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The scene: The Third Biennial Convention of Jain Federation in Detroit, MI and presided over by the then President, Dr. Manoj Dharamsi. During its deliberations, dialogues and discussions; suggestions and proposals, and ideas and interests, in many forms and numbers, were focussed. Fait accompli of the deliberations is the birth of Jain Digest.

The maiden edition of Jain Digest came out in July 1985. The prime objectives of the magazine, determined by the sum total of the membership and its values, were to strengthen the process of disseminating information and advance the avenues of Jain Religion: its culture, principles and philosophy through news and issues relevant to the present.

Jain Digest had and has its growing pains. As a publication of the Jain Federation, it reaches a wide variety of people throughout the world, and circulated free to the vast majority. Funding for the magazine has been modestly achieved from patrons' financial contributions and volunteer individuals. Nevertheless, more support is warranted in money and people to put the magazine on a solid foundation.

Realising patronage pledges is tricky. However things are rosy except for about 20 pledges. Being unsuccessful after constant requests and reminders, the names of unrealised pledges have been removed from the patrons list. One could see some blanks in the list. Yes, it had a demoralising effect on us who want to work to make Jain Digest work.

During the past years, Jain Digest has seen a slow but continued improvement in contents, format and presentation. Indeed there are scores of places where improvements are still needed. Many readers have expressed too. To make it all happen, continued interest and support need to come from individuals and institutions. The absence of it proves otherwise disastrous.

It is noted here that many individuals, to name a few, Chandu Morbia from Windsor, Surendra Singhvi from St. Louis, Arvind Shah of Saginaw, Harish Jain of Hamilton, Magan Shah of Toronto, Arvind Shah of Troy, Lax Gogri of Detroit, Jagat Jain of Buffalo, Sulekh Jain of Cincinnati, Tansukh Salgia from Parma, Vasu Morchi of Mississauga and Sumat Prakash Jain of Hamilton and many more have encouraged Jain Digest over the period. These men of vision, dedication and contribution are the sum total for the success of Jain Digest. As Editor of Jain Digest, I acknowledge the noble spirit of these noble people and salute.

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REENA MORBIA, the youngest of the family, celebrated her 7th birth day on March 7, 1987. She is the daughter of Mr. Chandu & Ranjan Morbia of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

REENA SHAH, daughter of Mr. Pravin and Kiran Shah of North Lake, Illinois, celebrated her 12th birth day on April 26, 1987.

SUPARSH GOKUL JAIN, son of Mr. Arvindra and Meera Jain of Mississauga, Ontario, celebrated his first birth day on May 03, 1987.

SIRI PADMA KUMAR, the youngest of the family, celebrated her 9th birth day on May 13, 1987. Siri is the daughter of Mr. Bhuvanendra & Brahmila Kumar of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Coming Events

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEACE MAKING, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, May 23, 1987. Jain Religion will be represented at the Conference by Messers Ranka & S.L. Gandhi of Jaipur, India.

ADULT JAIN CAMP, June 13-15, 1987 organised by Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Dr. H.C. Bharill, Director of Todermal Jain Siddhant Institute, Jaipur will conduct. For details, write to Dr. Dharamsi, 11820 Triple Crown Rd., Reston, VA 22091-3014.

TENTH ARHUM YOGA CAMP, June 28 - July 4 & July 5-11, 1987 at Siddhachalam, 65 Mudpond Rd., Blairstown, N.J. 07825.

PRATISHTA CELEBRATIONS - Ceremony and the opening of Jain Centre, Leicester, England, July 19-27, 1987. For information contact Jain Samaj of Europe, 32 Oxford Street, Leicester LE15XV England.

JAIN CAMP, July 3-7, 1987 organised by Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington D.C. Gurdev Chitrabhanu along with his American disciples will lead and conduct the camp. Phone (703) 620-9837.

JAIN CAMP IN DETROIT, July 10-12, 1987, organised by the Jain Society of Greater Detroit, Michigan. For information write: JSD, 3900 Meadowbrook, Troy, MI 48084.

JAIN YOGA CAMP IN NIAGARA, CANADA, August 01-9, 1987, organised by International Mahavira Jain Mission Canada. Details from Surinder Jain (416) 283-9072 or Shanti Shah (416) 881-7535.

CONFERENCE ON VEGETARIANISM - a taste of tomorrow, August 5-9, 1987 at St. Michael's College, downtown campus of the University of Toronto. Opening Keynote speaker is former Canadian tennis pro, Peter Burwash and closing keynote speaker is Paul Obis, Editor of Vegetarian Times. Information at (416) 364-5665.

SECOND INTERFAITH CONFERENCE, Hot Springs Resort, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, August 20-25, 1987, organised by Council for World Religions. Jain Religion will be represented by Mr. S.L. Gandhi, Jaipur, India, who will present a paper, Ritual & Symbol: Their Roles in Jain Religion.

JAIN ESSAY COMPETITION 1987 for youths, by Jain Center of Boston. Topics can be on any subject related to Jain religion, scriptures & comparative study of religions. Essays must reach the center by August 15, 1987 at 83 Fuller Brook Rd., Wellesley, MA 02181. For details call Dr. Vinay Kumar Jain at (617) 237-5997.

PREKSHA YOGA ENCOUNTER '87, from October 25 for 2 weeks, New Delhi, India. Write: Adhyatma Sadhana Center, Mehrouli, ND 10030.

