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" Waves inspire all of us, not because they rise and fall,
but only because each time they fall, they never fail to rise again "

MAHAVIR JAYANTI' GREETINGS



President Pratibha Patil "May the message of Lord Mahavir, of love, compassion and peace, guide our conduct and inspire us to follow the path of "Ahimsa" for good of all humanity." "On the occasion of 'Mahavir Jayanti', I extend my greetings and good wishes to all my fellow citizens,".



Vice President Md. Hamid Ansari "Bhagwan Mahavir, through his divine life and teachings, showed us the path of non-violence, truthfulness, peace and universal love. His teachings are relevant at all times to emancipate mankind from suffering and to ensure peace and happiness through spiritual excellence".



Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh : "Lord Mahavir"s life and philosophy inspires everybody to lead a life of compassion, sacrifice and non-violence."

MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS



WASHINGTON - The 2608 th birthday of Lord Mahavir, was celebrated by Jain Society of Washington Metro area at High point High school in Beltsville Maryland. Community Affair Minister of Indian Embassy, Mr. Sanjay Sinha, was the chief guest, who was representing Indian Embassy and Mr. Parag Mehta, a member of Obama transition team was special guest. More than 700 members of the community were present in colorful Indian dresses to witness this grand occasion. 113 children performed cultural program based on Mahavir's life, principles and Jainism, which included skits, play, dances, songs and Ras- Garba.

Chief guest Sanjay Sinha in his address told the audience that Mahavir's principles of non-violence and forgiveness are universal and are the essence of peace, happiness and harmony. Parag Mehta told that Mahavir's principles are the necessity in today's world to maintain world peace and to reduce terrorism. Prakash Mehta did a presentation about future temple expansion. Sharad Doshi distributed trophies to all the participants. The privilege of Aarti and Mangal divo went to Jaysingh - Sumangala Bhandari and family for their highest bidding. Shown in the picture are Chief guest Community Affairs Minister Sanjay Sinha, Mrs. Rasmi Sinha, Sumangala Bhandari and Public relations chairman Washington Jain Society, Jay Bhandari.

MANCHESTER - The Jain community of Manchester organised a two day event on 18th and 19th April at their splendid community centre. Nitin Mehta of the Indian Vegetarian Society was a keynote speaker on the 18th. Amongst the other speakers were Gaurakrishnadas of Manchester Hare Krishna society, Mukesh Pancoli of the Brahma Kumari organisation and Marion Hussenbux of the Quaker Concern for Animals. Nitin spelled out the ecological and the health cost of a meat diet. A Mahaveer award was presented to Leslie Tarleton who for the last 30 years has dedicated her life to animals kept at the two sanctuaries she runs in Liverpool and Wales. The award was given away by Jayendrabhai Patel who is an active member of the Jain Samaj. On the 19th around 300

people attended the celebrations of the birth of Lord Mahaveer. In his talk Nitin urged Jains to revive the message of Ahimsa as preached by Lord Mahaveer. We have inherited a priceless culture, we must protect it and nurture it well. The president of Manchester Jain Samaj Piyush Mehta, on behalf of the Jain community presented Nitin with a memento for his tireless efforts in promoting vegetarianism. The Vegetarian Society of UK has its headquarters in Manchester and there were thousands of vegetarians in Manchester area as far back as the 1870's. Courtesy: Nitin Mehta, E-Mail : animalahimsa@yahoo.co.uk

APOWA CELEBRATES MAHAVEER JAYANTI 2009 -APOWA (Action for Protection of Wild Animals) conducted the MAHAVEER JAYANTI programme in a grand manner on 7th April 2009 at USAK High school, Arua Kadaliban. Mr. Ashok Bal, Head master, USAK high school presided over the function. Mr. Manoj Ku Satapathy, teacher in charge, Karuna Club, USAK delivered the welcome address and introduction of the programme. The programme was started with the school prayer and karuna prayer. Mr. Bijaya Ku Kabi, Director, APOWA and Honorary Animal welfare officer, Animal Welfare Board of India delivered an inspiring speech on "Ahimsa through Non-violence". He explained the various activities of APOWA and karuna clubs. He explained the five freedoms of animal welfare. He suggested the teachers to adopt compassion, love and sympathy towards the students while teaching. He also insisted to show kindness towards all living creatures. He also explained the nutritional values of vegetarianism. His speech was followed by Mr. Somanath Mohapatra, teacher, USAK. He insisted the students to be compassionate towards animals and nature. Among others Mr. Amulya Ku Pardia, teacher USAK spoke about animal welfare. His talk was interesting and interactive. Among others, Mr. Manamohan Kundu, coordinator, APOWA, Mr. Prasna Ku Mohanty, teacher, Mr. Rabinarayan Nanda, teacher, Miss Satyabhama Das, teacher were attend as the resource persons. APOWA ,At-Hatapatana, Po-Kadaliban, Dist-Kendrapara,Orissa,Pin-754222,India, E-Mail : mail@apowa.org. Courtsey: Dr. Sulekh Jain, E-mail: scjain@earthlink.net, Houston, Texas ,USA.



