



August 2025 President's Desk:

August was indeed a vibrant and fulfilling month for all our five chapters, with a strong focus on expanding our Prajna Centres, settling into our new team structures, and successfully running several events across Australia.

I had the privilege of attending two wonderful events in Melbourne and Brisbane, where I was deeply honoured to introduce the new Chapter Committees to the community. Both events were magnificent celebrations of our culture and traditions, providing a wonderful platform to showcase our organisation's services to the wider community.

The participation of our Prajna students was particularly inspiring, their demonstration of Super Memory Skills at the Melbourne event and the recitation of scriptures on morals and ethics in Brisbane received heartfelt appreciation from attendees across the community.

It was also a special privilege to share about the services to the communities across all five chapters. During the Raksha Bandhan and Hayagreeva Pooja celebrations on the 9th August at Melbourne event, which was graced by the presence of the Honourable Steve McGhie Labor Member for Melton and Cabinet Secretary, Councillor Jennie Barrera of Wyndham City, Councillor Julie Shannon of Melton.

The success of these events is a testament to the dedication of our volunteers and the strong leadership of our Chapter Leads and the core team. The passion, commitment, and teamwork demonstrated by the committees and volunteers across all five chapters truly form the heartbeat of our organisation, inspiring many more to join hands in this noble cause.

As we continue our journey forward, let us remain inspired to grow our reach and strengthen our efforts to serve the community far and wide. It has been a truly humbling experience to meet dignitaries, community leaders, participants, sponsors, volunteers, and organising committees, and to receive their warm appreciation and encouragement on behalf of this great organisation that continues to flourish under the divine guidance of our beloved Swamiji.

- **Seetha Commuri**



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Adelaide

Hayagriva Pooja

JET Australia Foundation Adelaide chapter conducted Sri Lakshmi Hayagriva Pooja. Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Sathsang families participated and the kids are guided by Sriman Krishna Kasuba Ji to perform the pooja.



Brisbane

Sri Lakshmi Hayagriva Jayanathi Celebrations

With the divine blessings of HH Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, the Brisbane Chapter hosted its first event as the incoming chapter team with the Sri Lakshmi Hayagriva Puja on 24 August, a memorable occasion where 125 children performed the Puja, joined by their families and devotees - over 400 people in total - in a spirit of devotion, learning and joy to seek the blessings of Lord Hayagriva Swami.

The atmosphere was one of devotion and togetherness as the children carried out the rituals with great focus and sincerity. The puja was conducted under the guidance of Sri Rajesh Swami ji (Asst. Chapter Lead Melbourne), with narration and engaging interactions for the children led by Sri Murali ji (Treasurer). A highlight of the day was the performance by Prajna children, whose heartfelt offering set the tone for the gathering and filled the audience with pride and inspiration.



The event was made possible by the tireless efforts of community volunteers, sponsors and families, whose dedication ensured every detail was managed smoothly. From Prajna rehearsals to stage decorations, prasadam preparation and behind-the-scenes organisation, their teamwork embodied the spirit of seva and strengthened the bonds of the chapter.

The Brisbane Chapter was especially humbled to be joined by members of the National, Sydney and Melbourne teams – in particular, Smt. Seetha ji (President), Sri Murali ji (Treasurer), Sri Sathya ji (PRO), Sri Sekhar ji (Compliance Lead, Sydney) and Sri Rajesh ji (Asst. Chapter Lead Melbourne) – whose presence and blessings provided great encouragement and energy. Their support served as a reminder of the wider JAF family that unites all chapters under Acharya's vision.

The Brisbane Chapter also took this opportunity to thank the Ramagiri family – Sri Vinay ji, Smt. Anitha ji, Sri Balaram ji and Sri Krishna ji – for their outstanding leadership and selfless service over the past two decades. Their efforts not only ensured the smooth running of JET Brisbane's activities but also nurtured a vibrant spiritual community. We are humbled to follow in their footsteps.





Homelessness Week

On 6th August, JAF Melbourne volunteers joined Wyndham Council's Homelessness Week event by contributing dignity packages. Generous donations from the JET community were handed over with heartfelt support. The event also offered a chance to share JET's mission, and the team was honored with special recognition for their service.



On 09th August, the team organised Yajurveda Upakarma, where devotees performed rituals to renew their spiritual commitment and uphold Vedic traditions.

On the auspicious Friday of Sravanamasam, the Melbourne chapter organised a Samuhika Varalakshmi Pooja, attended by nearly 35 women, to seek the blessings of Goddess Varalakshmi for health, prosperity, and harmony. The sacred pooja was beautifully performed by Sri Hari Swamy, creating a divine and spiritually uplifting atmosphere





On 17th August, Indian Flag Hoisting Ceremony was hosted by Sri Durga Mandir, where JAF Melbourne chapter Prajna kids and volunteers, in total around 30 volunteers participated with great enthusiasm. The children performed Vishnu Sahasranama - Super Memory Skill, recited prayers and slokas, and their dedication was truly appreciated by all present. Our kids showed their excitement and eagerness to be part of the Indian Flag Hoisting Ceremony.