JAIN FESTIVALS

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| May 25, | Monday | Acharya Shanti Sagar Jayanti |
| June 1, | Monday | Shruti Panchami |
| June 14, | Sunday | Muni Buddhi Sagar Anniversary |
| Aug. 21-Sept. 6 | Monday - Sunday | Paryushan Dashaharan Parva |
| September 6, | Sunday | Anant Chaturdashi |
| October 27, | Tuesday | Mahavir Nirvan & Jain New Year |
| November 15, | Sunday | Parshvanath Jayanti |
| December 20, | Sunday | Acharya Samanta Bhadra Jayanti |

MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS

The Birth Day of Lord Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankara in the history of Jain Religion, this year fell on Sunday, April 12, 1987. This is the 2586th celebration in the making of history. Jains and Jain organisations and others have celebrated this auspicious event throughout the world. Here in North America, Mahavir Jayanti celebration is as joyous as anywhere else, and here's a brief account of the joyous celebrations from various Jain organisations, to attest:

BOSTON, MA. Auspicious Mahavir Jayanti was organised on Sunday, April 12 at Jain Center, 15 Cedar St., Norwood, a suburb. Jain Center of Greater Boston arranged the event. The program consisted of various items such as Mangal Path, Bhavana, panel discussion, Boli, Supan and Aarti. Chandrakant vora coordinated the events.

A delicious dinner, prepared by a group of volunteers, was served at the end.

TORONTO, ON. The birth day celebration of Lord Mahavir was organised on Sunday, April 20 by the Jain Society of Toronto. The program began at 2:00 p.m. with poojas in Hindi followed by Gujarati. The president of the Society, Dinesh Jain welcomed the gathering and introduced the Executive members. And the cultural and religious events - Namokar Mantra and devotional songs were presented by a group of children. Master of ceremonies for the event was Meena Shah.

Visiting Sadhvi, Satyavati from Delhi and Gurdev Chitrabhanu delivered lectures on the teachings of Lord Mahavir.

The celebrations came to an end with Aarti followed by a dinner.

HOUSTON, TX. Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated here on April 11 and 12 at 2223 Wirtcrest Av. The celebrations were organised by Houston Jain Society.

The first day celebration began at 8:00 a.m. The highlight was the performance of Siddha Chakra Pooja. It consisted of 20 poojas, from Dwara pooja to Shanti Kalash. Numerous members participated and performed various poojas. Aarti and Mangal Divo brought an end to the mornings program.

The morning program began at 2:00 p.m. Many cultural and entertainment events were presented by children, in group and solo.

The program on the second day, on April 12, was Ayambil, the main feature.

The coordinators of Siddha Chakra pooja were Acharya Mehta and Prabha Chheda. Pradeep Shah coordinated the children program. Ayambil was coordinated by two couples, Pravin & Kokila Jain and Harish & Varsha Mehta.

BUFFALO, NY. The Jain Community of Buffalo celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday, April 12 at Hindu Cultural Center, 1595 N. French Rd. in Getzville, a suburb. The program started at 10:30 a.m. with Namokar Mantra and Mangal Path performed by a group of children. Numerous Bhajans, in praise of Lord Mahavir and other Tirthankaras, were rendered in Hindi, Punjabi & Gajarati languages, in group and solo. The participants were: Meena Shah, Vandana Jain, Kokila Chheda, Lata Kothari, Pramodini Pahade, Urmila Jain, Jagat Prasad Jain and Monisha Jain.

Dr. Jijay Bhandari, Chief Speaker at the gathering, gave a talk on Non-violence, Vegetarianism & Health. The talk, where personal experiences formed the basis of firmness and Faith, was simple, factual and explicitly engaging.

The young Neal Shah, 11 year old grade 6 student, delivered a speech on Ahimsa in reference to the joyous celebrations of Lord Mahavir's birth day and the contradictory social values and justices prevailing to-day.

Mahavir Aarti brought the celebration to an end, and a dinner, prepared by volunteers, was served.

The Tradition of Sharing, one of the missions of Jains for centuries, was reenacted in the evening with a complete vegetarian dinner served to the needy and the destitute at Buffalo City Mission. The Jain Community of Buffalo exemplified this tradition, and Dr. Dhiraj and Pratima Shah of Niagara Falls, N.Y. were thanked for their benevolent act.

VANCOUVER, BC. The Jain Centre of British Columbia celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday, April 12 for the first time. Over twenty Jain families participated in the celebrations. The program consisted of Jain prayers and devotional songs in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. Amit Arya, 9 year old boy, gave a talk on Jain Principles and Lord Mahavir.

CLEVELAND, OH. Mahavir Jayanti celebrations were organised by Jain Society of Greater Cleveland on Sunday, April 12 at India Community Center. Mr. and Mrs. Shantilal Jain Poseria, of Indore, India, were the Keynote Speakers. They spoke on Lord Mahavir's teachings, and convincingly presented that these teachings are equally essential in modern life and for world peace. Pupils from Jain Pathashala class conducted the program with a presentation of story tellings about Lord Mahavir's life, devotional songs and Mangal Charan.

Following Aarti and Mangal Divo, a delicious dinner was served before the sunset.

ST. LOUIS, MO. Jain Center of Greater St. Louis organised Mahavir Jayanti celebrations, for the first time, on April 25 and 26 at the Brown Hall in Washington University.

The program began at 3:00 p.m. with Dr. Surendra Singhvi, President of the Center, welcoming the chief guest, Gurdev Chitrabhanu and introducing him to the gathering.