JAIN CANDIDATES FOR THE LOKSABHA ELECTIONS 2009 - Here is the list, which gives names of the candidates, Loksabha constituency and the political party to which they belong. If you know other Jain candidates who are not listed here, please inform at ahimsa@jainsamaj.org

Smt. Urmila Jain - Jhalawar (Rajsthan) - Congress

Satyapal Jain - Chandigarh (UT) - BJP

Pradeep Jain Aditya - Jhansi (UP) - Congress

Naresh Pugalia - Chandrapur (MH) - Congress

Raju Shetty - Hatkanangale (MH) - Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana

Pushp Jain - Pali (Rajasthan) - BJP

Anil Jain - Kanpur Nagar (UP) - Independent

Dilip Gandhi - Ahmednagar (MH) - BJP

For the elections of Orissa assembly, there are two Jain candidates namely Dinesh Jain for Jharsuguda (BJP) and Kailash Jain for Narla (BSP). Courtesy: Mr. Mahavir Sanglikar, Pune, E-Mail: msanglikar@yahoo.com

SAINTS

CHILD DIKSHAS CASE ADMITTED IN MUMBAI HIGH COURT

The Mumbai High Court has admitted a petition filed in a case of bal-diksha wherein the Indore-based parents had challenged the power of the Child Welfare Committee to look into the life of a sadhvi. A bench of Justices, D K D Deshmukh and R. S. Mohite, while hearing the arguments, indicated the possibility of making compulsory the appointment of a guardian for such bal-dikshas. "We may make it necessary for a district judge to appoint a guardian for every minor who takes diksha (renunciation of the world as practised among Jains)," observed Justice Deshmukh. At one point, Justice Mohite seemed unhappy with the fate that greeted baldikshas. Senior counsel Rafiq Dada, assisted by advocate Sanjay Jain, said the court could not interfere with the practice of diksha. An NGO had complained to the CWC, which had opined that the bal-dikshas required better looking after. But the parents said their daughter had chosen to take diksha on her own and no one else could intervene in the age-old tradition followed by the Jain community. The court had appointed a panel to interview the child, who had accepted diksha, NGO counsel Mihir Desai said. A report submitted to the court held that the six-year-old's diksha was "clearly a decision taken for her without thinking about the consequences" and "not in her best interests".

SAINT SHREE MANIBHADRA JI MAHARAJ LEAVES FOR NEPAL FOR HIS VIHAR

Nepal Kesari Shri Manibhadra Ji maharaj alongwith Shri Viram Muniji maharaj, disciples of Shree Sumati Prakashji Maharaj, belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman sangh left Delhi on their vihar for Kathmandu. They were accorded a warm send-off prior to their departure by the Manav Milan groups of Delhi, Meerut and Sonapat. Many members of Jain samaj, devotees of Shri Sumati Prakash Ji maharaj, other saints and sadhwi attended the function. Popular members of the community, namely Shri Swadesh Bhushan Ji and Shri Subhash Oswal spoke on the occasion and expressed their good wishes to the saints, leaving for Nepal.

JAIN SADHWI REACH NEPAL SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF AHIMSA

Three Jain sSdhwi, named Sadhwi Shri Mangal Prabha Ji, Poonam Shri Ji and Vandana Ji, all belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect arrived at Kathmandu after covering a distance of 1100 Km. all the way from Gwalior to this place, passing through Bhind, Itawa, Kanpur, Lucknow, Gorakhpur and Berawa on the way. The entire distance was covered by them in a short period of two months. They were warmly received on the way wherever they stopped. They were heartily welcomed by the Jain institutions and societies, specially when they reached Kathmandu. These Sadhwi are the disciples of Ganadheesh Shri Umesh Muni Ji Maharaj.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS



YOUNG JAINS OF DELHI HOLD JAIN SANSKAR PAATHSHALA - To mark the celebration of Mahavir Jayanti (7th Apr, 09) Young Jains, Delhi organized a Jain Sanskar Paathshala on 5th Apr, 09 at Adyatma Sadhana Kendra, Chattarpur, Mehrauli Gurgaon Road, Delhi. The program was structured as a full day Paathshala camp and attended by more than 50 Young Jain Professionals. Various speakers were invited from different parts of the society to provide an insight on Jain Sanskars and to help people for building them with in. The Paathshala included little known Jain meditation i.e. Preksha Dhyana & Karyotsarg reflections.

The program started with Manglacharan and Namokar mantra chanting. Gaurav Jain 'Lakshaya' introduced Young Jains and provided the outline of program and was MC for the program.

Dr. Jay Kumar Upadhye, an eminent Jain scholar took session on Jain Sanskar, he described the Jain Sanskars in life of Tirthankaras and said "Parents are the Sanskriti (culture) and Children are their Sanskars". Swami Dharmanand ji, Director Adhyatma Sadhana Kendra told about the Jain Meditation Preksha Dhyana and its re-invention, people had a serene exercise for practice of dhyana.

The session was followed by Young Scholar Dr. Anekant Jain, a Prakrit & Jainology lecturer, Jaipur who emphasized on the Jainism and its relevance today from the antiquity and modern perspective in very informative and comprehensible idiom. He touched on positive points in Jainism on female education and climate change related problems. He said "Religion's gradually increase and decrease which is in synchronization with universal cycle of progress and recession but principles and Sanskars makes us to co-exist as mutually dependent even in adverse conditions". Following the significance Dr. C. Devakumar, an eminent Jain scholar and Principal Scientist at IARI, Delhi specified on the intricate subject of Practice of Jainism in Daily life. He acquainted on basics of Jain life and presented a perfect blend of physics and Jain principles with grin. He said "As the radiation of gold radiates gold aura only so is for the Jina Dharma principles".