Hayagriva Jayanthi & Raksha Bandhan

On 11th August, over 400 devotees gathered at the Melton City Council Hall to celebrate Hayagriva Jayanthi with devotion and joy. A special highlight of the event was the participation of more than 135 children in the pooja, whose presence added vibrant energy and charm to the occasion.

Held in Melbourne's western suburbs, the celebration aimed to engage the local community—and the enthusiastic turnout reflected the strong support and devotion of the devotees. The event was graced by local leaders, and notably, Smt. Seetha Commuri garu, President of JAF, who travelled to Melbourne to bless the gathering with her presence. The dedicated service of the JAF Melbourne chapter was warmly acknowledged and appreciated by both the dignitaries and attendees.



Melbourne

JAF Melbourne chapter successfully organised a Blood Donation Drive, bringing together volunteers and community members to contribute towards this noble cause. Many came forward with great enthusiasm to donate blood, showcasing their compassion and commitment to saving lives.



Perth

Sri Srinivasa Aradhana and Sri Srinivasa Kalyanams

The JAF Perth chapter volunteers conducted the monthly Sri Srinivasa Aradhana on the third Saturday evening, with around 120 devotees participating in the chanting of the 108 divine names of Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

Fortnightly Sri Srinivasa Kalyanams were held on the second and fourth Sundays at devotees' homes, fostering spiritual connection and community engagement.

Additionally, the monthly Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam was conducted at a devotee's residence, drawing participation from over 40 devotees.



Sri Lakshmi Hayagriva Pooja

On 9th August, JAF Perth volunteers conducted the Sri Lakshmi Hayagriva Pooja. Around 95 students embraced the opportunity to perform the pooja themselves, guided by a dedicated priest volunteer. Pooja kits were provided to all registered participants, while parents sat behind, joyfully witnessing their children offer prayers and seek the blessings of Lord Hayagriva.



Sri Krishna Janmastami

On 17th August, JAF Perth volunteers celebrated the birthday celebrations of Lord Sri Krishna with many kids who dressed up like little krishna and little gopika. The event was enjoyed the event by participats with chantings, speeches, kolatam and breaking pot. More than 70 devotees participated making the event filled with fun and devotion.



Sri Lakshmi Narayana Pooja

On 22nd August, JAF Perth volunteers celebrated the concluding Friday of the auspicious Sravana month with heartfelt prayers to Lord Sri Lakshmi Narayana Perumal. More than 70 families participated in the event, cherishing the divine moments together.

Guided by a dedicated volunteer priest, devotees performed the pooja with devotion, culminating in a serene mangala harathi offered to the Lord with clay lamps. The spiritual energy and collective reverence were deeply felt by all present.



Clay Workshops

JAF Sydney chapter volunteers successfully conducted clay workshops across four centres—Baulkham Hills, Westmead, Schofields, and Austral. Due to overwhelming interest, an additional session was held at Westmead to accommodate 15+ local children, further strengthening our community outreach and promoting Prajna. The event welcomed approximately 110 participants, with nearly half being Prajna students.

Parents and children chose from four delightful clay creations: Ganesha, Vigna Nivaraka, Laddu Gopal, or a diya. Younger children (aged 5 and under) enjoyed coloring premade crafts lovingly prepared by our Prajna teachers. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our teachers and senior students, over 110 craft kits were assembled in advance, ensuring smooth execution. Special gratitude to Shri Raj Kumar Kinnari ji for helping procure 100 kilograms of clay and patiently guiding our team throughout the process. The joy and enthusiasm expressed by children and parents, along with a stream of heartfelt appreciation messages, stand as a powerful testament to the spirit and impact of our organization. A sincere thank you to all our dedicated and selfless volunteers who made this event possible.



The Vardys Road Public School specially mentioned in its about the clay workshop and thanked the JAF Sydney volunteers for their dedication and leadership.



Vardys Road Public School

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The students in our Hindu Scripture classes had a wonderful time today making Ganesha models out of play-dough. The students all listened and followed the instructions carefully to make excellent models. Thank you to our volunteer teacher Vasu for leading such a creative and inclusive lesson!



Young artist colored laddu Gopal (he called it Holi with Kannan)

JAF Sydney chapter volunteers conducted Sri Vishnu Sahasra Nama Parayanam on 23rd August at Tallawong and on 30th August at Southwestern Sydney. In total, more then 100 devotees attended these events enjoying the blissful vibrations of parayanam.



September month events:

September Charity Walk @ Melbourne
Sraddha @ Perth