Gurdev Chitrabhanu gave a lecture on Realize What You Are. The elaborate and often illustrative techniques used by Gurdev in his lecture was simple and to the point. The command of the language and the communication skills of Gurdev created a surge of sure attention and interest in the audience.

In the evening, Gurdev addressed again and a discussion was held along with the audience, on the topic of 'Relevance of Jain Practices in Modern World'.

On April 26, the program began at 10:00 a.m. Gurdev gave a lucid lecture on 'importance of Mahavir Jayanti' for two hours. Around noon, lunch was served.

ANAHEIM, CA. Jain Center of Southern California celebrated the Birth day of Lord Mahavir on Sunday, April 12. Main events of the program were devotional songs, Aarti and Mangal Divo.

DETROIT, MI. Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated with all enthusiasm and excitement here on Saturday, April 11. The function was organised by the Jain Society of Greater Detroit. It was held at Ericksson School Auditorium, 1275 North Haggarty, Canton, a suburb.

The program consisted of religious, cultural and entertainment events. Over 500 members participated in the celebrations.

PITTSBURG, PA. The Jain Community of Pittsburg organised Lord Mahavir's Birth day celebrations on Sunday, April 12 at the Hindu-Jain temple in Monroeville. Various activities such as Bhajans, Pooja, Aarti and Mangal Divo were held to mark the auspicious event.

A delicious dinner was served after the ceremonies.

ESSEX FALLS, NJ. Jain Center of New Jersey celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday, April 12 at Jain Temple, 233 Runnymede Road, Essex Falls. The program began at 12:30 p.m. with Snatra Pooja. The cultural events started at 4:00 p.m. and it consisted of devotional songs and entertainment. Before sunset, a delicious dinner was served.

FREEMONT, CA. Mahavir Jayanti celebrations '87 organised by Jain Center of No. California, were held on Sunday, April 19 at Centerville Community Centre, 3355 County Dr., Freemont.

The program began at 2:00 p.m. and lasted till late evening. The highlight was Pancha Kalyana Pooja actively participated by children and adults. The importance and meaning of the Pooja was explained in English for the benefit of children.

The finale was pot luck dinner.

ROCKVILLE, MD. Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington D.C. organised Mahavir Jayanti celebrations at Maryvale School in Rockville on Saturday, April 18.

The program began at 3:30 p.m. The highlight was thought provoking lecture and presentation of musical theatre entertainment. Dr. Trilokchand Jain, an eminent Jain Scholar and a Siddhant Shastri, gave lecture, in Hindi, on Modern View of Jain Religion. His excellent oratory and argumentative presentation were unique in blend.

Aarti was performed from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. with full participation by the members, and before sunset, dinner was served.

The musical play presentation, Chandanbala, by children was an excellent performance.

GARNER, NC. Mahavir Jayanti celebrations were held here on Sunday, April 12 at the Hindu Bhavan. The program which began at 10:30 a.m., consisted of religious ceremonies and cultural events.

Religious ceremonies were performed by Pravin and Usha Shah. In Shanti Kalash and Aashta Prakari Poojas, 38 children participated in the performance. Stavans, Aarti and Mangal Divo were also performed.

The cultural program consisted of solo dance by Shilpa Sejpal, group dances, Garba dance, slide presentation and skit for children.

CLEVELAND JAIN SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR '87

CLEVELAND, OH. At its recent General Body Meeting, the members elected New Executives for the year 1987-88. The result is: Hemendra Mehta - President, Jash Jasani - Vice-President, Dinesh Vora - Secretary and Jitendra Shah - Treasurer. Other members are: Mohan Jain, Tansukh Salgia, Khushal Bhaiji and Hasmukh Shah.

ITINERARY SCHEDULE OF GURDEV CHITRABHANN

NEW YORK, NY. The itinerary of Gurdev Chitrabhau in North America and Europe released recently at Jain Meditation International Center in New York.

The itinerary began on April 22 in North America and expected to conclude on July 7, 1987. His itinerary will take him to Toronto, St. Louis, Pittsburg, North Dakota, New York, Chicago, New Jersey, Rochester, Detroit, Washington, D.C. & Texas. Various lectures, discourses and discussions will be held at various cities touching humanistic values in terms of Jain Meditation, Ahimsa, Jain Yoga, Vegetarianism and Jain Religion - principles and philosophy.

In Europe, Gurdev will begin his schedule from second week of July and will address and attend various meetings.

LORD MAHAVIR IDOL CONSECRATED IN NORTH CAROLINA

GARNER, NC. Major auspicious event organised by Jain Study Center of North Carolina last December was the consecration ceremonies of Lord Mahavir idol at the Temple-Hall of Hindu Society, located in Morrisville township between Raleigh and the RDV airport.

Acharya Sushil Kumar and Amarendra Muni graced the occasion. The auspicious consecration ceremonies began with the chanting of Namokar Mantra by Sushil Muni and the actual ceremonies were performed by Dr. A. L. Mantra with explanations and significance of each step as progressed.

To top the event, Sushil Muni delivered discourses on basic tenets of Jain philosophy, Meditation and Thoughts on Unity.

NJ JAIN CENTER BRINGS OUT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

ESSEX FALLS, NJ. The Membership directory of Jain Center of New Jersey has been recently released. The directory provides a comprehensive stats about its membership and serves as a source for a possible camaraderie among its own membership and among other Jain Societies in USA and Canada.

Mr. Sumati Kamdar has done an excellent printing job at his own Graphics Company. Any one interestd to have a copy, write to Jain Center of NJ, 233 Runnymede Road, Essex Falls, NJ 07021.