The post lunch sessions were shifted from Principles to social responsibility. Mr. Anil Kr. Jain, a Chartered Accountant, Jainism devoted personality, & running one of the world's largest Jain websites jainsamaj.org grew to subject on the need of Young leadership for Jain society today. He mentioned the success of a few Young Jain personalities and ignited the youth to take them as role models. He said "the thousands of crore of rupees which are locked in vaults and lockers of temples belongs to Jain society and its children, we should come forward for betterment of our children and spent it judiciously before it goes to hands of unscrupulous elements and its too late".

The waft session was followed by another motivated assembly by Yogesh Jain, Chairman Young Jains and software architect who made people aware about the ambitious plans of Young Jains in coming year and collectively with members revisited the vision of Young Jains. The Paathshala camp got an appreciation from attendees as well as the speakers and blessing for the team.

Young Jains is a dynamic, vibrant and unique (by thoughts and action) organization dedicated to spread Jain philosophy. A revolutionary movement of Young 'Jains' at Global level irrespective of the sects and the sub-sects, through simple transformation of core Jain principles into easily understandable and practicable life style. For more information log on to www.youngjains.co.in For more information contact Mr. Yogesh Jain Telephone No. 9811341488, E-Mail: chashguru@gmail.com & Mr. Gaurav Jain, Telephone No. 9811981233.

NEXT UK YOUNG JAINS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 17TH TO 19TH JULY 2009

Young Jains events are open to all members and non-members, and welcome you to explore your values, beliefs and practices. Young Jains International Convention is proposed to be held from 17th to 19th July 2009 - Online Registration Now Open. To request your registration form, please email Rishma Shah, E-Mail : registration@youngjains.org.uk or call 0794 9794 312. The venue of the program is Canons High School, Shaldon Road, Edgware, UK. Take a July week-end out to bridge the gap from where you are to where you want to be. The Young Jains International Convention looks into the fundamentals of the timeless Jain tradition in a very real sense. It explores essential areas that will help you get a better grasp on life: 1. Who you are at your core. 2. Your goals in life 3. The barriers that hamper your efforts 4. The tools available to overcome those barriers.

EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR JAIN STUDIES 2009

With its main aim to start and create an interest in the academic study and research in the history, culture and philosophy of Jainism and Jain community, ISSJS was started in 2005. Since then, it has strived to bring

students(undergraduates and Post Graduates) and full time professors and researchers from many universities and colleges around the world to India to give them intensive class room teaching and to show case the Jain community, its rich culture and living traditions to these scholars. Since 2005, more than 82 such Scholars have come to India and benefited by this program. This year the ISSJS program has expanded with the offering of three stand alone programs. The first one is a One month Long ISSJS at Mahidol; University , In Bangkok , Thailand with 17 Buddhist Scholars from several universities participating there. This program will start on 23rd April, 2009 at Mahidol university. ISSJS is taking several noted Jain Professors and Scholars from universities in India to Thailand, to teach these Buddhist scholars and create an environment and a forum for systematic study and research in Jainism and thus a dialogue between the two great religions of the world. This event is a historic one and was made possible by the vision of Several Buddhist Scholars in Thailand who came to ISSJS in the past few years , by Shri Pramod Jain, Chairman, ISSJS Academic and Governing Council in Thailand and the Jain community in Bangkok. The second stand alone ISSJS program is a One month Long program in India starting on May 23rd, 2009 in New Delhi. In this program, 13 scholars are participating from several universities in USA and Canada. The third program is a Two month long ISSJS starting on June 1st, in New Delhi. In this program, 12 scholars from some famous universities in USA, Canada, U.K, Belgium, Switzerland and Thailand will be traveling to India. Read further details in the attachment and or Contact ; Dr. Sulekh C. Jain, Houston, Texas, USA, E-Mail :scjain@earthlink.net



DR. PANKAJ JAIN TO TEACH ONLINE COURSES ON JAINISM AND SANSKRIT AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY - Dr. Pankaj Jain will teach two courses on Jainism and Sanskrit at North Carolina State University, where he teaches at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and also at the Department of Religion and Philosophy. Jain, who earlier taught Indian cultural subjects at Rutgers and other universities in New Jersey, recently moved to North Carolina to take up a full-time teaching position at the university. Currently he teaches Indic traditions and ecology, Hindi films, Hindi language and literature; about half of the students are of South Asian heritage.

The course on Jainism is titled 'From Mahavira to Mahatma Gandhi: The Nonviolent Jain Traditions of India'. The topics include the origin and history of Jainism, Jain theology and philosophy, contemporary Jains, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and nonviolence today. For further information: Dr. Pankaj Jain, Lecturer, Dept of Foreign Languages and Literatures, North Carolina State University, E-Mail:pjain5@ncsu.edu Information courtesy: Dr. Sulekh Jain, E-Mail: scjain@earthlink.net

60-YEAR-OLD, PARASMAL JAIN APPEARS FOR CLASS 10 EXAMS

BANGALORE: A 60-year-old man appeared for matriculation exams in the city. Defying age, he pursued his educational career rubbing shoulders with students of his grandchildren's age. Parasmal Jain had to leave his studies in between on account of some family problems. He has set an example by going back to his studies at an age when elderly people detach themselves from materialistic world. For this cloth merchant, it was a big decision to pursue studies and realise his childhood desire of completing his education. "I always wanted to study, but could not complete my education because of some family problems. I got my children educated and when they got settled, then I thought of realizing my dream and decided to pursue my studies further," said Jain. Jain was supported by his family in his quest for learning and planned to study further till his health permitted.

