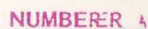


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## Coming Events

**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL JAIN  
CONFERENCE, 25-27, 1987, Delhi, India**  
organised by World Jain  
Congress. For details in NA, contact  
Dr J.P. Jain, 210 Misty Lane, East  
Amherst, NY 14051.

**FIRST CONFERENCE of All India  
Association of Prakrit & Jain  
Studies on December 28-31, 1987 at  
Varanasi, India.** For info: Dr  
S.M. Jain, P.V. Research Institute, I  
T I Road, Varanasi-5, India.

**CHILDREN DAY ANNIVERSARY, Decem-  
ber 13, 1987 at Parklawn Rd, Toro-  
nto, Canada.**

**JAIN SAMMELAN, Sunday February  
14, 1988, organised by Jain Center  
of No California. Contact D. Shah,  
(408) 378-8765.**

**JAIN CHILDREN CAMP, December 19  
-22, 1987, organised by Jain Center  
of So California. Contact G. Shah at  
(714) 595-8995.**

**INAGUARATION of Leicester Jain  
Temple (UK) & Panch kalyan Pooja  
planned for July 24, 1988. Contact  
Dr N. Shah, 69 Rowley Fields Ave,  
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The next issue of **JAIN DIGEST** will be published at the end of February 1988. All news items, articles, matrimonial ads. and communications should reach the editor directly by the **FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1988**. News contributions to Jain Digest are welcome from everyone from any part of the world. **CONTRIBUTORS NAMES** will be published in the corresponding issues of Jain Digest.



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Jain Jinendra. I am pleased to report to you that your federation has executed a plan to put every **Jain in north America** on the mailing list of Jain Digest, the quarterly news magazine of J A I N A, and thus we will be able to serve individually and effectively. The plan will establish mass communication among all Jains, in particular, in north America.

This undertaking by JAINA Federation has been made possible by one distinguished individual with his major financial contribution. We believe this plan will help us better informed of the Jain news at home and abroad. However, the financial implication of the plan is enormous. Yet Jain community of north America needs to be informed of their news and their brethrens abroad, and of Jain Religion. With this objective, we have made a beginning, and hope this commitment continues uninterrupted.

Finally we hope that you continue welcoming Jain Digest and be a part of it. In this direction, you are welcome to advise, participate and support in any way you could.

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## MAHAVIR NIRVAN & VIR SAMVATSAR CELEBRATIONS

Jains world over celebrated the doubly important festival, Mahavira Nirvan to pay homage on the occasion when Mahavira, the last and the 24th Tirthankara, attained Nirvana 2513 years ago, and thus began **Vir Samvatsara** calendar. The Jain New Year begins on the following day of Lord Mahavira's Nirvana.

**Freemont, CA.** Mahavir nirvan and the new year festivities were organised by Jain center of No California on Sunday, October 25, 1987. The program consisted of Paksha and Pooja, devotional songs and cultural events.

**Toronto.** Jain society of Toronto celebrated the festivities on October 25, 1987 at 50 Winterton Dr. The program began at 2.00 PM with Arihanta poojas in Hindi and Gujarati. There were many group musical presentations by children, youth group and the ladies.

Also many other Jain societies celebrated the festivity in other parts of the country.

## CALL TO OBSERVE AHIMSA DAY

**Cincinnati, OH.** The Jain center of Cincinnati programed Thanks Giving holiday into **AHIMSA DAY** on November 22, 1987. The Ahimsa Day function began at 11.00 AM with prayers, and Arihanta pooja lasted upto 2.00 PM. Many people on this day observed **Ekasan** - people

fasting one day only.

Thanks Giving holiday in north America is a great holiday observed during the Fall. In Canada, it falls in October and in the US, it falls in November.

The Jain center of Cincinnati, on this day, made a call to the Jain communities across north America to transform Thanks Giving into Ahimsa day with a program of activities such as prayers, Arihanta pooja, serving of vegetarian meals to the homeless and the needy, and vegetarian Mela - both exhibitive and educational.

