



SINGAPORE MALAYALEE HINDU SAMAJAM

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Newsletter

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Samajam Management committee wish all our Members, Supporters, Donors, Volunteers and Well-wishers a very

HAPPY VISHU!

May this Vishu year bring you all prosperity, abundance of health, wealth, success in all your endeavours and good fortune!!!

As Vishu Falls on Good Friday Holiday, this year all Malayalee Hindus are able to enjoy the festival with your family and friends. Learn that the appropriate time for Vishukkani in Singapore is from 05.15am to 07:03am.

Use the holiday to celebrate the day starting from a grant Vishukkani. Take a selfie with your family and the Vishukkani or Sadhya and post it in Samajam's facebook!

We have a special guest Swami Mohanji who is coming for an event with his disciples from 15th. He is from Palghat and hence wish to have a Satsang with Malayalees in view of Vishu. We are arranging it in Hindu Centre from 7pm to 8pm. Please come and spend the evening with Mohanji! It will sanctify the day. Get blessed with family. Pls RSVP your attendance to Mr.Ajay at 92387500 or Harish at 91008400

News from the month of March 2017:

The new Management committee of Samajam took office from 18 March 2017. The details of the new office bearers and other officials are in the left side column.

AGM decided the following related to the membership:

1. Empower the MC to publish the name of all members whose whereabouts are unknown in the Newsletter seeking the assistance of other members to trace them. In the event of a failure to trace them, to

Regular events:

Samajam Members' Sahashranamam Puja: 07:00PM

First Saturday*: for Swami Ayyappan

Third Saturday*: For Guruvayurappan

***Calender month**

**Pls register your mobile number to get update of any change in time

Forthcoming Events:

Sri Chakra Puja- 15 April 2017

Talk on the Art of Public speaking: 22 April 2017

Yuvajanotsavam: Registration starts on April 6th ends 20th With fee \$5: 30th Apr

To update member's particulars & to get event info: WhatsApp or SMS to : Ajay :92387500

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- remove their names from the register of members from 30th June 2017.
2. Empower the MC to issue ordinary or Life memberships to new applicants based on their association with Samajam for a period of time as decided by MC from time to time.
Applicant's to be given associate membership at first which shall be converted to Ordinary or Life membership after their continuous service in Samajam activities for a period of say, one year and 3 years respectively.- as a guideline.
 3. To modify Samajam's membership form to collect more information on the applicant's personal particulars so as to enable the events to be organised closer to the practices prevailing in various parts of Kerala, across various sub-divisions. Meeting observed that people always feel comfortable with the practices they are used to. If pushed to follow a different practice, they feel that they are doing wrong and won't get the satisfaction.

AGM decided the following related to the Constitution:

To amend it to accommodate the new needs of the present day community. Make it easy to run the AGM or other meetings with quorum, Revise fees structures as to match the current costs of serving the member, give sufficient time for the new committee, say 2 years term, so that the people who come on board will get some time to work as one year gets over very fast and thus seldom they can work on long term plans.

The new Management committee decided the following as its working plan for the year :

- a. To hire a place sufficiently spacious for Samajam to have own functions, rehearsals, which members, supporters and well-wishers can participate together
- b. Find reputed teachers located elsewhere than the location where Samajam have its office, and then invite them to do classes at our premises at the times we will not be using the place normally.
- c. Do a youth festival for talented Malayalee hindu children in Singapore on all possible form of arts such as vocal, dances, acting, instrumental etc in single or as a group. Emphasis to be given to kerala's Malayalee Hindu culture, opportunity for children and adults to learn the moral stories or philosophical knowledge in the Hindu scriptures by way of being part in a single or group activity. Also to have grooming sessions to ensure quality.
An update is that, Samajam started working on this. Please see the poster attached. The event will have non-hindu items which are part of Kerala culture also for competition. Similarly there will not be any religious restriction for participants
- d. Get as many Malayalee Hindu families to register in our website, take part in Youth festival or other events. A target of 1000 new members is fixed for the year. An ambitious target, but achievable if we each of us make it a point to register 5 new people ...
- e. Make our webpage and Face book to be attractive places for people to keep watch, to get updated and to take part in our events.
- f. To revise the criteria to give Ordinary or Life membership in Samajam

- g. To pre-plan chakkulathukavu pongala in advance and try to get as many participants.
- h. To make a broad Working Committee with all like-minded persons who are willing to spend some time for this community service. Have frequent meetings with them and to do activities only after brainstorming with them and taking in all their valuable inputs

An update : We already formed a working committee to move with Yuvajanotsavam. Each of you are welcome to join that. We plan to keep it as a core working committee and will be deploying people from there to other events. So if you are not a member yet, please join now. Message to any of the committee members named on the this Newsletter and they will help you to join the group.