AHIMSA INTERNATIONAL, NEW DELHI AWARDS 2009

Ahimsa international, on 26th April'09 organized a program to honour distinguished Jain personalities at Shree Ram Centre Auditorium, 4 safdar Hashmi Marg, Delhi-110001 in presence of Upadhyay 108 Shree Gupti Sagar Ji and number of distinguished personalities. Following awards were distributed.

Ahimsa international Deputymal Adhishwarlal Jain award in the field of Literature -Awarded to Professor Dr. Phool Chand Jain-Premi, Varanasi.

Ahimsa international Bhagwan Das Shobha Lal Jain award in the field of Vegetarianism, Jeev Daya-- Awarded to Shri Hukam Chand Ratan Lal Sanwla, Indore.

Ahimsa international Prem Chand Jain award in the field of Nursing and medication-- Awarded to Narayan Sewa

Sansthan, Udaypur.

Ahimsa international Vijay Kumar Prabodh Kumar Subodh Kumar Jain in the field of Journalism-- Awarded to Shri Ravindra Malav Advocate, Gawaliar.

Ahimsa international Harishchandra Ramesh Chandra Jain award in the field of Dharma Prabhavana -- Awarded to Dr. Rajendra Kumar Bansal, Amlai.

Ahimsa international Dhani Chandra Devandra Kumar Jain in the field of outstanding performance student -- Awarded to Kumari sonali Jain, Delhi.

Upadhyay 108 Shree GuptiSagar Ji blessed all the awardees and emphasized the need of the hour to practice and preach non- violence towards all living beings. He also said though Jain community is extremely a minor one but tops the list of literacy and desired to encourage & promote the Jain students including awards for all the meritorious students at state and national level.

INSTITUTIONS

JAIN VISHWA BHARATI UNIVERSITY, LADNUN SANCTIONED A GRANT OF RS. 6.69 CRORES BY UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION -

A sum of Rs. 6.69 crores has been sanctioned as grant-in-aid by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the period of 11th Five year plan to Jain Vishwa Bharati University at Ladnun in Rajasthan on the recommendations of an expert team constituted by the U. G. C. The team, headed by Dr. J. V. Prabhakar, Vice-Chancellor of Rayasaleema University had visited the Vishwa Bharati



University and submitted their report after a thorough evaluation of the programmes, facilities and activities being conducted by the university. U.G.C. having been fully satisfied with the recommendations of the expert committee sanctioned this sum of Rs. 6.69 crores, which was almost six times the amount sanctioned in the previous five year plan. The Secretary of U. G. C., Mr. D. R. K. Chauhan has informed the Vice-Chancellor of Jain Vishwa Bharati, Dr. Samani Mangal Prabha Ji about the grant., hoping that the amount sanctioned will help in making all-round progress and accomplishment of the proposed projects.



SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY JAIN SPIRIT FOR M. A. IN JAINA STUDIES FOR THE YEAR 2009 - This award of this scholarship is sponsored by Jain Spirit. The total value of this scholarship is £5000, and it is awarded to students registered at SOAS for an MA degree with a major in Jaina Studies. Applications by letter, accompanied by a short CV, should be submitted by e-mail to the Centre of Jaina Studies at the Department of the Study of Religions at SOAS, University of London before the end of June 2009. Contact: Dr Peter Flügel, E-Mail : jainstudies@soas.ac.uk

AHIMSA

BAN ON SALE OF EGGS AND MEAT AT PALITANA

It is gratifying to note that Gujarat Government has banned on sale of eggs, meat and fish etc in te town of Palitana. it being an important pilgrimage centre for all Jains . Similar efforts can also be initiated for other Tirth places and areas near the Jain Temples in other cities. Courtesy: Dharma www.jainpushp.org

'AHIMSA SILK FABRIC', A NEW WAY OF MANUFACTURING SILK

The Controller of Patents, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indications has granted patent for an eco-friendly method of manufacturing mulberry silkworm yarn. The patent has been granted for 20 years to Kusuma Rajaiah, hailing from Hanamkonda, in Warangal district of Andhra Pradesh. Rajaiah is a technical officer at the Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Society . The yarn is called `Ahimsa silk fabric', and is prepared without killing the silkworm. The process involves producing yarn without putting the silkworms in boiling water. Instead, it uses left-over cocoons which are treated with chemicals and later dissolved. Just a quick ride back to basics. Silk is commonly obtained from mulberry worms. The silkworms are fed with mulberry leaves in the larval stage. Then, in

the pupal stage, the silkworms secrete a fluid by which they cover themselves and form a cocoon. After the gestation period, the moth opens and flies away. The yarn is produced when these cocoons are put into boiling water thus killing the moths.

The technology involves piercing the cocoon thus allowing the moth to fly through the hole. In fact, he collects those cocoons which do not have moths inside from Seri Fed. Though he does not get continuity of yarn thereby causing breakages, it is slowly spinned bringing together the breakages and made into a single thread. The process is certainly laborious, and of course reflects in the pricing of the final product. Out of 100 kilos of cocoons, only 16 kilos were obtained and each kilo is being charged by the spinning unit. The cost per saree might come to about Rs 4,500 unlike the conventional ones ranging from Rs 2,000 onwards. The quality obtained is soft and finer with the `Ahimsa silk' compared to the usual silk. Rajaiah, along with the National Institute of Fashion Technology will soon be commercialising the `Ahimsa silk'. This apart, the technical officer at the Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Society has plans to talk to fashion houses and big retail chains to store these kind of eco-friendly products as they are sold at a premium. Perhaps, this patent will get recognition and bring the concept of `Ahimsa' fresh in the weaving industry.