"This Ahimsa Day, a new Jain Event in north America, will give a realistic newer dimension to the strengths of the Jain communities here," observes Dr Sulekh Jain, President of the center and further adds, "that Jains in north America can be the Torch Bearers for tomorrow's strength and growth."

#### JAIN BHAVAN OF LA PROGRESS REPORT

Anaheim, CA. Since last reported in November 1986, the construction of Jain Bhavan of the Jain center of So California is well underway as planned. The construction activity on the site at 8072 Commonwealth Ave, Bueno Park city started on 1 July 1987. The foundation slab and framing to the roof elevation was completed in the second week of September and by end of the month roofing was finished. The electrical and plumbing work was completed in October.

The realisation of the Bhavan and the construction have taken a progressive shape, and the sight of it is impressive. Indeed it will, in this part of America, be the **legacy of Jain religion and its cultural heritage for now and time to come.** "We were successful in generating new funds for the Jain Bhavan during the Paryushan Dashalaxan Parva," Dr Manilal Mehta, President of the center observed

The center encourages individuals to support the project through donation pledges, payable in installments, and by becoming a life member at a cost of \$251.00. The completion of the project is scheduled for December 1987.

#### SRIMAD RAJCHANDRA BIRTH DAY CELEBRATED

Toronto. The birth day of Srimad Rajchandra, highly respected Jain theologian, spiritualist and a scholar from Gujrat, was organised on Saturday November 7, 1987 at the Jain temple on Parklawn Road. The program consisted of a variety of events to reflect the occasion. The function was organised by Surendra Parikh and Raman Patel.

**DASHALAXANA PURYUSHANA PARVA**  
**At Anaheim CA Buffalo NY Cincinnati OH Raleigh NC**

Jain center of So California celebrated the festivities for nine days under the spiritual guidance of Gurdev Chitrabhanu. As part of the program, there was one day camp for children and the youth council presented an excellent performance on Mahavira conception day. The day of Forgiveness was led by Mahendra Khandahar reading the Kalpa Sutra followed by a lecture by Gurdev Chitrabhanu and Mr S.N.Goenaka, visitor from India, spoke on Vipassana meditation.

A total of ten people - Rupali ogani, Kavita Mehta, Tanvi Shah, Sunil Dharod, Heena Doshi, Parul Kapadia, Arimal Khandahar, Rita Savani, Meena Shah and Shorbhi Shah - observed fast for eight days.

Jain socirty of Buffalo celebrated the Agamic festival of Forgiveness, the last day of the Parva, on September 13. The program began at 10.00 AM with Namokar Mantra initiated by a group of children and was followed by an hour long **sthutis and stavans** in solo and group. The artists were: Meena Shah, Vandana Jain, Monisha Jain, Kokila Chheda, Urmila Jain, Pramod Pahade, Jagat Jain and Abha Jain. Milan Chheda, a sixteen year old, gave a short talk on the value and importance, both in deed and spirit, of this Agamic day of Forgiveness. Jagat Jain led the audience with the chanting of the original Prakrit verse seeking forgiveness, friendship and goodwill to one and all, friend and foe alike.

Jain center of Cincinnati celebrated the festivity from August 21 to 28, 1987. During the period, daily programs consisted of Arihanta pooja and lectures by learned Jain scholar, Pandit Naresh Chand Doshi of Bombay, specially invited for the occasion. On Mahavira conception day, special events were organised and Presidents and leaders of other Indian religious and cultural groups attended the function.

**AHIMSA NON-VIOLENCE**  
**PBS DOCUMENTARY FOR SALE**  
**AT SPECIAL JAINS PRICE U\$24.95**

**Los Angeles, CA.** Ahimsa Non-Violence, a new documentary that explores the traditions of the Jain Religion, and its extraordinary people, is a real cinematic coup: the first documentary to examine one of the oldest and most subtle religions in the world; a rare insider's look at the people, the customs and the religious practices. Ahimsa Non-Violence is an invaluable stimulus for discussions of religion, ethics, world history, philosophy, culture, geography, art, ecology and animal rights. It is an extraordinary overview of a comprehensive philosophy that offers hope and Peace for the world.