OHIO GOVERNOR RECOGNISES DRS BAFNA & SALGIA

COLUMBUS, OH. The Jain Community of Greater Cleveland is proud that two of its members, Dr. Mohan Bafna, a well known physician and Dr. Tansukh Salgia, business administrator in Education, have been honoured by the State Governor, Richard F. Celeste.

The Governor honoured Drs. Bafna and Salgia with Governor's Special Recognition Award. The Award cites their generosity in offering time, efforts and support in carrying out the missions of the Federation of India Community Associations of NE Ohio.

DISCOURSE BY JAIN MUNIS

FREEMONT, CA. Two Jain Munis Yogesh & Shohag, from Siddhachalam, NJ in the east travelled to west coast California in March to deliver lectures. The discourse, organised by Jain Center of No. California, on March 1 - 2, 1987 was a large success. The much publicised event drew a large gathering.

Yogesh and Shohag Munis addressed the members of Jain Community. Yogesh Muni, in his lecture, explained Jain principles and their adoption in life for a clear simple spiritual living amidst plenty.

Both the Munis made an impact by engaging in interesting discussions on one to one basis, and providing an insight into it.

JAIN DIRECTORY NA 1989

BOSTON, MA. The second edition of Jain Directory of North America was released this January '87 by Jain Center of Greater Boston, which pioneered this monumental work first in 1979. About 3100 copies were sent in North America alone.

The Third Edition of the Directory is under preparation scheduled for release in 1989. In addition, Jain Youth Directory project is also on hand. Jains in USA and Canada are requested to send their names and pertinent data to be included in these directories, and anyone interested to work on these projects, please contact Mr. Vasant Gandhi, president of the Center at (617) 324-0393.

ONTARIO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PROF HARISH JAIN

TORONTO, ON. The Ministry of Citizenship & Culture, Govt. of Ontario, held ceremonies on April 01, 1987 to honour Ontarians with 1987 Outstanding Achievement Award.

One of the awardees, Prof. Harish Jain, McMaster University, Hamilton, was the recipient of this award. On the occasion, Lt. Gov., Lincoln Alexander honoured Prof. Jain with Outstanding Achievement Award 1987 for his dedicated volunteership in social-cultural and religious activities.

Prof. Jain, an authority in Labour Relations Studies in Canada, is a member of Toronto Jain Society and President of International Mahavira Mission, Canada.

HOUSTON JAIN SOCIETY ELECTS EXECUTIVES 1987

HOUSTON, TX. The New Executive Committee of Houston Jain Society was unanimously elected at the General Body Meeting held on Saturday, April 11. The new Executive Members are: Miss Alpna Jain, Misses Anjana Sheth, Ranjna Shah, Rekha Mehta, Messers Prabodh Mehta, Ashok Singhavi and Suresh Sutaria. The Past President, Mr. Jayant Mehta is ex-officio.

PBS TV documentary, 'AHIMAS-NON-VIOLENCE' will be available in Video cassettes from Colorado, USA. Expected price per cassette is U\$20-25. Any one interested to purchase original copy, could write to Dr. T. Salgia, 5540 Woodbury Hills Rd., Parma, OH 44134.

JAIN FEDERATION ORGANISES DR. BHARILL TOUR OF NA

DETROIT, MI. Jain Lecture Series by Dr. Hukum Chand Bharill, well known Jain Scholar, writer and thinker from Jaipur, India will be organised again this year. Various Jain Organisations both in USA and Canada will have opportunity to hear Dr. Bharill on various Jain principles, philosophy and social issues.

Following is the list of Jain Societies where Dr. Bharill will have speaking engagements, from May 23 to July 14, 1987: Chicago (May 23), Minneapolis (May 28), St. Louis (May 30), Cincinnati (May 31), Columbus (June 2), Phoenix (June 4), Los Angeles (June 7), San Francisco (June 9), Seattle (June 12), Kansas City (June 13), Washington, D.C. (June 17), Detroit (June 19), Toronto (June 20), Buffalo (June 21), Milwaukee (June 25), Atlanta (June 29), New Orleans (July 1), Houston (July 3), Daytona Beach (July 5), Rochester (July 7), New York (July 9), Boston (July 12), Pittsburg (July 13) and Akron (July 14).

JAIN STUDY CENTER NC ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1987

GARNER, NC. The Jain Study Center of North Carolina recently elected officers for the year 1987. Dr. Sampat Jain - President, Mr. Jagdish Shah - Treasurer, Mrs. Rekha Banker - Secretary, and Co-ordinators - Mrs. Nisha Padia (children's activity), Mrs. Chetana Fofaria (food).

WINNERS ESSAY COMPETITION '86 BOSTON JAIN CENTER

WELLESLEY, MA. Results of Essay Competition '86, organised by Boston Jain Center for Groups A - D varying in ages, were recently announced. There were 40 entries and the judges, Dr. Usha Sheth (Fairmont, NY), Mr. Bruce Constain (Mississauga, ON) and Mr. Manu Doshi (Highland Park, IL) selected the following winners in the order of rank:

- Group A (6 - 9 years) : Falgunee Parekh, Shefali Parekh (Phoenix, AZ) & Mital Gosalia (Glen Falls, NY).
- Group B (10 - 11 years) : Shewta Shah (Carry, NC), Nimisha Parekh (Phoenix, AZ) & Nisha Varia (Chapel Hill, NC).
- Group C (12 - 14 years) : Divyesh Sejpal (Raleigh, NC), Ranak Jasani (Glen Falls, NY) & Sandeep Singhvi (St. Louis, MO).
- Group D (15 years - older) : Vikas Jain (Monaca, PA), Shilpa Shah (Carry, NC) & Rupal Kothari (Pittsburg, PA).