TIPS ON BECOMING A VEGETARIAN

While going meatless isn't for everyone, it can improve your health. Here are tips from nutritionists on making the transition: Know why you're doing it. Having firm reasons for changing your diet -- whether moral, ethical, medical, environmental or otherwise -- can keep you on track.

Set guidelines. Many vegetarians decide to keep eating eggs and dairy, while others opt to cut all animal products. Tell family and friends. They may not understand or approve, so be ready to explain your reasons. Buy a vegetarian cookbook or use an online source such as www.goveg.com. Try one new dish a week to make the switch fun -- not a form of deprivation. Keep eating healthy. Vegetarianism can be very unhealthy if you load up on junk food. Stick with fruits and vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts, meat substitutes, soy protein and low-fat dairy. Good snacks include fruits and vegetables, almonds, hummus, low-fat granola and whole-grain crackers.



Watch your protein intake. Vegetarians need to be careful to get enough protein (as well as calories and healthy fats). Nuts, beans and seeds are three good choices. Experiment with meatless products. Grocery stores stock tofu and many meat substitutes, including sausage patties, chicken nuggets, bacon and ground beef. So you can keep making favorites like lasagna, spaghetti, chili and stir-fry with those products. Go ethnic. Chinese, Indian, Japanese and Thai restaurants tend to have a lot of vegetarian choices. You also can ask a restaurant to prepare a dish without meat.

YOUNG INDIAN VEGETARIAN SOCIETY, U.K. PROMOTES 'AHIMSA'

The Young Indian Vegetarian Society (U.K.) was formed to promote Vegetarianism and Compassion to Animals. There are almost 5 million English vegetarians in UK. The institution also gives Mahaveer Awards to individuals who promote vegetarianism and compassion to animals. Amongst the recipients of the Mahaveer Award are the late speaker of British parliament Lord Weatherill, veteran politician Tony Benn, Maneka Gandhi, Swami Ram Dev, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Lord Swaraj Paul, Amma and many others. Thev society's activities have brought vegetarianism to prominence in UK. Thev society has also supported many animal sanctuaries in UK and also started vegetarian societies in Kenya, Delhi, Mauritius and Punjab.

According to the society Jains do not promote vegetarianism as much as they should. Vegetarianism is about protecting our Dharma and Indian culture. While we do little the meat lobby is spending millions to promote meat eating in India. Do we feed meat to cats and dogs even though we know that they are completely healthy on a vegetarian diet? We Jains need to set a good example. Courtesy: Fakirchand J. Dalal Website: www.youngindianvegetarians.co.uk.

NEW JAIN WEBSITES

HUNDREDS OF SACRED JAIN BOOKS AND SCRIPTURES NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

A newly established web site, named www.jaingranth.com which contains more than 600 volumes of sacred Jain literature has been established recently with the inspiration and encouragement of Acharya Saint, Shree Suvudhi Sagar Ji maharaj belonging to Jain Digambar sect during his stay at Agrawal Jain Digambar Dharmshala. at Kota in Rajasthan. The web site has been officially inaugurated on the 19th March, 2009 on the occasion of birth day of Acharya Shree Suvudhi Sagar Ji maharaj. Books as old as 2000 years or even more, written in Sanskrit, Prakrit, Gujarati, Hindi and English on subjects like religion, culture, history, geography, Astrology, Ayurveda and Mathematics have been made available on this web site. This massive effort by the learned saint will go a long way in spreading the Jain religion across the world and help in providing protection to the valuable ancient literature. Important scriptures covered on this web site so far include Shat- Khandagam, Tatwasutra, Samaysar, Padma puran, Kalyankarak and Sarvarth Siddhi. According to Acharya Shree, the web site will eventually have a collection of 5000 books both from Digambar and Shwetambar sects.

MARATHI WEBSITE WWW.SMARANIKA.COM ON JAINISM LAUNCHED

Number of articles on Jainism in Marathi and some in Hindi are published on the website. This website is created by Ennovata, an Indian Software company from Pune. The articles are in unicode and the readers do not require downloading Marathi fonts for viewing the site. Beside articles are also given in PDF form. It is the first website on Jainism in Marathi language.

NEW BOOKS ON JAINISM

PARAMATMAPRAKASHA - By Acarya Joindu, Apabhramsha text + Hindi translation, Pandit Nathuram Premi Research Series Volume 9, Preface and Hindi tr. by Dr Jaykumar Jalaj, 2007 215 x 140 mm 72 pp, 978-81-88769-09-4 Paperback Rs. 60. A follower of Kundakunda and Pujyapada, Acarya Joindu was a Jain monk. His compositions however embrace the universal spirituality later found in the works of Kabir. The current work by Joindu has been influenced by Kundakunda's MOKKHAPAHUDA as well as Pujyapada's SAMADHITANTRA. But its sheer spontaneity and flow helps it hold its own in such distinguished company. In the tradition of earlier monks like Kundakunda, Umasvami, Pujyapada and Samantabhadra, Joindu discloses nothing about himself in his works. Not much is known about him other than the fact that he probably lived in the 6th century CE. Joindu wrote in Apabhramsha, the language of the masses. Apabhramsha was a newly developing language, free from the formal restrictions of Sanskrit. Hence, the free flow of ideas and the verve in his writings. The text has been sensitively translated into Hindi with minimal interference and succeeds in conveying to the reader the feel of the original. The Hindi translation reads as smoothly as the original text.