The 1/2 inch NTSC VHS cassette can be purchased at a **special Jains price U\$24.95 from Direct Cinema Ltd, P.O.Box 69799, Los Angeles, CA 90069.** Shipping cost \$5.00 first copy & 2.00 any additional, and credit cards are accepted.

**SPECIAL J A I N A MEET  
SEPTEMBER 26 - 27,1987**

**Parma,OH.** A special meeting of the Executives of the Jain Federation was held on September 26 and 27,1987 to consider and discuss programs and projects for the period 1987-1989.

The 2-day meeting endorsed many issues and undertakings that were already in progress. The other issues discussed were: constitutional amendments, Jain books distribution, regional family camp, common Jain songs/pooja book and one day Interim JAINA convention in 1988.

The observation report of the Meet, however, is that it lacked procedure, presentation and a cohesive plan for a long term program and action. Further strengthening of the organisation requires full participation by all directors of J A I N A.

On the concluding day, before the meeting was adjourned, a resolution was passed to thank Salgia family for hosting the meet.

**JAIN SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

**Oak Brook,IL.** One of the Jain organisations of Chicago has announced SIX scholarships to deserving students for college education during the current academic year.

The scholarship will be given on the basis of merit and the family need. Interested students may contact Dr Arvin Shah, 36 Regent Dr, Oak Brook, IL 60521, USA with relevant info. and financial aid application forms from their educational institutions.

**FREE MATRIMONIAL ADS  
IN JAIN DIGEST**

Jain Digest, a quarterly news magazine published from north America, is now the widely read news magazine. Its circulation, in north America, is the largest of its kind and cuts across regional, linguistic and other barriers that exist among the Jain communities. It reaches readers around the world - Europe, Africa, India and the far east. All in all Jain Digest commands well over 6000 readers around the world regularly.

One of the main objectives of Jain Digest is to inform people of the events and happenings of Jain Religion and its people. It covers news globally and in the process, a common platform is provided to all Jains wherever they live in the world. With this theme, Jain Digest, is now offering FREE MATRIMONIAL ADVERTISEMENTS in the magazine to all Jains from any part of the world.

Please send your advertisements, in writing, with return address to: Editor, Jain Digest, 4665 Moccasin Trail, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4Z 2W5 one month before the publishing month. Jain Digest is published 4 times a year at the end of the months of February, May, August and November.

## **SECRETARY JAINA CONFERS WITH JAIN LEADERS IN UK**

**London, UK.** Dr Sulekh Jain, secretary, Federation of Jain Associations in NA, travelled to London, England on October 13, 1987, for the promotion of a unified common goal between Jain communities on both sides of Atlantic.

The meeting was held on October 14 at 11 Lindsay Dr, Harrow, and was attended by messrs Ratilal Chanderia, H.D. Gardi, Nitin Mehta, Chief H. Bhandari, Mansukh Shah, Jagdish Jain, Vinod Udani, Ramnik Mehta, B.L. Jain, Vinod Kapashi, Prithvi Jain, and Mrs Pushpa Jain and many more ladies. Sulekh Jain presented to the meeting details of various Jain societies in NA and about the founding of the Jain federation, and talked on the common issues Jain communities are facing in the western world. Many of the participants at the meeting expressed similar and other views to strengthen the line of communication and link between Europe and north America in order to address the issues that affect the Jain communities on both sides of Atlantic. The result is the **10-point program**.

1 - Establish Jain Libraries in UK and NA and make available a common book for Jain Rituals. 2 - Jain Digest to enlarge news coverage and circulation in UK. 3 - Publish Directory of all Jain organisations on a global basis. 4 - Exchange of visits of Jain community leaders 5 - Jain Youth exchange program and common youth camps. 6 - Arrange and coordinate visits of Jain scholars from India. 7 - Set up of Jain Federation of UK similar to JAINA. 8 - Publish Jain quality books in English. 9 - Compile a list of available videos, film titles, produced anywhere, on Jainism. 10 - Organise convention of European and north American convention.

