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Editorial:

This year we had an opportunity to play with colors more freely on our large property. The members sang and playing with colors outside the Yajshalla in grounds and it really pleasing to see people enjoying the festival and up keeping their cultural aspect.

We also had 5 Yaj this month and it was well participated and lots of new faces were around which was pleasing.

Happy reading.

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Members singing Chautal while celebrating Holi Festival at QVCC

APSQ- Holi Celebration and Ram Janam Diwas

In the Vedic/Hindu tradition, there are many festivals that are observed throughout the year. There are different festivals to celebrate some honour the seasons, harvests and a number of them to remember and pay tribute to very special people who have had a major influence on the general public. It has been a busy month for members of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Queensland as Arya *parv* activities were prevalent in March.

The Sabha also celebrated Holi -Festival of colours at QVCC on March 8th. Holi is a major Hindu festival that welcomes the spring. Holi celebrates the new life and energy of the new season. Holi is preceded by harvesting of a variety of crops and, therefore, it gives the farmers and their families a genuine springboard to go in for real merriment. When the barns of the farmers are full they have every reason to enjoy the fruits of their hard labour. The fresh grain is offered as ``aahuti` in the havan. The function started with Yajna, and Pandita Usha Rai highlighted about the significance of Holi. Holi songs, also called "Chautals" were sung by Master Lalta Prasad, and members from community. The *Chautal's* entertained the audience and event was full of fun. The members also enjoyed playing with colours and powder. The programme concluded with refreshments and "Holi sweets". The Yaj was by Pandit Devendra and Sushila Pathik family.

The Sabha also celebrated Shri Ram Janan Diwas at QVCC. The Yaj was performed by Pandita Usha Rai, and then Shri Sukarm Singh spoke of ideals and humanity that Shri Ram demonstrated in his lifetime. The Ramayan teaches us how to value others and how you can be ARDARSH PURUSH, where Shri Ram showed how he was obeying son, loving brother, protective husband and honourable leader or King of AJODHYA.

The afternoon concluded with Bhajans by Master Lalta Prasad and refreshments provided by Mr & Mrs Danny Singh family .

Havan Yaj at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre– 198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong, Qld



Mr & Mrs Sukarm Singh and Harsh Singh Family at weekly Satsangh at QVCC on Sunday 1st March



Pt Devendra & Mrs Sushila Pathik Family performing Yaj for Holi Celebration on Sunday 8 th March



Mr & Mrs Rajesh Verma family performing Yaj at QVCC Yajshalla on Sunday March 15

Havan Yaj at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre– 198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong, Qld



Mr & Mrs Shamsheer Deshwal family performing Yaj at QVCC Yajshalla on March 22



Mr & Mrs Danny Singh and members performing Yaj at QVCC Yajshalla on March 29

WHY VEDA ALONE? *(continued from last issue)*

2. In Atharvaveda (13.3.26) Arjuna, the son of Draupadi. But in the Mahabharata Arjuna is said to be the husband, and not son of Draupadi. The correct meaning is known when, as required, the Mantra is interpreted etymologically (history of word and origins) and in accordance with the Shatapatha Brahmana, Krishna here means night and the day or sun, born, as if of night, is called Arjuna. The same is true of the words suggestive of geographical names. We come across the mantra in the Yajurveda. The words are said to refer to the rivers of Panjab i.e. the land of five rivers. But everybody knows that the said five rivers do not flow into the Saraswati which itself remains unidentified. They merge with the Indus and through it flow into the Arabian Sea.

THE AGE OF THE VEDAS

The age of Vedas according to some eminent historians of the day, is as follows

Maxmuller, Macdonel, Keith 1400 B.C.

Hang, Whitney, Wilson, Griffith 200() B.C.

Jacobi 400() B.C.

B.G. Tilak 6000 B.C.

N.B. Panagi 24000() B.C.

Dinanath Shastri Chulait 3, 00,000 B.C.

However, according to maxmuller — “After the latest researches into the history and chronology of the Old Testament, we may now safely call the Rig-Veda, the oldest book, not only of the Aryans, but of the whole world.” But in Physical Religion, Grifford Maxmuller says: “We could not hope to be able to lay down any terminus quo. Whether the Vedic hymns were composed in 1000 or 1500 or 2000 or 3000 years B.C., no power on earth could ever fix.”

To A.C. Das, some of the descriptions in the Vedas appear to refer such configuration of land as, according to geological hypothesis, could have existed in the Miocene (*The Miocene epoch is a major division of the geologic timescale and the first epoch of the Neogene period of the Cainozoic(Cainozoic (Cenozoic) is the current geological era. It began 66 million years ago and continues today)* or Pliocene epoch, whose age is to be computed by some hundreds of thousands, if not millions of years.

Scientists (Proof Ngai and Proof Zumberge of the University of Arizona) have found traces of ancient life and matter dating back to 2300 million years. The discovery was made in rocks, found in Transvaal area of South Africa, 320 K.m. north of Johannesburg.” The tribune, July 13, 1875.

The world’s highest mountain range could be 200 million years old twice as old as previously thought, a group of scientists said in a statement issued here (Bonn) by the West German Research group DFG on Friday. The Hindustan Times, dated Oct. 18, 1987.

According to Indian traditions, based on astronomical data, the Vedas were revealed 1,97,29,490,95 (1995 A.D.) years ago.

Havan Yaj dates at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre 198 Learoyd Road Willawong 4110.

Time: starting at 2 pm and finishing at 4pm.

April Dates:

April 5th; April 12th; April 19th; April 26th