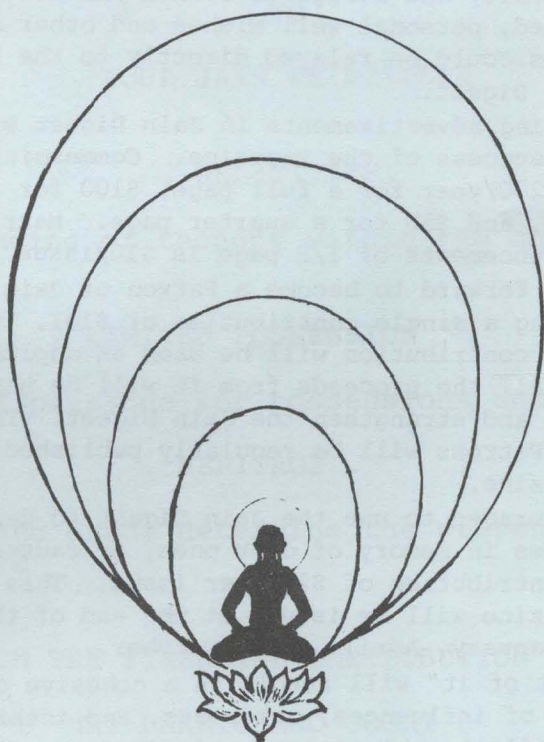


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## THE JAIN DIGEST YOU'RE PART OF IT

The Federation of Jain Association in North America chartered a course of action during its deliberations in the last Convention in Detroit, May 25-26, 1985, to publish a news magazine to strengthen the process of disseminating information of the community and on the community as and when it happened.

You're part of it, and to facilitate to make it happen, the Jain Digest openly embraces the idea of inviting everyone to be a part of it in whatever way one chooses. Here are some as suggestions:

- Community and religious events planned and performed, personal well wishes and other newsworthy items could be relayed directly to the Editor of Jain Digest.
- Placing advertisements in Jain Digest will enhance the success of the Magazine. Commercial ad cost is \$200/year for a full page, \$100 for a half page, and \$50 for a quarter page. Matrimonial announcements of 1/8 page is \$10/issue.
- Come forward to become a Patron of Jain Digest by making a single contribution of \$101. This life time contribution will be used as capital outlay and all the proceeds from it will be used to sustain and strengthen the Jain Digest. The list of the Patrons will be regularly published in the Magazine.
- Encouraged to use the Jain Digest to dedicate its issues in memory of dear ones, or causes, through a contribution of \$200 per issue. This quarterly magazine will be issued at the end of the months of January, April, July, October.

"You're part of it" will result in a cohesive complimentary sphere of influences, interests, and interactions and would reflect achievements and advances. Therefore, active consideration and commitment from all are vital, and the success will be measured through participation of the individuals and the member organizations.

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## COMING EVENTS

JAIN SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND will celebrate 'Nirvan Day' of Lord Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankar on November 24, 1985, at India Community Center. The celebration will include a variety of programs like pooja, devotional songs, talk by prominent speakers, performance by children and pot luck dinner.

JAIN COMMUNITY OF TOLEDO, OHIO, holds regularly monthly Jain Family Prayer Meeting on a Sunday in one of the host member's residence. The program consists of prayer, Jain story narration for children, stavns, arti and discussion of a chosen topic on religion. Further information could be obtained from Mr. S. N. Prakash at (419) 882-1069, and there is an open invitation for all.

FEDERATION OF JAIN ASSOCIATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA has plans to hold Regional Jain Family Camp in summer, '86. The Federation likes to solicit any suggestions and ideas in this regard. Please contact the President, Dr. Salgia at (216) 884-8939 in Cleveland; the Secretary, Dr. Suleck Jain at (513) 777-1554 in Cincinnati; The First Vice-President, Mr. Laxmichand Gogri at (313) 336-0583 in Detroit; and the Vice-Presidents, Mr. Himat Dagli at (415) 489-2196 in California, and Mr. Vasant Gandhi at (617) 324-0393 in Boston.