## **BHOOMI POOJA CELEBRATION AT SIDDHACHALAM**

**Siddhachalam, NJ.** A two day celebration, on October 10-12, 1987, was held at Siddhachalam to celebrate Bhoomi pooja for the planned Jain Panch Tirthas. The program was organised under the direction of Acharya Sushil Kumar.

The celebrations consisted of Arihanta poojas and cultural events. Many pledges were made and the fund raising event was successful. About \$200,000 was raised.

## **REGULAR JAIN POOJA AT HINDU JAIN TEMPLE, PA**

**Monroeville, PA.** Regular Jain Pooja and Bhavana were organised at the Hindu-Jain temple on Sunday October 18, 1987. The program which lasted for three hours began at 3.00 PM and it consisted of various poojas and the singing of various Jain stutis and stavans.



## JAIN HISTORICAL STUDIES PRE & POST MAHAVIRA TIMES

Toledo, OH. The Jain history works and the writings to date are few. A detailed and investigative study of the history of Jain Religion, from the ancient past to the recent, in the Indian subcontinent as well mid and near east is warranted. A comprehensive study is needed now more than ever.

Mr Prakash of Toledo, Ohio, in this regard, has prepared a list of some important books. Here it is for the interested individuals. 1 - **Life in Ancient India** (600 BC-1700 AD) by Jagdish Chandra Jain. Publisher: Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi 1984. 2 - **Jainism in North India** (800 BC-560 AD) by Chimanlal Jaichand Shah. Publisher: Longman's Green, London 1932. 3 - **Jain Sources of History of India** (100 BC-900 AD) by Jyoti Prasad Jain. Publisher: Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi 1964. 4 - **Jain Vestiges in Andhra** by S. Gopal Krishna Murthy. Publisher: Govt of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad 1963. 5 - **Jainism in Gujrat (1100 AD-1600 AD)** by Chimanlal Bhailal Sheth. Publisher: Sri Vijayadevasuri Sangha, Bombay 1953. 6 - **Studies in Jainism in Mithila** by Upendra Thakur. Publisher: Chowkamba Sanskrit Studies, Varanasi 1963. 7 - **Political History of Northern India** by G.C. Choudhary. Publisher: P.V. Research Institute, Varanasi 1987.

### WELCOME NEW PATRONS TO JAIN DIGEST

144. Mr Lalit & Madhu Shah, Ahmedabad, India

145. Mr & Mrs John D'arcangelo, Buffalo, NY

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### SHETH MANICKCHAND FATHER OF JAIN DIRECTORIES

Bombay. For the past decade or so, various Jain communities in India and in north America have brought out Jain directories, and in USA, Jain Center of Greater Boston in Massachusetts pioneered in publishing Jain Directory of North America in 1971, championed by Dr Vinay Kumar Jain.

It is a tradition among Jains since decades and decades to compile statistical data for a demographic survey presentation. And Jain historical records show that one unique individual, Sheth Manickchand, a well known diamond merchant and widely respected philanthropist, is the **Father of Jain Directories**.

This first of its kind Jain Directory was published in the year 1914 by Sheth Manickchand at a cost of Rs.15,000. Ever since, the trend to publish Jain Directories has profusely progressed with improved statistical and analytical data. The collectiveness of the various Jain communities as a **single family** stands strengthened in the process begun by Sheth Manickchand.