DR. NAT SHAH ARRANGES INFANT'S HEART OPERATION

CORNWALL, ON. The Canadian press reports that Dr. Nat Shah, a physician in Cornwall, has arranged surgery for a 17 month old Sweta Gupta from Hyderabad, India to repair a hole in her heart. In Ottawa, on March 3, heart specialist Dr. Wilbert Keon performed open heart surgery on Sweta.

Dr. Shah is a founding director of Cornwall based Child Haven International, an agency that helps under-privileged children in Third World Countries.

KALPA SUTRA JAIN FEDERATION OF NA BUYS 120 COPIES

CINCINNATI, OH. Kalpa Sutra, canonic text mostly in prose, comprises of three sections. Jina Charita (biographical history of 24 Tirthankaras), Sthaviravali (genealogy of prominent Jain teachers after Mahavira) and Sadhu Swadlachara (rules of conduct for saints).

The author of Kalpa Sutra, Bhadrabahu, born in the year 94 after Lord Mahavir's Nirvan, and - initiated into Jain monk order at the age of 45, is the disciple of Arya Yashobhadra, who is of the Spiritual lineage of Arya Sudharma, one of the eleven immediate disciples of Lord Mahavira.

Now this Kalpa Sutra has been published in a single volume with three languages, original Prakrit, Hindi and English and reproduction of 16th century Jain miniature paintings. The publisher is Prakrit India, M.S.B. Ka Rasta, Jaipur - 302003, India.

Beautifully produced colourful Kapa Sutra in bound has been made available in North America from Jain Federation at a cost of US\$20.00. For details contact Dr. Sulekh Jain, 9831 Tall Timber Trail, Cincinnati, OH 45241.

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WASHINGTON DC & DETROIT SOCIETIES RELEASE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

WASHINGTON/DETROIT. The two Jain Societies, Metropolitan Washington and Detroit, have released their new Membership directories 1986. Washington directory, the front cover page adoring Palitana temples is well documented and produced. It consists of names, addresses and the family members in alphabetical order. Also included is the list of other Jain Organisations. For a copy, write: JSW, 11820 Triple Crown Rd., Reston, VA 22091-3014.

Detroit Jain Membership Directory '86 is the Second Edition. History of the organisation and several photographs of its past activities and the 3rd Biennial Convention of JAINA in Detroit have been nicely reported. To obtain a copy, write: JSD, 27673 Rose Avenue, Trenton, MI 48183.

SCHOLARSHIP IN GRADUATE STUDIES IN JAINISM

TORONTO, ON. Fund raising efforts to establish a Scholarship for Jain Graduate Studies in Canadian Universities have been launched by International Mahavira Mission, Canada. In this regard, a 'Dinner & Discourse' event had been organised on May 9, 1987 in Thornhill, a suburb of Toronto.

About 200 paid guests attended the event. Interested people in the worthy effort can send contributions to: IMJMC, 12 Royal Rouge Trail, Scarborough, Ontario M1T 2A1.

THIRD ANNUAL STHAPANA HINDU-JAIN TEMPLE, PITTSBURG

MONROEVILLE, PA. Pancha Kalyana Pooja, cultural and youth program were some of the events held for the third annual Sthapana celebrations of Hindu-Jain Temple, Saturday, May 9, 1987.

Gurdeu Chitrabhanu from Jain Meditation International Center in New York graced the occasion, and addressed the gathering.

CONGRATULATIONS MANOJ & SHAILENDRA

BOSTON, MA. Two members of Boston Jain Community, Manoj Jain and Shailendra Palvia, have been recently honoured for their contributions made in their professional fields.

Manoj Jain was awarded SmithKline Beckman Medical Prospective Scholarship, through which he conducted successfully a project in Indore district villages on the introduction of Soya foods into a vegetarian diet.

Shailendra Palvia received the Best Paper Award at Northeast Decision Institute Conference for his paper, implementing New Technology in Organisations.

NIRAV VORA TOPS USA SCOUT AWARD

SEVEN HILLS, OH. Jain community of greater Cleveland and Normandy High are equally thrilled at the news that one of their students has topped with the highest Award in USA Scouting. The young achiever is Nirav Kumar Vora. Local newspapers, Sun Post & Normandy Invaders have covered this news. On Sunday, May 17, 1987, Nirav was recognised and honoured with the Award at a ceremony held at the City Hall of Seven Hills.

TORONTO, ON. At the General Body meeting held on March 23, 1987, new officers were elected for the Executive Committee. Dinesh Jain and B. N. Shah were re-elected as President and Vice-President respectively. Jaswant Shah is the new Secretary and Bhadra Kothari is the Treasurer. Members at large are: Ramesh Varia, Pritam Mehta, Prafel Shah, Ramnik Kothari and Sach Jain.

JAIN STUDY CIRCLE FORMALLY ORGANISED

FLUSING, NY. Jains in North America indeed have been enjoying 'Jain Study Circular', a quarterly, on Jain philosophy and Religion, published by the Jain Study Circle of Flushing, NY, for the past seven years. The success of this acclaimed Quarterly goes to Dr. Dulichandra Jain, a scholar and a man of great thoughts and deeds. Jain Center of Boston played a major part in the success by undertaking the responsibility of mailing the circular to about 3100 Jain families in USA and Canada.