TODARMAL TRUST, Rajasthan, India, will hold Jain Religious camp in Jaipur, India, from December 19-23 for people from India and abroad. Lodging and boarding will be provided free and arrangements can be made for sightseeing. Write to Dr. H. C. Bharill, A-4 Bapu Nagar, Jaipur, India 302105

DETROIT JAIN SOCIETY will celebrate Mahavir Nirvan Day on Nov. 9, 1985. Snatra Pooja will be performed on the same day. A General Body Meeting will be called the same day to hold elections for 1986. Entertainment will be followed by dinner.

## PARYUSHAN DASHALAXAN PARVA

The great celebration of spiritual awareness -- Paryusan Dasha Laxan Parva -- is an important annual event for all Jains all over the world. This year the festivity started from August 13th and lasted up to September 27th. Jains observe fastings during the period and indulge rigorously in the religious activities throughout these holy days. The celebration is to seek solutions to the complexities of normal life and to redress the omissions and commissions that have occurred. All Jains look back to the immediate past year to review and reflect the past actions and resolve to lead a spiritually cleaner life in the days to come.

The eighth day of the festivity is Samvatsari, the day of meditation, group prayer and temple visit. "Michhami Dukkaram", as said in the Prakrit language of the Jains, is the day of forgiveness.

Here is a brief report of the celebrations of the festivity organized by various Jain Associations in North America:

Freemont, California. The Jain Center of Northern California began the festivity on September 15th with Snatra pooja at Centerville Community Center in Freemont. A gathering of 200 people participated in the celebrations. The religious activity was started with chanting of mantras and stavans. A short play by children was performed depicting one of the incidents in the life of Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara. There was children choir of 12 presenting devotional songs and recitals by young individuals. The main event, Snatra pooja -- bathing and anointment of the idol with sandalwood paste -- was performed with chantings of hymns and devotional songs. Arti and mangal divo and Shanti Kalash were the final items of the celebration. The

activity ended with light entertainment and pot luck dinner.

On September 18th, Samvatsari pratikraman was held at three places: San Jose, Sunnyvale and Fremont, to facilitate Jain families in the area to participate in the festivities.

Detroit, Michigan. Jain Center of Greater Detroit celebrated the festivities from September 11-19. There was daily Bhavana and arti during the period. Dr. Ratan Jain, a modern thinker and an author from Nagpur, India, was the chief guest on September 11-12. Dr. Jain delivered discourses about the importance of Paryushan and its prominence in the Jain Shravaka tradition.

Panch Kalyan pooja was held at Northwest Unitarian Church on September 14th. This was sponsored by Mahendra and Saroj Shah, Pankaj and Meena Shah, and Narendra and Damini Shah. A big audience at the auspicious function attributed its success to the spiritual and moral perseverance of the community members.

The biggest event of the festivities, Swapna Darshan, was celebrated on the 15th at Bharatiya Temple in Troy. Celebrations were started with a welcome speech from Mr. Suresh Shah, the President of Detroit Jain Center. Mr. Arvin Shah of Saginaw gave a talk on Swapna Darshan. The children choir led the audience with Namokar Mantra. The auctioning of various items of Swapna brought in approximately \$13,000.00 contributions. Mr. Sharad Shah, Vice-President, was in charge of on site management.

A large gathering of over 350 people took part in the celebrations.

Samvatsari pratikraman was celebrated on the 18th and it was sponsored by Dr. Natwarlal and

Manjula Shah. Parna day -- break of fasting -- for people who underwent fasting during Paryushan was hosted by Dr. Jim and Kundan Sata.

Following members observed fasting: 10 days by Mrs. Gita Tolia; 9 days by Mrs. Asha Sheth; 8 days by Mrs. Kalpana Badani, Mrs. Bharti Modi, Mrs. Bhanu Shah, Mrs. Puvi Shah and Dr. Jim Satz. There were 35 other members who observed fasting for a three-day period.

