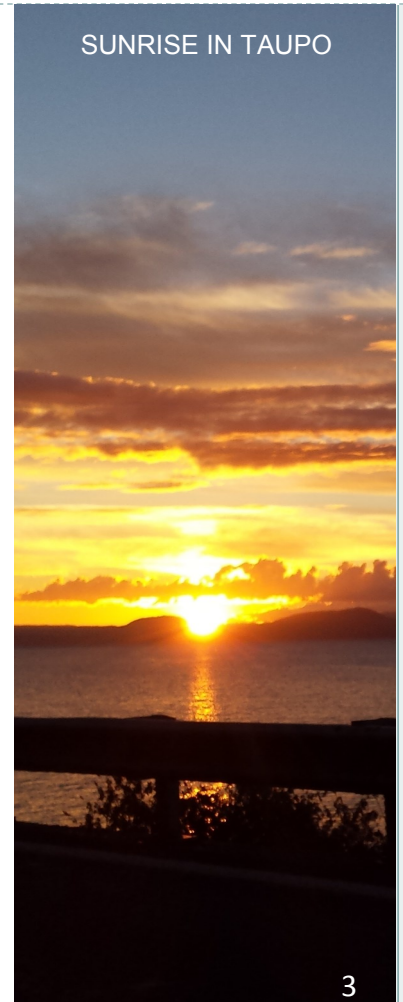
He is also an accomplished bhajan singer and enjoys playing musical instruments.

Pt Ji regularly visits New Zealand and presents pravachans for the Arya Samaj Pratinidhi Sabha of New Zealand and the Auckland Arya Samaj.

He connects very well with youths and has been charged with training our New Zealand and Fiji youths for the Pacific Arya Mahasammellan 2016.

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He has been deservingly conferred with the prestigious award of Arya Ratna by the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji.



SAMMELLAN REGISTRATION

The registration details for this S sammellan will be made available in the very near future.

SAMMELLAN INFORMATION

For information updates please keep checking www.aryapacific.com or www.facebook.com/aryapacific.

Please note that our website will be up and running in the next few days.

MAHARISHI DAYANANDA



SAMMELLAN THEMES & TOPICS

Theme: VEDA - The Universal Manual for Mankind

You are invited to present a paper on any one of the following topics/ thematic tracks. The same topics apply to youth and adult speakers.

- ◆ Exploring the Vedas for World Peace, Progress and Prosperity
- ◆ Establishing Vedic family values in this modern era
- ◆ Re-positioning social justice in the context of the Vedas
- ◆ The Vedas and issues relating to moral, physical, mental and spiritual development
- ◆ Vedic Science
- ◆ The cycle of Birth, Death & Re-birth and its significance in our daily life
- ◆ Qualities of a Vedic family
- ◆ Vedic justice system

The following sessions will **NOT** be paper presentations but open forum and Question and Answer sessions

- ◆ Future directions of the Arya Samaj in the Pacific
- ◆ Question & Answer (Shanka Samadhan)

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PRESENTERS

- ◆ The time that may be allowed for each youth presenter can range from 5 minutes to 15 minutes. Youth age is classified as 24 years or younger as at 18 December 2016.
- ◆ The time that may be allowed for each adult (apart from the two main speakers) presenter can range from 5 minutes to 20 minutes.
- ◆ Please note that these times may change later as the final timing will depend on the number of presenters and the topics and/or the type of presentation.
- ◆ Once the time is allocated to a speaker it will be strictly adhered to. There will be a first warning bell two minutes before the end of the time limit. Second warning bell will be sounded 30 seconds before the end of the time limit. Presenters will be requested to stop once they have exceeded their time limit by 30 seconds.
- ◆ Participants will be required to quote and make references to at least one mantra from the Veda that is relevant to their topic
- ◆ All presenters must send the synopsis of their presentation to the Secretary (secretary@aryapacific.com) no later than 31 October 2016.
- ◆ The S sammellan organising committee reserves the right to request that certain changes be made to the presentation or refuse to allow presentations if, in its opinion, the presentation is against the Vedic Principles as propounded by Maharishi Dayananda.



The Vedic Centre in Papatoetoe, Auckland is the venue for the Pacific Mahasammellan

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Date	Time	Programme Briefs	Meals
Thursday 15 Dec 2016	7:30 pm to 10:00 pm	Meet & Greet Evening Bhajans	Dinner
Friday 16 Dec 2016	9.00 am to 7.00 pm	Hawan Welcome Opening Ceremony Sammellan Prog	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Refreshments
Saturday 17 Dec 2016	9.00 am to 7.00 pm	Hawan Welcome Sammellan Prog	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Refreshments
Sunday 18 Dec 2016	9.00 am to 3.00 pm	Hawan Welcome Sammellan Prog Closing Ceremony	Breakfast, Lunch & Refreshments

IN HALL ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIPS

We are also accepting display advertising in the hall and sponsorship for certain aspects of the Sammellan.