Illustrated FUNDAMENTALS OF JAINISM - Compiled by Sadhvi Vijayashri Arya, English tr. by Dr Priyadarshana Jain, Edited by Sanjay Surana, English. Edition Rs. 160. Tirthankara Mahavira placed great emphasis on knowledge, especially discriminatory knowledge or bheda jñana. He held that correct knowledge is important to ensure correct conduct. Jain Doctrine is vast. Jain scriptures are written in Prakrit and Sanskrit and are immensely voluminous. Hence, for the average layman, studying the scriptures is next to impossible. Hence, in order to help the lay person learn the essence of the Jain doctrine in brief, certain succinct text were composed by Jain ascetics. They were meant to be studied thoroughly and put into practice. This is one such text. It attempts to present the entire Jain doctrine in 25 sutras. The 6 dravyas, 9 tattvas, etc. are all covered in the 25 Bol. The language is simple and the information accurate. The English translation by Dr Priyadarshana Jain is quite apt. The book is richly illustrated, printed fully on art paper and beautifully designed with plenty of charts, diagrams and paintings. A pleasure to read and study. To obtain the book, readers may contact: Mr. Manish Modi, Hindi Granth Karyalay, 9 Hirabaug, C P Tank, Mumbai 400004 Phones: + 91 (0)22 2382 6739, 2035 6659.

JAINISM AND THE TEMPLES OF MOUNT ABU AND RANAKPUR - An Exquisite Coffee Table Book on Jainism, Text by Lothar Clemont, Photographs by Thomas Dix, Text edited by Dilip Surana, Coffee Table Book, English, Distributed by Hindi Granth Karyalay, 2006 310 x 245 mm 96 art plates in full colour, Deluxe Hardcover Edition Rs. 1500.

This is a truly exquisite coffee table book on Jainism! Beautifully conceived, gorgeously shot. Each photograph is worth framing. Jain temples are known for their architectural excellence and exquisite iconography. This book

presents magnificent examples of Jain temple art - the temples of Mount Abu and Ranakpur. Replete with awesome sculpture and stunning photography, the book is a collector's item. It has been lavishly printed in full colour. The accompanying text is insightful and well researched, a fine introduction to Jainism for the layman. Available at : Hindi Granth karyalay. Publishers Since 1912, 9 Hirabaug, C P Tank, Mumbai 400004 INDIA, E-Mail: manishymodi@gmail.com

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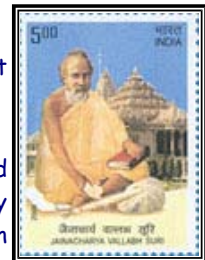
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JAIN NEWS FROM PUNJAB

For the first time, to celebrate Mahaveer Jayanti , Punjab Government released full page advertisements in 40 newspapers across the state. Earlier in 1947, Punjab Government had released similar greetings. Sri Rakesh Jain, chief of Bhagwan Mahaveer Seva Sansthan, Ludhiana pursued the issue with the government for officially recognizing the most important festival of Jain Community. As part of Mahaveer Jayanti celebrations, Adinath Jain Ladies Organisation of Ludhiana also organized cultural programme (Bhajan Sandhya). The event was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab, Sri Sukhbir Singh Badal. Famous Jain singer from Mumbai, Sri Rajendra Jain and his group gave an impressive performance. On 12th April, Bhagwan Mahaveer Sewa Sansthan organized polio camp & distributed Life support equipments etc. to over 40 persons. Jain Samaj of Ludhiana has also constructed a new Jain Temple Complex which is just 25 km. from Ludhiana. This complex is spread over 121,000 sq. yards of land & comprises a temple, museum, Meditation hall, residential facilities etc. apart from expansive lawns, trees & plants. It is an institution that all jains must visit.

POSTAL STAMP ISSUED ON JAINACHARYA VALLABH VIJAY SURI

To honour Jain Saint Acharya Shreemad Vijay Vallabh Surishwar Ji Maharaj, the Government released a commemorative postage Stamp of Rs. 5/- on 21st February, 2009 at Chennai.



Jain Acharya Vallabh Vijay Suri ji Maharaj is an example par excellence of humanism and spiritualism. Chhagan (childhood name) was born at Vadodara in November 1870 AD to worthy parents Deepchand and Icchabai. In search of peace he studied under his holiness, Jain Acharya Shree Vijaynand Suriji Maharaj (popularly known as Guru Atmaramji), the then highly venerated saint and a profound scholar of Jainism. Chhagan entered monkhood (sadhu) renouncing worldly life in 1887 AD at Radhanpur (Gujarat) at the tender age of 17 years. He was later christened Muni Vallabh Vijay. Guru Atmaramji taught Muni Vallabh the Jaina philosophy propounded by Lord Mahavir viz Ahimsa (non-violence), Anekant (non-absolutism), Aparigraha (non-possessiveness). Vallabh also mastered study of contemporary religions. Unfortunately, the illustrious Guru did not live long but he surely advised Muni Vallabh to set up, not only places of worship, but also educational institutions and service centres which would help both men and women to understand religion in its true perspective.

True to his Master, Muni Vallabh worked for the welfare of the society irrespective of caste, class and creed. He initiated various programmes to eradicate Ignorance, Superstition and Illiteracy. His humane approach, scientific outlook and practical life endeared him to the masses. He was bestowed with Acharyaship in 1924 at Lahore (now in Pakistan). He placed before the mankind, both by precept and practice, the highest moral and spiritual values of life. He widely traveled barefooted as enjoined on Jain Monks, many times all over Maharashtra, Gujrat, Saurashtra, Rajasthan, U.P, M.P, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir to spread this message.