Toronto, Canada. Paryushan festivities were celebrated by the members of the Jain Society of Toronto with various religious activities throughout the period. The Society organized Paryushan based on the calendar that suited their traditions. The first calendar event was celebrated on August 13th during which a large number of people participated. Samvatsari Pratikraman was held on August 30th.

The second tradition of the festivity was held between September 11-18. The third traditionalist celebrated the festivity between September 19-27.

Each traditional festivity celebration had all the poojas, stavans, bhavanas in the same functionary fashion except for the calendar days varying to the various traditions.

Chicago, Illinois. An eight-day Paryushan parva festivities was organized by the Jain Society of Chicago. Daily bhavanas and meditations were held between September 11-13 at various locations in the city.

#### UPAVAS - FASTING

...the word upavas in its original sense stands for upa, means closer, and vas means to be. Hence, the inner meaning of upavas is Being Closer to the Soul. Discarding greed, anger and forgiveness is Upavas. Its aim is to obtain self-awareness and think of the soul.

- Munishri Pushpadanta

Panch Kalyan pooja was celebrated on the 14th. It started at 2:00 p.m. and before the sunset, dinner was served to all. On the 15th, Mahavira Conception Day was celebrated with a large number of people in attendance. On the 16th, bhavana was held and on the 17th, there was the reading of Athmasiddhi. The end of Paryushan festivities came to close on the 18th with the celebration of Samvatsari pratikraman.

Garland, Texas. Jain Society of Northern Texas celebrated Paryushan '85 under the direction of Muni Amarendra from Siddhachalam. He was the chief guest specially invited for the occasion. Pravachan and bhavana were held daily between 7:00-9:00 p.m. at various locations in the metroplex. On September 1st, Pancha Kalyan Pooja was celebrated and Samvatsari pratikraman was observed on the 18th between 5:00-8:00 p.m.

It is noted here that Rekha Sudhir Shah, one of the members, fasted for the entire eight-day period. This is the first for the Jain Society of Northern Texas.

Elmhurst, New York. Jain Center of America had an ambitious Paryushan festivity in 1985. Dr. Kumarpal Desai from Gujrat, India was invited specially for the festivities. Various daily functions of pooja, discourse, meditation and other religious activities were organized during the period September 11-18.

The celebrations of Mahavira Conception Day attracted a large participation of over 1,500 people.

'Activities Interaction' was organized during the festivity. Open invitations were sent out



by the Jain Center of America to Jains from other parts of the country to participate. Mr. Naresh and Meena Shah coordinated the task of lodging the visitors for 'action interaction' program. The festivity provided an opportunity for the members from different parts of the country to get acquainted, meet together, resulting in an interaction thought. In this regard, Mr. Arvind Vora, secretary of the Center, declared: "The aim to promote interaction through participation of the members from various associations has been successful".

This is the list of members who fasted during the Paryushan. Mrs. Kailash Shah fasted for nine days. Mrs. Jyotsna Gandhi, Mr. Ramesh Lakhani, Mrs. Nina Patadia, Mrs. Urmila Sanghavi, Mrs. Hema Shah, Mrs. Usha Shah, Mrs. Kusum Vadhar and Mrs. Sheela Vasa fasted for eight days. Mrs. Rupa Shah did fasting for four days. Members, fasted for three days, are: Mrs. Nehali Jhaveri, Mrs. Pushpa Jhaveri, Mr. Shamal Potani, Mrs. Aarati Shah, Mrs. Jaya Shah, Mrs. Kusum Shah, Mrs. Kusum Chinu Shah, Mrs. Manju Shah, Mrs. Minaxi Shah, Mrs. Nina Shah, Mr. Ramesh Shah, Mrs. Sharada Shah and Mrs. Vimala Vakani.

Washington, D.C. Paryushan Parva '85 was celebrated by Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington with various religious activities.

Dr. Ratan Kumar Jain delivered a lecture on Jain principles and paryushan parva on September 8th.