Jain Study Circle, now formally has become an organisation having its own constitution and charter. Consequently Jain Study Circular will be mailed free to all Jains in North America by the newly organised, Jain Study Circular. A mailing list is under preparation for this reason, and Jain members are requested to communicate. The address is: Jain Study Circle, 99-11 60 Avenue, Apt. #3D, Flushing, NY 11368, or phone (718) 699-4654.

NEW JAIN CENTER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, Canada. With the inspiration of Acharya Sushil Kumar, Jain families in lower mainland of British Columbia, Canada, have formally organised Jain Center of British Columbia. The working committee members are: Dr. Vastupal Parikh - President, Mr. Ramesh Maniar and Mrs. Padma Singhal - Vice-Presidents, Mr. Gyan Singhai - Treasurer, Mr. Anand Jain - Secretary, Mr. Nayan Shah - Jt. Secretary, Mr. P. Goyal and Mrs. Ranjan Kothary - Organising Secretaries, and Mrs. Shanti Arya and Mr. Om Jain - Membership Directors.

JAIN EDUCATION TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED AT JSW

RESTON, VA. As Jain population is growing and interest among the community is solidifying to foster and promote Jain religion, philosophy, education, ethics and social developments in North America, various perceptions and programs have been established on the continent. In this direction, another achievement has been made, and the credit goes to Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington, D.C.

Arvind and Nayna Mehta, in memory of Kala Mahasukh Mehta, have been instrumental to set up Jain Education Trust Fund for Children. They have made the first contribution to the Fund. The underlying idea is to promote interest in Jain religious education among children.

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Correspondence invited from green-card holder, 27-33 Gujarati Jain, Bania Caste, for well settled 27 years old, 5' 2" daughter in U.S.A. Educated with B.Sc English Medium, good looking and has decent family background. Innocent divorcee. Contact (215) 946-7688.

DR. GUNDE CONDUCTS JAIN YOGA CAMP IN KENYA

NAIROBI, KENYA. Dr. Dhananjaya Gunde, renowned physician and president of Vir Volunteers in Maharashtra, recently visited Kenya in East Africa to hold and conduct yoga camps.

The specialty of Dr. Gunde's yoga is in body health and recovery from some of the ills such as headache, back pain, blood pressure and indigestion.

Dr. Gunde conducted yoga camps in Nairobi as well Mombasa. Over 350 people registered in the camp. And a State Minister along with his wife also took part in the yoga camp.

JAIN LECTURE SERIES ORGANISED IN MADRAS

MADRAS, TN. The Jainology faculty of the University of Madras organised Jain Lecture Series from January 25 - March 29, on each Sunday morning at P.U. Shah Bhavan Jain Upasaram. National and international scholars participated in the series and covered a wide variety of topics of Jain philosophy and literature.

This is the second series since the young and upcoming faculty was opened not long ago under Dr. T.G. Kalghatgi's directorship.

PAVANA ADHIKARI IN MOSCOW SPORT MEET

MYSORE, KA. Pavana Adhikari, a final year Electronic Engineering Student in Mysore, has been chosen to represent India in Kho-Kho Sport Meet in Moscow. Miss Adhikari, also an artist in Indian classical instrument, is very talented. She is the second daughter of Dr. (Mrs.) Dejamma, an acclaimed educationist of India.

NAMO VEETARAG IN AUDIO CASSETTE

BOMBAY. Rajashri Pictures, popular movie producers and exhibitors, now have produced 'Namo Veetarag' Jain Cassettes in Hindi. The lyrics are based on Mahavir's Pancha Kalyan and are written by Mr. Bashir Ahmed from Karnataka. Dr. Shyamala Bhandarkar and others have rendered their voice. Mr. Ashoka Chand Alase, a past resident student of Jain Gurukul at Bahubali in Maharashtra, has scored music for these twelve songs.

MUNI ABHAY SAGAR PASSED AWAY

OONZA, GR. Renowned Jain Muni and a scholar of Jain Geography, Sri Abhay Sagar passed away recently at the age of 64. Muniji was the founder of Bhubramana, an institution that concentrates on the study of Jambu Dweep from the Jain canonical works.

Muni Abhay Sagar was the principal promoter of Jambu Dweep project in Palitana, Gujrat.

HUMCHA, KA. A week long Annual Meet of Religion and Literature was held from March 13-24, 1987 at Humcha. It was organised by Humcha Jain Mutt and its spiritual Head, Sri Devendra Kirti Bhattacharj.

Various religious programs - annointment of Lord Parshwanath with 109 Kalash, Shanti Chakra Pooja and Kalikunda Yantra Pooja for Goddess, Padmavati - were performed during the days and cultural events were held during evenings throughout the week-long celebrations. Many guest speakers on each day eluciddly enchanted the huge audience with their mighty knowledge of Jain literature. Two Jain books were also released on the occasion.

Mr. Gangawal from Assam, Mrs. Shanti Jain from Delhi, Mr. M.K. Gandhi from London, England, Mr. A. C. Pahadia from Calcutta and Jain Organisation from Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu made this week-long celebration possible through financial help.

ACHARYA TULSI AT DELHI FOR CHATURMASA

DELHI. Renowned Jain Monk and founder of Anuvrat Movement has arrived in Delhi for Chaturmasa. On Akshaya Tratiya, about 25,000 people gathered in Delhi to complete their tapasya. Dalai Lama, the Buddhist Head of Tibet graced the occasion.

Acharya's Chaturmasa in Delhi will end in the last week of November '87.