This visionary Saint, realizing the prime needs of the society emphasized on giving moral and righteous education,

to improve standard of life. He laid special emphasis on the education of women. He motivated the society to establish a large number of schools, college, gurukuls, libraries and centres of craft and learning in many parts of the country. Opening of Shri Mahavira Jaina Vidyalyay at Mumbai as far back as 1915 and its subsequent branches, Shri Atmanand Jain Gurukul at Gujranwala and Shri Atmanand Jain college at Ambala are just but a few of the glorious examples. Some people were, however, skeptical that modern education would spoil culture. To dispel their doubts and apprehensions he gave a beautiful example by saying "In thid developing age, if one wants to light the room or move the fan or start a machine, use of electricity is essential. And God forbid if electricity burns someone, the fault lies with the user and not with electricity.

Acharyashree was an exponent of research work. He became instrumental in collecting and preserving thousands of volumes of priceless handwritten manuscripts and published works on Indology at Shri Mahavira Jaina Vidyalyaya, Mumbai and Jain Gurukul Gujranwala and other libraries as valuable store house of knowledge and cultural heritage. He advised to marshal the existing data within the framework of modern research. Acharyashree aroused people from slumber wherever he went during the freedom movement. Identifying himself with freedom struggle, Acharyashree wore khadi throughout his life. He was a patriot to the core. Swadeshi found an echo in his speeches. Acharyashree strongly depreciated display of wealth and extravagance on social occasion, dowry and such other evils. Though born in Gujrat, he always promoted Hindi as national language. He was a renowned orator, author and poet. In addition to sevral works in prose, he wrote about 1600 poems, songs and hymns in Hindi, rich both in language and content.

Acharyashree came into contact with great patriots of the nation like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Motilal Nehru, Shri Moraji Desai and other stalwarts of the freedom movement and luminaries of pre and post independence era. He supported Satyagraha and non - cooperation as potent yet non- violent tools to achieve independence. His 14 points formula for worked peace, highly appreciated by Shri Moraji Desai and the then Prime Minister Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru became the base for Panchsheel doctrine. For the all round development of the society, Acharyashree had, in fact,made shiksha (education), seva (service), sangathan (unity), sahitya (literature) and swavlamban (self- reliance) as his creed and mission of life. Courtesy : Shri. Raj Kumar Jain, Secretary General Shree Atma Vallabh Jain Samarak Shikshan Nidhi, Delhi - 110 036. E-Mail : rkjain@enkayrub.com, Tele : 27693333 & 34



POSTAL STAMPS ISSUED TO HONOUR -HARAKH CHAND NAHATA

Shri. Harakh Chand Nahata was a prominent Indian businessman and social leader. He was the first person who started road transportation in the difficult and inhabitable terrain of Tripura. Handling the largest Railway Out agency in Tripura (Tripura Town out Agency) and establishing a large network of road transport at heavy costs and risks, he was instrumental in starting economic development and two way traffic to bring economic gains for the tribal people and the state of Tripura. He contributed a lot for the development of cinema in Eastern India through his Technicians Studio. Calcutta, with which many internationally acclaimed directors like Satyajit Ray, Hritwik Ghatak & Basu Bhattacharya etc. were associated. Later, he turned a film financier and Realtor and was known as an honest and upright person in trade circles. Shri Harakh Chand Nahata encouraged many upcoming artists of films and performing arts with his sanguine advice, help and patronage. He was a great connoisseur of art and literature and secretly helped many budding artists, poets and writers. He spotted talents of writers and published many books at his own cost to encourage them including a Hindi monthly magazine. He was a prolific reader with a razor sharp analytical mind and compassioned heart. Date Of Issue:- 28.02.2009.

THEFT IN JAIN TEMPLES

The cases of theft of valuable items in Jain temples keep on occurring frequently and only in rare cases, the culprits have been brought to book by the authorities. Recently, theft of two Jain idols and donation boxes took place in a Digambar Jain temple at Vaishnodevi Nagar near the airport in Jaipur. The thieves broke open the wooden door to make entry into the main hall of the temple. The two idols belonged to Shri Parshwanath Ji and Shri Muni Suvrat swami. The donation boxes contained about six months' collection. The matter was promptly reported to the local police but no arrests have reportedly been made so far. Likewise, theft case occurred at

Bangalore town in Bharati Nagar area in Bhagwan Munisuvrat Swami's temple belonging to Shwetambar sect. A gold belt studded with expensive diamonds, placed on the head of the idol, costing several lakhs of rupees was removed by the culprits. Though the matter was immediately reported to the police, the investigations are still going on.

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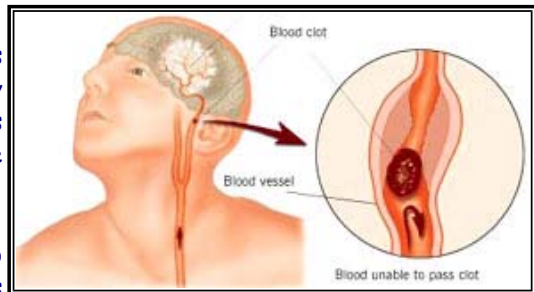
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FIRST CARE FOR STROKE

Blood Clots / Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue - STROKE IDENTIFICATION - A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.