Mahavira Janma Vanchan celebration was held on September 14th. Various Dream Darshan events were carried out in the traditional way. The events included were swinging and carrying of the swapnas and the holy cradle. About 90 families attended and \$8,000.00 raised through the auctioning of swapnas.

Samvatsari Pratikraman on September 18th began at 5:30 p.m. with a talk on the significance of Pratikraman. Recitation of Pratikraman hymns was done with bidding by the participants.

On September 22nd, Dr. Kumarpal Desai, noted Jain scholar from Gujrat, excited the members of the Society with Pratikraman talk.

Cleveland, Ohio. Jain Society of Greater Cleveland celebrated Paryushan '85 from September 11-18. Daily devotional songs, chantings of mantras, meditation and other related religious activities were held at the residences of various members.

A bus was chartered on September 15th and the members visited Detroit to witness and participate in the Dream ceremonies organized by the Detroit Jain Society. The same night, the members returned from Detroit to Cleveland.

Pittsburg, Ohio. The Hindu and the Jain temple of Pittsburg organized Mahavir Conception Day celebrations at the temple during the Paryushan festivities. The program was well attended. After stavans and bhavana, two lectures were delivered on the importance and auspiciousness of the celebration. Sant Narayan Muni and Swami Dharmanand spoke very lucidly. The Dream Ceremonies were the highlights of the day. Mr. Vinod Doshi coordinated the activities of the day.

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Documentary film, "Jain Temples of India, Heritage of Lord Mahavira, and Bahubali Gomateshwara Thousandth year of homage" on video (VHS) tape is available. If interested please send cheque for U.S. \$17.50 payable to T. J. Salgia, 5540 Woodbury Hills Drive, Parma, OH 44134. Any profit derived from the sale will be donated to Jain Federation of North America.

Cincinnati, Ohio. The Jain Center of Cincinnati-Dayton celebrated Paryushan from September 11th to 18th. During this period, a Bhavana program was held each evening at member's residence. On the 15th, Dream Dharsan festivity was organized at Hindu Temple. Piyushah and Vina Shah, from Youth Group, spoke on the importance of the day's festivity. The auctioning of various items of the Dream Darshan brought in over \$4,000.00. The attendance was large and several people from Lexington and Columbus participated.

A temple built in wood by Mr. Pravin Shah, a member of the Center, was one of the attractions of this function.

Samvatsari Pratikraman was held on the 18th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Chotu Shah, Mr. Pulin Sheth, Mrs. Jyoti Shah, and Mrs. Ela Mehta fasted for eight days and Miss Sangeeta Jain fasted for six days. Others, Mrs. Ila Punater, Mrs. Rekha Shah, Mrs. Manjula Shah, Mr. Piyush Shah and Mr. Damaroo Shah fasted between 2-3 days.



DR. KUMARPAL DESAI  
IN DETROIT

Dr. Desai was invited by the Jain Society of Detroit on September 20-21 to deliver lectures on Jain philosophy for the benefit of the members.

## ARHUM YOGA CAMP

The second session of the camp was held from August 18-31. Adults, youths, and children attended the session. There was Jain and non-Jain participants. Main Activities of the camp were silent meditation, Jain philosophy, reincarnation. Learned teachers on these subjects were on hand. Other activities included were swimming, horse riding, roller skating, music, and much more.

Acharya Sushil Kumar gave a talk from 10:00-12:00 a.m. on Jain philosophy, Namokkar Mantra colours and colours of human aura.

Many participants were happy of their new experience at the camp and indicated their desire to go back next year.

## CHICAGO JAIN SOCIETY OPTS FOR TEMPLE

The Jain Society of Chicago has been quietly working since last year to have a temple for its members. Many properties were considered before it made a final selection of a building. This property is located in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Formerly, it was a public school. Its appraised value is \$1.5 million. It has a total area of 26,000 square feet.

A bid has been made to acquire this property at a price of \$300,000.00 and a deposit of \$27,501.00 has been made in consideration of the purchase and as down payment.