GANADHARA GAUTAM STAMPS MARKS 2500 ANNIVERSARY

PAVAPURI, BI. Gautam, the principal Ganadhara of Lord Mahavir, continued the preachings and propogation of his master's philosophy through the years after Mahavir's Nirvan in Pavapuri. This great Ganadhara's 2500 anniversary was recently organised at the provincial level. The Governor of Bihar and many Cabinet Ministers attended the celebrations. Muni Jina Uday Sagar and Muni Mahodaya were the prominent Jain Saints at the gathering.

To honour Gautam Ganadhara, the Government of India released an Indian postal stamp in commemorating 2500 anniversary of the Ganadhara.

FIRST MARBLE JAIN TEMPLE IN KARNATAKA

MAYASANDRA, KA. The State of Karnataka from centuries immemorial takes pride place for its Jain architectural grandeur in granite, soapstone and slate. Hundreds we see now, and there were thousands in the past historical times. But none was built in marble.

Kshullike, Rajmataji, a learned and respected Jain nun throughout India, is a formidable person who works and strives for greater things in human spirit and saintly accomplishments. She has single handedly spearheaded the Jain conscience in different parts of India to bring about Spritual Awareness, Social Changes and devotion to Jain Siddhanta.

Again, Rajmataji has played an inspirational part in attracting thousands and thousands of Jains, irrespective of their regional and linguistic differences, to a town, Mayasandra in Tumkur district of Karnataka, where a huge and beautiful Jain temple in marble has been built. This temple stands as a testimony to the spirit and effort of Rajmataji.

The opening ceremony and the ceremonial pratisthapana of the temple has been scheduled for the first week of June, 1987. A large scale preparations are underway for the event, and thousands from far and wide are expected to witness the celebrations. Jain conscience has arisen here. No matter it is north, south or east, west. Understanding, unity and cultural fusion have been made here at Mayasandra, the little place of Kshullike Rajmataji. It is unity in spirit and in action.

INDORE, MP. Lord Adinath, also known commonly as Rishabdev, the first Tirthankara and the founder of Jain Religion, attained Nirvan in the Himalayas. In order to popularise Adinath's teachings and principles, an organisation, Adinath Spiritual Ahimsa Foundation based in Indore, has been established. The foundations has chalked an ambitious plan to set up Adinath Spiritual Center in the holy place of Himalayas where the Lord attained Moksha.

The plan calls for 24 Meditation Halls named after each Tirthankara, a vast library and a guest house. Mr. Dev Kumar Kasliwala has been elected President of the Foundation and Mr. Kailash Chandra Chaudhary is the Secretary.

INDIA JAINOLOGY PRAKRIT SOCIETY FORMED AT UDAIPUR MEET

UDAIPUR, RS. A seminar, Role of Jain Religion (JD-Fev '87 issue) in Udaipur attracted over forty eminent Jain Scholars, professors, researchers and authors. The Meet of these erudite scholars opened up a venue for a new organisation confined to the cause of Jainology and Prakrit language.

The new organisation, India Jainology Prakrit Society - IJPS-, is a society with a national charter. Dr. Sagarmal Jain, Director of P.V. Research Center in Varanasi, is elected General Secretary of IJPS. Dr. Jain, it is reported, has plans to organise IJPS conference at the national level.

PARSHWANATH NAMED D.I.G. KARNATAKA

BANGALORE, KA. The second most important position in Karnataka's Police Force has been recently occupied by Mr. H.A. Parshwanath. The Government of Karnataka has named Mr. Parshwanath to the coveted post, Deputy Inspector General of Police for the State of Karnataka, where Jains form a minority community.

Mr. Parshwanath is the first Jain to become D.I.G. in the history of Karnataka. He is very much involved in various Jain community activities in spite of the demanding schedule of the post.

Jain Digest congratulates Mr. Parshwanath on his appointment.

DR. SONEJI UNDERTAKES NORTH AMERICAN & EUROPEAN TOUR

AHMEDABAD, GR. Dr. Soneji, popularly known as Atmanandji, a physician turned Jain Spiritualist, is the founder of Adhyatmik Sadhana Center near Ahmedabad, India. He will undertake a month long lecture tour of North America and Europe beginning June 3, 1987.

Dr. Soneji's speaking engagements have been schedules in the following cities: Los Angeles (June 3-13), San Francisco (June 14-17), New York & New Jersey (June 18-25), Boston (June 26-27), Washington, D.C. (June 28-30), Carry, NC (July 1-3), Toronto (July 4-7), Detroit (July 8-9), Cleveland (July 10-11), Chicago (July 12-15) and London & Leicester in England (July 18-30).

PRASHMARTI TRANSLATED INTO GUJARATI

BOMBAY. The popular Jain Sanskrit work, Prashmarti, written by Umaswati has now been brought in Gujarati language. This literary work of Umaswati has been translated into Gujarati by well known writer, Motichand Kapadia.

Prashmarti in Gujarati is published by Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya of Bombay. It is recalled here that this great institution is a place for many talented Jain students. It is a testimony that talented bright students from Mahavira Vidyalaya are in North America. They have espoused and embraced the values that have been cultivated during their stay at this great Institution.

ALWAR, RS. The Jain Tirth Vandana Chariot has been travelling from corner to corner in India to herald national culture and environment of peace and Ahimsa. And now the chariot has arrived in Rajasthan for a 5 month Vihar.