## HAPPY BIRTH DAY GREETINGS TO PROGRESSIVE JAINS

<b>Arjun Lal Sethi</b> , a freedom fighter & a well known Jain leader from Rajastan	9 September 1880
<b>Prof Srimandhar Kumar</b> , the first Jain to become professor of English in Karnataka state	10 September 1925
<b>Babu Ajit Prasad Jain</b> , editor of Jain Gazette and a noted legal expert	17 September 1874
<b>Dr Hiralal Jain</b> , an eminent historian & author of many important Jain books	18 September 1898
<b>Karmaveera Patil</b> , a social reformer & the founder of Farmers Education Trust, which runs over 600 educational institutions in Maharashtra	22 September 1887
<b>Dharma Rao s Kagevade</b> , well known Hosiery and plastic industrialist from No Karnataka	22 September 1927
<b>Satyendra K Kocher</b> , leading raw wool business magnate of India	1 October 1933
<b>Sampat Rao Appandi Jain</b> , renowned professor of English from Tamil Nadu & author	9 October 1905
<b>Prakash Chand Sethi</b> , former chief Minister of M.P. & cabinet minister of India	19 October 1920
<b>Chanshyam Dass Jain</b> , hosiery manufacturer and a Jain social activist from Delhi	23 October 1910
<b>Seth Lalchand Hirachand</b> , India's shipping industry pioneer and a philanthropist	24 October 1904
<b>Manubhai Shah</b> , well known politician from Gujrat and senior minister in Nehru govt	1 November 1915
<b>M.C. Padmanabha Sharma</b> , leading oriental research scholar & founder of All India Jain Auyurveda	1 November 1916
<b>M.C. Bhandari</b> , leading chartered accountant & authority in corporate law & mangement	19 November 1935

Before going to bed,

*Recite Namokar Mantra and renew your faith.*

*Express your humility and gratitude to your elders, teachers and pious people who guided you throughout the day*

*Be thankful to your parents and other benefactors.*

**DISCOVER CLASSICAL INDIAN TRADITIONS  
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**Mendham, NJ** The Visual Knowledge Corp, Mendham, NJ - **TVKC** ,in conjunction with BBC, has produced critically acclaimed documentaries. It is perceived that these films help those children grown up outside India to orient to the Indian tradition. These critically acclaimed films, considered to be some of the best made on India, are now available for sale at US\$25.00 per tape

The three films are;

**1 - The Frontier of Peace: Jainism In India (40min)** focuses on Jain Religion to explore interrelationships between monks, nuns, laymen and lay women. Set in Ahmedabad, the film examines Ahimsa and its impact on the followers. The film reveals how Jainism's concept of non-violence differs from similar notions; the social implications of nonviolence as regards to animal welfare, restrictions on diet and occupation; and finally the spiritual calling which inspires a young lady to become a nun.

**2 - The Fourth Stage (40min)** We follow a retired news paper editor, E.R. Saturam, as he struggles to decide whether or not renounce the world to enter the Hindu fourth stage of life and become a sanyasin. The film accompanies Seturam in his search to learn about Upanishads.

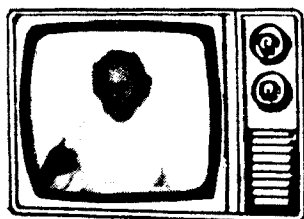
**3 - An Appiontment with the Astrologer (40min).** The film examines the assumptions about fate and destiny in Indian astrology and its role in contemporary Indian society. The film follows six people who attempt to solve life crisis with the assistance of advice from astrologers.

**Film ordering Info:** Orders must be accompanied by a check or money order. TVCK reserves the right to return the checks if the quota of 100 purchase is not reached within a reaonable time. Place your order at **The Visual Knowledge Corp**, POB 404, Mendham, NJ 07945-0404. Shipping cost per tape: \$3.00 sales tax extra.

**SAVYASAACHI JAIN ON FELLOWSHIP VISIT  
THE TIMES OF INDIA REPORTER**

**Newyork, NY.** Mr Savyasaachi Jain, reporter with The Times Of India, Jaipur edition, is visiting Newyork on a six month program as a India Abroad Fellow. During his stay, Mr Jain will visit offices of India Abroad and its news service and study the media in USA.

Jain is one of the top students of his class, the first graduating class in 1986 of the School of Social Journalism of The Times Research Foundation associated with The Times of India Group Publications. Although Jain graduated from IIT Kanpur with a degree in metallurgical engineering, he switched later into journalism.