## JAIN NOVELTIES

Numerous varieties of pendants and necklaces with impressions such as Lord Mahavira, Om, and other Tirthankaras in sterling silver, made in U.S.A., are available for sale. Information from Dr. Salgia at (216) 884-8939 can be obtained.

## RECEPTION FOR THE NEWLY WEDS

Mr. Sachindra K. Jain of Mississauga, Ontario, held a wedding reception for the newly wed couple, Arvin and Meera Jain, on August 24th, at Party Place, 390 Dixon Road, Toronto.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. Gokul Chandra and Mohini Jain of Delhi, and the bride is the daughter of the late Omprakash and Sarla Jain of Delhi.

To mark the happy occasion, Mr. S. K. Jain and Mr. Arvin Jain became the Patrons of Jain Digest, each contributing \$101.00

## SAVITA JOINS HUSBAND

Mr. Deepak Jain of Hamilton, Canada, married recently Savita Jain of Delhi. Savita arrived in Canada lately to join her husband. Happy union to the young couple.

## MUNI SUSHIL KUMAR IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Yoga Society of Rochester invited Acharya to address the members and the students of the Society. The discourse, 'Role of Individual In Peace Movement' was very informative, ingenious and very interesting, although the audience was of different background. A new thought of Jain point of view of Ahimsa and Peace in the Peace Movement was explained.

## SYMPOSIUM: AHIMSA & PEACE AT McMASTER UNIVERSITY

International Mahavira Jain Mission Canada, in cooperation with India-Canada Association, organized the symposium on Saturday, the 21st, at McMaster University. The Mayor of Hamilton, Mr. Robert Morrow, Professor Paul Dekar, Dr. G. Subbiah of McMaster, and His Holiness Acharya Sushil Kumar, were the speakers at the symposium.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am writing to let you know about a significant event in the promotion of Jainism to the American public and to ask your personal help in making this event a success.

An hour-long documentary, "Ahimsa--Non-Violence," is currently being produced, to be aired on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) network. This documentary will explain for the first time to a national audience the teachings and philosophy of Jainism.

The film is being produced by Ms. Marion Hunt of Beverly Hills, California, with the assistance of KRMA-TV, the PBS affiliate in Denver. Professor Jaini of UCLA - Berkeley, is the script consultant. H. H. Sushilkumarji and Chitrabhanuji, prominent Jain spiritual leaders, will be among those interviewed and narrating the film.

The purpose of the documentary is to represent to the American public true Jainism and its fundamental principles of "live and let live and help to live". Many places of Jain pilgrimage in India will be shown, including a number of our temples. Part of the film will focus on the daily religious routines of Jain monks. Interviews will also be conducted with Jain religious leaders, as well as practicing believers.

The costs of developing the documentary are being offset by a number of contributions of money and services. KRMA-TV is providing equipment, crews, and post-production facilities, worth approximately \$30,000. Air India has provided free travel for the production principals to India. The India government tourist office is assisting in local arrangements and coordination for the production crew, and the Oberoi Hotel has offered free lodging in Delhi and Bombay. Ms. Hunt, the producer, has herself underwritten about \$7,000 in production costs from her own funds.

The project still needs help, however, if this documentary is to be aired. About \$11,000 in post-production

costs--editing, sound mixing, and the like--still remains unfunded. KRMA-TV is requiring that funds for these costs be raised from individual contributors: station policy does not allow for foundation or business donations for these costs.

I am asking you to support this important project by making a personal contribution. You should write a personal cheque, payable to KRMA-TV 6 Denver, and send it to me; I will collect these donations and forward them to KRMA-TV, according to arrangements made with the station's program director. Your donation is tax deductible.

This is an important opportunity to teach the American people about true Jainism. Your support will be considered a "vidhyadan"--among the highest kinds of "dan" prescribed by our religion. I urge you to make a personal contribution and to encourage your friends to donate, too.