===== **EVENTS HAPPENING IN APRIL 2017** =====

Sri Chakra Pua: We are approached by a learned Guru named **Guru Karunamaya** who has conducted this puja in various counties. He has a trust named *Soundarya Lahari in India*. They are into teaching traditional pujas to fellow hindus who wish to learn and practice it for their own use. We are organising this puja on April 15th where the participants get involved from the point of drawing the chakras and participate when the main puja goes on. This will be guided by him. Venue Sri Sivan temple Multipurpose hall. **On April 15th Saturday. Puja starts from 06:00Pm.** However, if you wish to assist in drawing and decorating Sri Chakra there are **different stages starting from 11am.** Please call Rekha Sachit at 84983054 Kavitha 81688607 or Rekha Dinesh 98802597 to include you.

For a group of maximum 25 people he is willing to teach the procedures of doing a proper puja. Those who wish to learn can register. This will be a whole day class on April 16th. Venue will be advised to those who register.

Talk on the Art of public speaking and debating : By Vihasini Gopakumar .

Venue : To be advised

Date : Saturday 22 April 2017

Time : 3.00 pm to 06:00 Pm.

This event is aimed for the youth to build their confidence and skills to do public speaking and debating. If you have children or know Malayalee children Primary 5/6 onwards and above... all the way to tertiary education - to come and join. The Speaker is an award winner and judge in various international debates held overseas too.

This is part of our Social activities for the benefit of the young members of the community. Participation is free but registration is compulsory. This is to make sure that we won't run out of space.

Last month's activities: (March 2017)

Swami Chidananda Puri did a wonderful, information-packed 3 days talk on Upanishads in English and on Hindu Dharma and temple culture in Malayalam for 2 days. Those who attended enjoyed the abundance of knowledge shared by him. Sad that the attendance was poor. There are many who follow his talks available in YouTube. Samajam's expectation that they will turn up in big numbers for the talk and renting PGP Hall, took a big hit.

The question and answer session was really great. He is one of the best to give a detailed answer summarising the knowledge spread across many scriptures! Pranams before his treasure of knowledge!

Gita Chanting Competition for Gita Jayanti Celebrations. Prelims on Feb 25th and 26th.

The finals were at Mahatma Gandhi Hall on March 04th. Poojya Guruji Swami Chitdananda Puri distributed the prizes to the Competition winners.

Unlike past years, what added to our joy is that we see a few Malayalee participants this year. They performed well too.

President's Message:

Happy to address you all once again as the President of Samajam. Me and my new team are at the start of another term of one year.

We are taking a bold step to take a place for Samajam. The value for money will be there only if you members and supporters patronise the event we organize at this venue. So please visit when we declare the place open. Get your children to join the classes and events organized at this venue.

Support Samajam by getting as many Malayalee Hindus you know to register at our **website**.

Yuvajanotsavam we organize is to sharpen the skills of our children to excel in their passion. It is not just a competition organized to add an event in our calendar. We plan the grooming sessions to be very detailed to get the participants talented to win even other competitions they take part in future.

The **Talk for the Youth** is a different type of event. More to come of that type too.

We have **Sri Chakra Puja,**

Swami Udit Chaitanyas talk from 03rd to 10th June at Sri Sivan Temple and our Chakkualthukavu Pongala from 06th to 09th July 2017 at PGP Hall premises.

What we need from you is your personal presence with family and friends. The event will be successful when you all come and attend only. Just do that help for us and we will be motivated to bring you more. Also please keep in touch. Communication will be effective when there is a dialogue.

Once again wish you all a **very Happy Vishu!**

Yours truly,
Ajayakumar Nair
President