A special event in Alwar was organised to greet and welcome the chariot. The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Mr. H. D. Joshi, regional and central politicians and public figures were on hand. In his address, Mr. Joshi spoke of the significance of Tirth Vandana to the national unity, moral and ethical awareness. He added that the contribution made by Jain religion and its followers from the immemorial historical past has been one of progressive and purposeful pursuit in the building of the nation.

Mr. Sahu Ashok Jain, Director, Times of India Publications, presiding over the ceremonies pointed out the huge contributions made to India's culture, art, theology, education, literature and philosophy by the Jains, though they form a minority now. Mr. Jain further added that the promotion of the teachings of Tirthankaras, from the first Lord Adinath to the 24th and last Lord Mahavir, will bring about the awareness of Peace, Ahimsa and Harmony in the human spirit among India's population.

After the ceremonies, Tirth Vandana chariot began to Vihar in Rajasthan, and is expected to cover over 200 places.

RENOVATION OF JAIN TEMPLE IN KERALA

MANJESHWARA, KR. The historical Jain temple at Manjeshwara in Kasargod Taluk, Kerala was built at the time of Banga Kings, who ruled the region over 500 years ago. During the historical past, the temple had been renovated a few times and the last one took place in 1940.

Present renovation surrounded the building part and other interior design and decor. After the renovation, religious ceremonies of consecrating the idols were held with a 5-day program in the month of March 1987.

The ceremonies began on March 7 and on the concluding day, March 11, consecration of idols of four Tirthankaras, Rishab, Chandra, Shanti and Mahavir, was performed at 11:55 a.m. In the evening, the chariot procession passed through the main streets of the town and it was followed by Kalasabhishekas and Grand Pooja.

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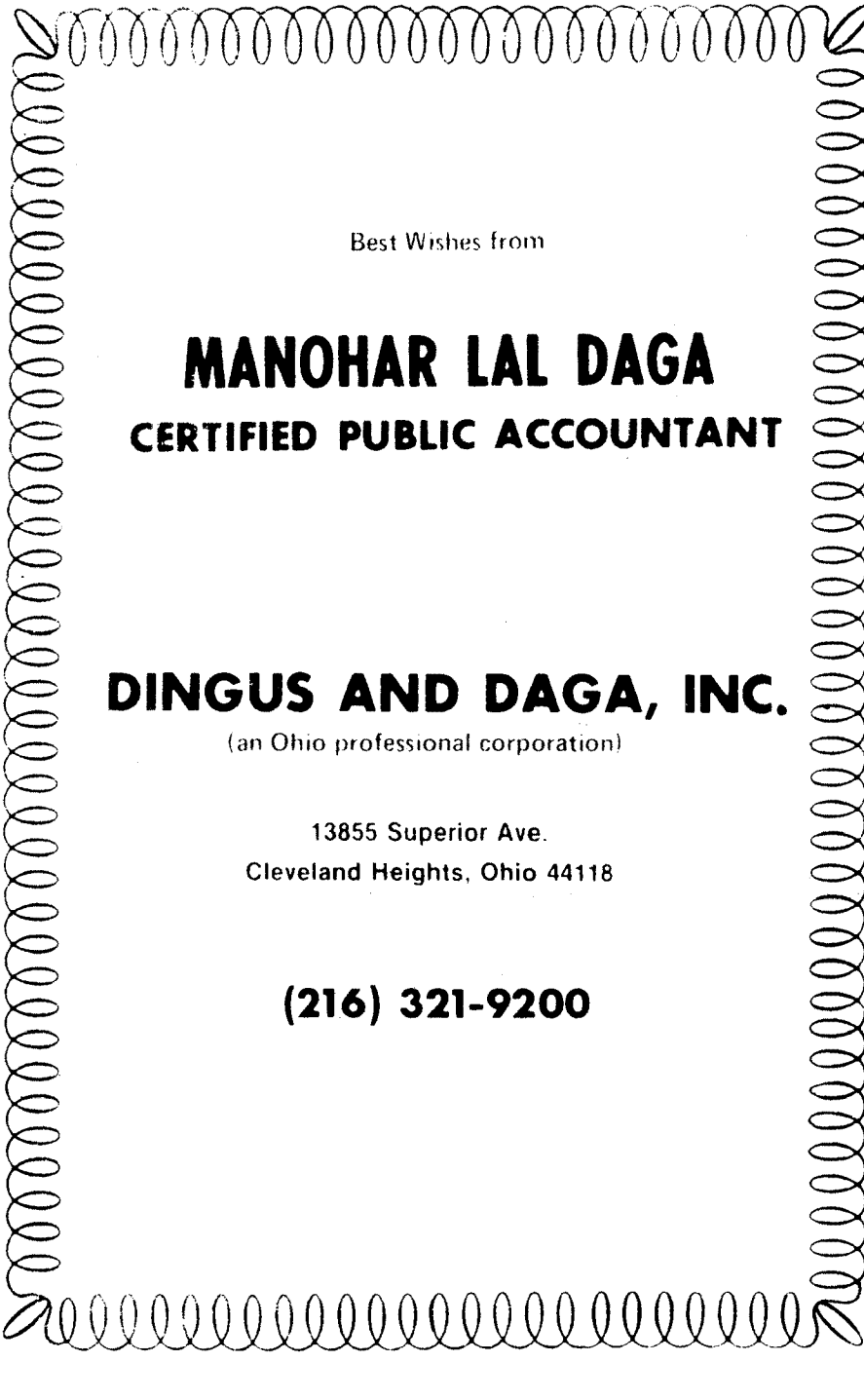
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