Please feel free to call or write me if you need additional information. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

T. J. Salgia  
President.

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Please return this form

I/we pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the production of documentary film entitled "Ahimsa--Non-Violence". My cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed herewith.

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## SHANTALA, THE HOYSALA QUEEN IN COLOUR AND CINEMASCOPE

Sravanbelgol, Karnatak. Over one thousand years ago, Hoysala Kingdom ruled India, south of Vindhya mountains. It was during this time the last king of the Hoysala dynasty, Bittivardhana, had raised Jain art, culture, and religion to its full prominence. His queen Shantala was the name of the whole country for what she stood for and what she did for her subjects in the whole fabric of the nation. She built numerous Jain temples; she professed her Jain faith to the fullest extent and supported all the cultural values, literature and the art. Bittivardhana, by change of faith, became Vishnuvardhana, but Queen Shantala never ceased practising Jain faith until her last breath.

The queen popularly known as Shantala among the people of yesterday, and even today, still lives in the hearts of all the people in Karnatak for her dedication and contribution to the art, culture and religion. Now, Shantala will be brought back to life on the screen, in colour, and in cinemascope, by the acclaimed and authoritative film producer-writer-actor-director, Mr. G. V. Iyer. The film will be made at a cost of one crore of rupees.

The queen will again relive her life on the celluloid and it is a great occasion for this Jain history to be witnessed again.

### JAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS TO TOUR OVERSEAS

Bombay. The Bombay Jain Youth Organization has chosen some dedicated community workers to undertake overseas tour. Its objective is to meet community workers, to exchange ideas, and



to obtain a first hand knowledge of the current thought of the community in various parts of the world. This will lead to mutual benefits for the communities at home and abroad.

### PRIME MINISTER OPENS JAIN REST HOUSE

Indore, Madhya Pradesh. July 13th. A Jain Rest House built by Jain Tirth Trust at a cost of Rs.800,000 was declared open by the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. On this occasion, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was presented with a silver replica of the building.

### BAHUBALI BROUGHT TO INDORE

A marble statue of Bhagwan Bahubali was received at an auspicious ceremony held by the citizens of Indore. The statue is 21 feet in height and was beautifully carved by Shri Suraj Narayan of Rajasthan. The statue will be installed on a nearby hill, Gomatagiri. The committee chairman, Mr. Babulal Patodia, informs that Gomatagiri will be made to become the State's tourist attraction.

### PARSWANATH IDOL CONSECRATED IN NEW TEMPLE

Dhindivanam, Tamilnadu. The newly built Parswanath temple here was an important news for the Jains in Tamilnadu province. The idol of 23rd Tirthankara Parswanath was recently consecrated in this new temple in the town of Dhindivanam. Shri Laxmisen Swami, the Bhattarak of Jina Kanchi (Conjeevaram) graced the ceremonies. Panch Kalyan pooja, cultural and devotional items and lectures by Jain scholars were organized for a period of six days.

## OVERSEAS NEWS OVERSEAS NEWS OVERSEAS NEWS

Leicester, England. The Jain Samaj of Europe and the members greeted the arrival of the idols of Tirthankaras from India. They held a ceremony of "Tirthankara Darshan" on the arrival of the idols.

The idols are of Lord Shantinath, the 13th Tirthankar, Lord Parshvanath, the 23rd Tirthankara and of the 24th Tirthankara, Lord Mahavira. The idols were air lifted from India and they arrived on August 19th.

The consecration of the idols and the ceremonies took place on August 25th. The idols were installed in the newly constructed Jain temple. Many devotees from various parts of England and the continental Europe participated in the auspicious ceremonies. A very joyous occasion for the Jain Samaj of Europe in realizing this formidable task of establishing a Jain Temple in the continent. Indeed, it is joyous occasion for all Jainsworld over.

### THE SIDDHA CHAKRA POOJA

Mr. Babubhai Khadiwala from Gujrat, India, visited England specially to perform the Pooja. On August 18th, Mr. Khadiwala performed the Siddha Chakra Pooja in Leicester and in London, the Pooja was performed on August 31st.

