



## **APSA Presidents Message**

**July 19, 2007**

***Dear Arya Bandhus:***

***Namaste.***

On behalf of all the APSA executive committee members & Greater Dallas Arya Samaj, I extend a hearty welcome to all the delegates and youth participants of the 17<sup>th</sup> Arya Maha Sammlean. Since the last Arya Maha Sammelan in Houston, TX, we formed various Working Committees. Most of these committees have been working earnestly to achieve their objectives and goals. The Executive Committee & Working Committee members have held periodic conference calls to plan and evaluate the progress.

I am sure all of you have been receiving regular monthly newsletter prepared by the Communication Committee. The publication committee has finished their work on a short pamphlet about Arya Samaj which will be distributed to various Samjas during this Sammelan. Arya Samaj Greater Houston, DAV Sanskriti School curriculum committee has worked very hard to produce the digital curricula for Naitik Shiksha and Hindi for all different age levels. Those who are interested to pursue teaching Vedic values in their respective locations will have the opportunity to learn in depth about these curricula through a workshop planned specifically for this purpose.

I visited Jeevan Prabhat Pondicherry last November and gave you a report about the great humanitarian work being done there. The construction of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of building to house more than 50 children has started. Arya Samaj children from both schools in Houston raised about \$10,000 through a Readathon effort. Hopefully, we should be able to implement similar projects at other locations. This is a very noble project and deserves full support from all the Samajs.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the Arya Maha Sammelan committee, who have been working very hard to plan this Sammelan. An impressive panel of speakers from all over the world has been put together along with daily sessions of Yoga, Meditation, Yajna and cultural programs. Three focused workshops are planned to achieve the objectives of the Maha Sammelan: i) Implementing DAV School curricula across all the Arya Samajs; ii) Making Vedic teachings simple and fun for the youth; and iii) Incorporating Yoga and Meditation into Satsang.

We all agree that the success of any organization depends on the unity and team work spirit of its members. I believe we are working very hard towards that goal. It is my request that any of you who has interest and desire to work in any of our working committees, please come forward and contact me or any other committee members. We would love to have your input, support and participation.

Have a very enjoyable and productive Maha Sammelan.

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