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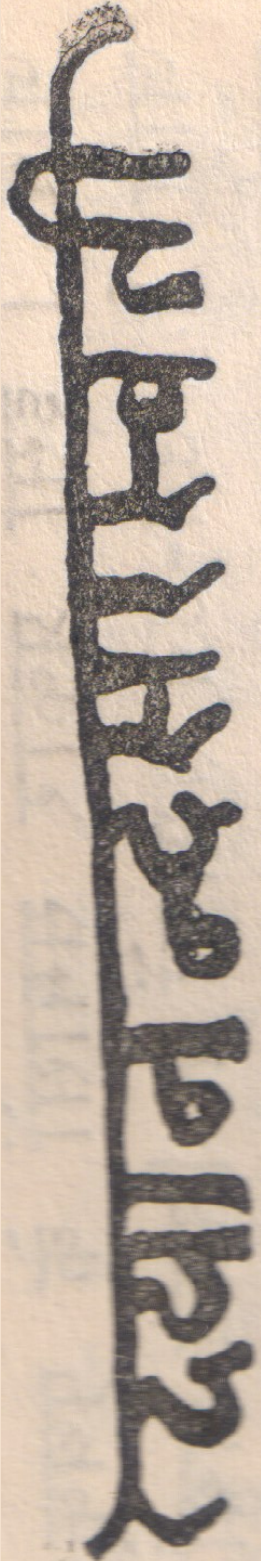
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you don't hear from us, and/or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our secretary at your earliest. secretary@aryapacific.com

ARYA PACIFIC FEDERATION INC

We are pleased to announce that The ARYA PACIFIC FEDERATION INCORPORATED is now a fully registered body in New Zealand under which all the Arya Samajs of New Zealand will organise this Sammellan and all other activities of this nature in the future. We all agree that strength lies in unity.

SIGNATURE OF
MAHARISHI
DAYANANDA



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PACIFIC ARYA SAMMELLAN MAGAZINE

For this inaugural Sammellan, we will be producing a magazine which will contain messages and articles from distinguished dignitaries, Arya Samajis, Pracharakas, leaders of Arya Samajis in the Pacific region, news from all Pacific Arya Samajis and many more.

Companies in Australia, Fiji and NZ are welcome to advertise in this magazine. All the cover pages are already sold. For a full page advert the cost is NZ\$250, for half page it is NZ\$150 and for quarter page it is NZ\$85. Families and individuals are also welcome to sponsor full, half or quarter pages and write their messages or articles on Arya Samaj or the Sammellan. When advertising or sponsoring please note that no advertisement or article will be accepted that has anything against the Vedic principles.

The closing date for articles and sponsors will be 15th of September 2016 unless we run out of space before this date. The good news is 60% of the pages are already full.

Special thanks to the hard work of the Marketing, Advertising & Magazine committee members, Suruj Deo Prasad and Ruven Chand. Other members of this committee are Praveena Prasad, Katherine Kumar and Lau Raj Kumar.

For further information on the magazine please email the Secretary on secretary@aryapacific.com.

SAMMELLAN ACCOMODATION

Allenby Park Hotel is going to be our main accommodation venue. There are a total of 67 rooms available. **Please note that December is a high tourist season in New Zealand so this can fill up very quickly so make your bookings early.** Transport to and from this hotel to Vedic Centre will be provided free of charge.

Hotel Accommodation Rates are:

Facility Description	Daily Rate	Sleeps Upto
Studio Budget	NZ\$109.00	3 people
Studio Premium	NZ\$129.00	3 people
Business Executive Room	NZ\$139.00	2 people
Family Room	NZ\$169.00	4 people

The contact details of the hotel are:

Phone No: +64 9 277 7320

Fax No: +64 9 277 8050

Website: www.allenbyparkhotel.co.nz





New Zealand Youths participating in the Youth training sessions



Executives at one of the many meetings of the Organising Committee



Auckland, The City of Sails is the host city for the Sammellan

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SEND US PHOTOS & ACTIVITIES

We would love to hear from Pacific Samajs outside of NZ as this is our Sammellan.

Please send us photos and activities related to your preparation for this Sammellan and we will include this in the newsletter and Facebook.

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YOUR CONTRIBUTION

The success of this sammellan is in your hands. Your attendance is the determining factor for the success of this inaugural Arya Pacific Sammellan. Not only is this a great opportunity to be part of this historical event but you will also have an excellent opportunity to see, hear and make contributions to the future of the Arya Samaj movement in the Pacific region.

You may be well aware of this common saying.

“If Arya Samaj is running, then Hinduism will be walking.
If Arya Samaj is walking, then Hinduism will be sitting.
If Arya Samaj is sitting, then Hinduism will be lying down.
If Arya Samaj is lying down, then Hinduism will be dead.”

Hence dear Aryas, this saying gives us a true picture of the responsibilities that we as Arya Samajis have on our shoulders.

I would like to quote the famous words of J.F Kennedy “Fellow Americans - Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country”. Fellow Arya brothers and sisters- Ask not what Arya Samaj can do for you - but ask what you can do for Arya Samaj. This is the opportunity where each one of us can make a difference. Remember - A chain is only as strong as the weakest link- each one of us is a link of the Arya Samaj movement. This movement is only as strong as the weakest member of this noble organisation. Let not you be that weakest link.

Our forefathers gave us the Vedic culture, language and Arya Samaj. Can our next generation say the same for us? Arya brothers and sisters! This is the opportunity to stand up and be counted. Give us your support and we will give you a successful Arya Pacific. We look forward to seeing you all in December.