### JAIN SAMAJ OF EUROPE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Jain Samaj of Europe conducted its annual general body meeting on September 1, 1985. Dr. Natubhai Shah was elected President of the Samaj.

# Jain Leader Urges Non-Violence

BY KIMBERLY CROCKETT

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Theirs is a religion of non-violence—a solemn reverence is maintained for all living things, even insects.

On the occasion of the Lord Krishna's birthday, a celebration of India's Jain religion, the Jain Acharya Shri Sushil Kumarji, a prominent leader, scholar and reformer, was in Cincinnati Saturday to lecture at the Hindu Temple in Clifton.

He is the founder-president of the World Fellowship of Religions and president of the Ahimsa (Non-violent) International Movement.

The Acharya's visit falls on the final days of Paryushana, the Festival of Fasts. Paryushana, an eight-day festival, is considered the most important celebration in the Jain religion. It means the merging or coming-together, and is a symbol of growth and transformation. It is also a time of cleansing one's soul and asking loved ones for forgiveness.

THE JAIN religion has existed for more than 5,000 years, dating back to the Indus Valley civilization in Asia.

Prior to his 8 p.m. lecture at the Hindu Temple of Cincinnati in Clifton on the "Relevance of Lord Krishna's Teachings in Today's World," the Acharya rested at the home of Dr. Sulekh C. Jain in Union Township, Butler County.

The Acharya's appearance was not to recruit people to Jainism, he said. Instead, he hopes to convert souls gently so they embody the principles of harmony, love and peace.

SHRI SUSHIL KUMARJI

... lectures on Jain faith

The Acharya spoke of the founding principles of Jainism and the impact it has had on the world. The power of non-violence, he said, was best exhibited by Mahatma Gandhi.

"Non-violence is a oneness with all living beings. Non-violence is a way of life, of society of politics. We are all members of one family."

AFTER GANDHI, people began thinking more about non-violence, said the Acharya. Freedom and equality, rather than attained by law, can be achieved by "working on the spirit of man," as Gandhi did.

Non-violence will save the world from annihilation, he said. Threatened by nuclear weapons, the world is headed for either "total destruction or total survival," he said. "Total destruction is not so far. If you want to survive, you have to change your ideas and ideology."

Jainism is not the major religion in India, but its followers live all over the world. The Dayton and Columbus area have about 500 members. Practitioners are strictly vegetarian and will not consume eggs or fish.

## IN MEMORIUM

### JAYNESH VICTIM OF CAR ACCIDENT

Mr. Kirti and Bhavna Shah, owners of Casa Don and Airway Motels in Windsor, Canada, mourn the death of their oldest son, Jaynesh, five years old. The boy was struck by a car at about 2:45 p.m. on July 5th, while crossing the road. He was rushed to the hospital immediately with broken bones and possible brain damage. On July 7th, Sunday, at 8:00 p.m., Jaynesh was pronounced dead. Jaynesh was an active, playful boy who liked to have fun and was to have enrolled in the school this Fall.

- . MR. MOHANLAL SHAH, father of Mr. Niranjan Shah of Inkster, Michigan, passed away in Bombay, on June 23rd, at the age of 96.
- . MR. RAMNIK DOSHI, an employee at a Michigan motel was shot dead on duty. The incident occurred in the early morning hours of Sunday, August 25th. The robbers flew away with cash. Mr. Doshi was 44 years old. He is survived by wife, Lalita, three daughters and a son.
- . The father of Dr. Suleckh Jain of Cincinnati recently passed away in Punjab, India.
- . The sister-in-law of Dr. K. C. Bhaiji of Cleveland passed away in India.
- . Amrit Lalchand Shah of Whitby, Ontario, passed away on Monday, August 19th, in his peaceful sleep at his 76th year. Mr. Shah was a prominent auto parts businessman and a prominent Jain in Kenya, Africa. He is survived by five sons and five daughters.
- . Mr. Jutwalal Shah of Kenya, father of Mr. Pravin Shah of Hamilton, passed away on September 16th at the age of 72. He is survived by four sons and three daughters. He was a prominent Jain in the community in Kenya.