RECOGNIZING A STROKE - Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S *Ask the individual to SMILE.
- T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (I.e. It is sunny out today.)
- R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke. A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

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JAIN DIKSHA

Bhagwati diksha was accorded by Shri Virag Sagar Ji maharaj, belonging to Digambar sect at Jain Teerth, Shri Girnar Ji to seven aspirants on the 8th March, 2009. Various formal functions and worships were conducted on the two previous days. The newly christened saints were named as: (1). S. Shri Vishwavibhu Sagar ji, (2) Vidambar Sagar Ji (3) Vibhaswar Sagar ji, (4) Vishwalokesh Sagar Ji, (5)Vishwateerth Sagar Ji (6) Vishwamitra Sagar Ji and (7) Vimal Bhaiya Ji.



Jain May Month Festivals Courtsey Dr. Rajendera Muni, Delhi

S.No.	Date	Festivals
1.	03.05.2009	Sri Sumatinath Tap Kalyanak
2.	04.05.2009	Sri Mahavir Gyan Kalyanak
3.	05.05.2009	Smriti Diwas, Acharya Shri Devendermuniji.M.S.(S.S.)
4.	07.05.2009	Sri Dharamnath Garbh Kalyanak
5.	08.05.2009	Smriti Diwas, Jaimalji M. S.(S.S.)
6.	11.05.2009	Smriti Diwas, Acharya Shri Raghunath M. S.(S.S.)
7.	15.05.2009	Sri Shreyansnath Garbh Kalyanak
8.	19.05.2009	Sri Vimalnath Garbh Kalyanak
9.	21.05.2009	Sri Ananthnath Janm Tap Kalyanak
10.	23.05.2009	Sri Shantinath Janm Tap, Moksh Kalyanak
11.	24.05.2009	Sri Ajitnath Garbh Kalyanak
12.	24.05.2009	Smriti Diwas, Acharya Shri Shivmuniji M. S.(S.S.)
13.	27.05.2009	Sri Dharamnath Moksh Kalyanak
14.	27.05.2009	Smriti Diwas, Shri Ambalalji M.S.(S.S.)
15.	28.05.2009	Sri Dharamnath Moksh Kalyanak
16.	31.05.2009	Shrut Panchami Parv

DEVLOK-GAMAN / SANTHARA

Mahasati Shri Umraon Kanwar Ji Maharaj 'Archana', belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh and disciple of late Shri Mishrimal Ji maharaj, breathed her last at Ajmer on the 22nd April, 2009 after a prolonged illness. The entire Sthanakwasi Jain community was shocked to learn about her sad demise. Devotees from all over the country rushed to Ajmer to have her last darshan, to pay homage to their most revered sadhwi and to participate in the funeral procession which was taken out on the 23rd April through the streets of Ajmer. Condolence meetings were held in various towns of Rajasthan and elsewhere to pay homage to her on getting the news of her devlok. At Ajmer, it was decided by 'Manav Seva Sansthan', a religious institution, that a befitting memorial will be built in Ajmer in her memory at a cost of Rs. 5 crores. It will be named as "Archana Dham" and it will house a hostel for Jain students, a vradhashram (Old men's home), Yoga sadhna Kendra, Dharmshala, Paushadhshala, Pravachan hall and sthanak.



SANTHARA SAMADHIMARAN OF SHRI GUMAN MAL JI CHORDIA AT JAIPUR - Shri Guman Malji Chordia, an eminent social worker, a highly devoted and dedicated Sthanakwasi Jain and a diamond merchant by family profession had accepted 'santhara' on the 16th March, 2009 at Jaipur. He then took a vow of silence (Maun vrat) on the 20th March. After 5 days, he left for his heavenly abode, leaving all the worldly chores after the mid-night of 25th March. His body was kept for darshan in the morning



of 26th March and then it was taken in a procession from his house at Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg to the cremation ground at Adarsh Nagar, passing through Trimurti Circle and Moti Doongri road. His body was shown in a sitting posture, seated in a gracefully decorated baikunthi. People of all sects and communities not only from the town of Jaipur but from many other near-by places had joined the procession and paid their homage to the departed soul. Well-decorated horses and elephants formed a part of the majestic procession. Coins and dry fruits were being showered around the procession by family members. The cremation was carried out in a traditional way in a manner similar to that for the Jain saints. In fact, he had been leading a pious, austere and saintly life for he last many years.

Shri Chordia had been Chairman of All India Sadhumargi Jain Sangh, Bikaner for 6 years and patron and member of several Jain societies, institutions, schools and hospitals. He had accompanied Acharya Shri Nanesh at one time to a village near Ratlam where was instrumental in inspiring all the local people of a village 'Balai' to stop taking meat and start living on pure vegetarian meals. He had been regularly observing two-day, three-day, four-day and eight-day fasts. Jain community of Jaipur feels proud of having such a devoted, dedicated, dignified and graceful person with them.

Members of Ahimsa Foundation join to pray almighty that his soul may rest in eternal peace and tranquility.



SAD DEMISE

Dr. Mahesh Kumar Jain, Founder Trustee & President of Navkar Tirty Atishya Kshetra, Delhi, left for his heavenly abode on 7th April, 2009. Uthavni was held on 9 April, 2009 at our residence 14/27-B, Shakti Nagar, Delhi - 110 007. Smt. Shree Mala Jain (Mother), Smt. Sushila Jain (Wife) Dr. Rajiv Jain (Brother), Prashant Jain & Mohit Jain (Sons) Shruti Jain (Daughter-in-Law), Priynka Jain (Daughter), Mansihka Jain (Grand Daughter). Indica Publishers & Distributors Pvt. Ltd., (M) 98-1012-1450, Shree Publisher & Distributors, (M) 98-1082-1450.

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