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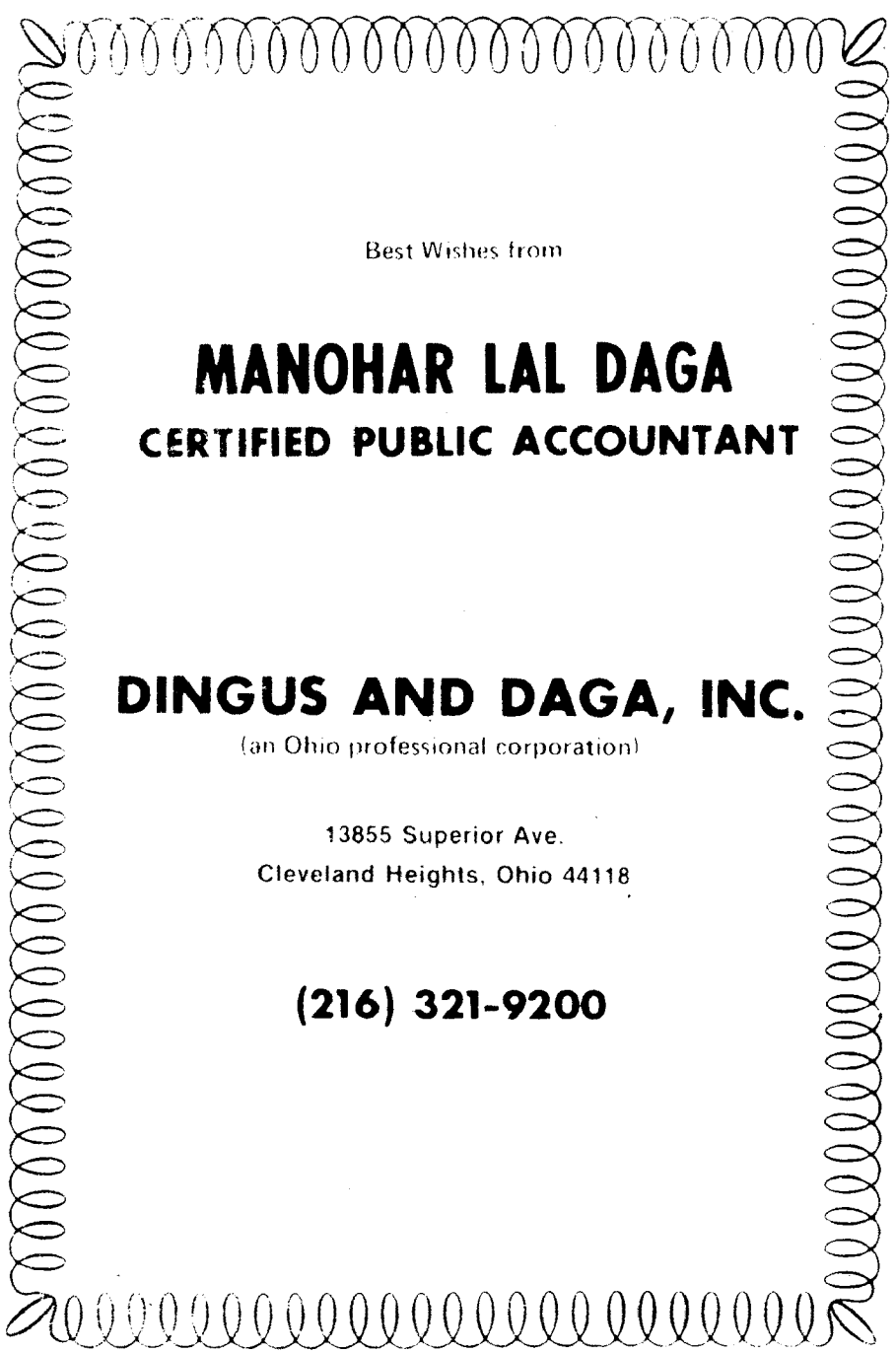
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## **BASADIS/DERASARS IN PAKISTAN**

**Nagar Parkar, Pakistan.** Since 1947, the year Pakistan was carved out of India, there is no data to show that Jains, or the Jain community exist in Pakistan. But there are numerous indications in Pakistan to prove that Jain Religion thrived once in the region from Sindh to Baluchistan. Even today the presence of Jain Religion and culture can be felt with Basadis, the Jain temples also known by the term, Derasars.