## KSHAMAVANI GREETINGS FOR PARYUSHAN TIMES

New Delhi, July 1st. Indian Post and Telegraph has introduced 'Kshamavani Greetings for Paryushan Parva' telegram to facilitate the exchange of greetings between people across India. This facility was long overdue. Indian Post and Telegraph made this facility available on July 1, 1985. The code number, to use the greeting, is 28.

Sowing of hay seed will not reap rice.  
Likewise, gift or glory will not be reaped  
without good karmic duties.

- Lord Mahavira

## JAIN SHRINES RESTORATION IN KARNATAK

Bangalore, Karnatak, August 20th. The Provincial Jain Shrines Restoration Committee of Karnatak has done a splendid job of restoring 20 temples in the state at a cost of Rs. 200,000. All the architectural, engineering and consultation works were carried at no cost to the committee by various professional individuals from within the community. "The India Jain Shrines Restoration Organization has allotted another Rs. 200,000 for the coming year and 20 more temples have been targeted for restoration during this calendar year", Mr. M. C. Anantarajiah, the President of the Provincial Committee, made this statement to a group of journalists.

ACHARYA GNANA SAGAR  
VOW OF SALLEKHANAKH

Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh. August 7th. Acharya Gnana Sagar, 96 years old, took the vow of sallekhanak and relinquished all food, including water, on August 3rd and on August 7th. Acharya left this world when thousands of people flocked to pay their respect. Jain merchants of the city closed their businesses on the day in display of respect to the Acharya.

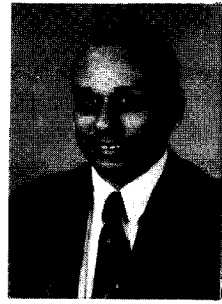
SHODASHA POOJA

Dhadiga, Karnatak. September 15th. This hamlet of Jain prominence in Mandya district celebrated Shodash Pooja from August 31st to September 30th, at the temple of Lord Anant, the 12th Tirthankara. Reading of Shodasha Bhavana, Ratnakarandaka Achara and Jain Siddhanta Sara Sangraha were daily performed. The flower chariot procession of Tirthankara Anant was a big event held on the 6th and it attracted devotees from far and wide within the state.

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ACHARYA SUSHIL KUMAR  
ADDRESSED ROTARIANS IN BLAIRSTOWN

The Rotary Club of Blairstown, in New Jersey, invited Acharya Sushil Kumar as a guest speaker on August 29th. Acharya delivered a lucid lecture on Jainism and Non-Violence. Shri Anand Swami and devotee, Mr. Shantilal Shah of Toronto, had accompanied the Acharya. Mr. Magan Shah of Toronto, a rotarian, was instrumental in arranging this function.

JAIN CHILDREN CAMP

Jain Center of Northern California held a camp on August 10th, at 3676 Delaware Avenue, Free-mont. Acharya Sushil Kumar inaugurated the camp.

The morning session at 9:30 lasted till noon. The lunch and picnic at Lake Elizabeth up to 2:00 p.m. provided freshness for the second session between 2:00-3:00. It was an exciting experience for the children at the camp with Acharya. A discourse was held by Muniji at 3:00 and was followed by question and answer session. Mr. Navin Dedhia and Mr. Jitu Shah were successful in arranging rides for the children.

ITINERARIES OF DR. BHARILL

Dr. Hukumchand Bharill, noted Jain scholar from India, had a very successful mission in North America. His visit was to bring home the message of Jain religion with contemporary commentaries. The theme of his lectures were Jain Dharma and modern science, and culture and society. His itinerary took him to the following Jain centers in North America: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, Toronto, Windsor, New York, Siddhachalam, Rochester, Boston, and Cincinnati.

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