Nagar Parkar county in Tharparkar district was once a prominent center of Jain Religion. Numerous remains of Basadis are scattered in the county. Umarkot Basadi, from where the idol of Lord Parshwanath was stolen in 1955, drew wide publicity at the time. Pakistani nationals went on protest at the time to condemn this act. Goraknath Basadi in Veeravaha still seems to be in fair condition.

Mr Muzaffar Hussain has sadly noted in **VIKRAM**, a periodical from Karnataka, that Jains in India have so far failed to pay attention to the last **Jain Remains In Pakistan**.

## **HINDU FAMILY INITIATED TO JAIN RELIGION**

**Humcha, KA.** A Hindu family of Chhabi town in the northern district of Karnataka travelled a long way to Jain Shrine in Humcha, where Goddess Padmavati reigns, to enter into Jain Shravaka fold, and follow the religion of the Tirthankaras.

Sri Devendrakirti Bhattarak performed the Agamic initiation ceremonies on August 20, 1987 at the temple of Lord Parshwanath and goddess Padmavati. Mr Mahadevappa Alankar and the family along with children, Ashok, Manjunath and Shanti, sat religiously, legs crossed and eyes closed with head bent, receiving the sounds and vibrations of the chantings. The ceremony ended with the new names given - Shantinath Jain, Parshwanath Jain, Mahavir Jain and Shantala Jain correspondingly.

## **NITIN MEHTA SPEAKS AT WORLD CONFERENCE ON RELIGION & PEACE**

**Knightsbridge, England.** Mr Nitin Mehta of the Young India Vegetarians was recently invited to address the conference on Religion & Peace on 29 September 1987. He spoke eloquently on Ahimsa and vegetarianism and underlined their importance in Jain practices and principles.

## **JAIN SANGHA OF MOMBASA CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE**

**Mombasa, Kenya.** The golden Jubilee celebrations of Jain Sangha of Mombasa, organised from September 7 - 29, 1987 in this second largest city of Kenya in east Africa, was marked with a variety of religious, social and cultural events.

Acharya Sushil Kumar was specially invited by the Jain Sangh as the Chief Guest at the celebrations. Amarendra Muni, Shanti and Saraswati from Siddhachalam also attended the celebrations.

The golden jubilee celebrations were concluded on September 29 with honouring of Acharya Sushil Kumar and Amarendra Muni.

## **ACHARYA SUSHIL KUMAR TOURS EAST AFRICA**

A series of lectures, meetings, private appointments and house blessings were some of the highlights of Acharya Sushil Kumar's tour of east Africa. In Mombasa, the Mayor Mr Mwidain had a personal meeting with Acharya in addition to a series of lectures delivered daily at various places. On September 15, a 12-hour Namokar Mantra was conducted from dusk to dawn. And on the 18th, Acharya fully participated in the golden jubilee celebrations.

On September 21, Guruji arrived at Tanga in Tanzania where he delivered lecture. From Tanga, Guruji left for Dar es Salaam where he addressed various gatherings during his 3-day visit. On 25th, Guruji flew to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya where guruji gave lectures at Jain and Oswal societies.

Acharya Sushil Kumar's east African tour from September 7 to 29 was successful in rejuvenating Jain Spirituality among the Jains in this part of the world.

## **DR DEJAMMA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF A I N A T A**

**Delhi.** The Annual Teachers Award, instituted by govt of India, is an Award given to teachers in India in recognition of an outstanding contribution to education and student development.

The National awardee teachers have a society, called All India National Awardee Teachers Association - AINATA, to strengthen the process of education and growth through continued dedication.

Dr Dejamma is the first Jain to be elected President of such a national organisation. The 2-day convention held on September 4 - 5, 1987 at the Constitution Club under the Presidentship of Dr Dejamma was attended by many dignitaries including K.L. Kapoor, Lt. Gov. of Delhi and Dr K.L. Shrimali, former minister of education and great Jain educator.



## CONFERENCE OF JAIN JOURNALISTS HELD IN NEW DELHI

**Delhi.** History of Jains in India's past is rich and varied; their contribution to the Land is unparalleled in proportion to their population, and their contribution is found in every segment of India society. Jain expertise and specialty in the field of literature, architecture, painting, medicine and mathematics have had their unique contribution to the development of India and to the growth of Philosophy in general, and Agamic Faith in particular.

Recent history of Jains records that Jain business community took a very dominant role in shaping Jain communities across India and Jain intellectuals, professionals and Pandits played a less effective role. However trends have changed recently. These people are now partner in the process in shaping the Jain community.

This October 25 and 26 Jain journalists from all over India heralded a new chapter. They gathered in Delhi at the **Conference of Jain Journalists**. The conference was organised by All India Jain Journalists Association. Journalists, writers and publishers from Jain periodicals, weeklies and others had gathered in Delhi for a 2 - day conference. Various issues related to the group and the community were discussed. All in all it was a successful gathering of an influential segment of the Jain community.

## THIRTY EIGHTH ANNOINMENT CEREMONY AT GOMATAGIRI IN KARNATAKA

**Gomatagiri, KA.** Lord Bahubali with his resolute and severe austerity symbolises complete detachment from the world. His posture is human in shape and features yet inhuman as an icicle to express perfect idea of successful withdrawal from the round of birth and death. The oldest of such a statue of Lord Bahubali was consecrated over 1006 years ago and many more statues were erected in the following centuries. One such historical statue of Lord Bahubali is found at Gomatagiri, 10 miles from Mysore city in India. And in recent years, Gomatagiri has become a worth visiting Jain Shrine. Further developments with the construction of Stupa, Jala Mandir and replica reproduction of Sammed Shikarjee Gomatagiri's sanctity has been enhanced.

On Sunday, 13 September 1987, the 38th Mastakabhisheka ceremony was organised. Sri Devendrakirti Bhattarak of Humcha Mutt was on hand to inaugurate Jala Mandir and Sammed Shikarjee. Mr Virendra Kumar, Secretary General of Janata Party in Kerala state, was the Chief Guest.


The officers of Gomatagiri shrine, Mr C.B.M. Chandriah - President and Messers G.A. Suresh Kumar and V.K.P. Sharma - the Secretarie, were thanked on the occasion for their outstanding job.

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I have examined the accompanying fund balance of Federation of Jain Association in North America as of July 31, 1987 and the related statement of revenue and expenditures (cash basis) for the period then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly, included such test of the accounting records and other such auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 1, the Federation of Jain Association in North America uses the cash basis of accounting which recognizes income when collected and records certain expenses when paid. The organization has also prepared its statement of fund balance in a form prescribed by the Federation of Jain Association. These practices differ in some form from generally accepted accounting principles. This report is solely intended for the directors of the Federation of Jain Association in North America and not intended for any other purpose.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Federation of Jain Association in North America on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.



Anos Z. Mahsua, CPA

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1: Major Accounting Policies

The Federation of Jain Association in North America uses the cash basis of accounting to record its revenue and expenditures. Under the cash basis of accounting, revenue is recorded when collected and certain expenses are recorded when paid. Accordingly, the revenue and expenditures reported by Jain Association in North America represent cash receipts and disbursements for the period ended July 31, 1987.

### Note 2: Revenue and Expenditures

The Revenue and Expenditures Accounts consist of \$3,456.21 and \$2,145.83 in Canadian currency respectively. These amounts were converted to U.S. dollars at an exchange rate of \$0.74 (U.S. dollar) in effect on July 31, 1987.

### Note 3: Jain Digest Patron

This account is restricted for Jain Digest and consists of \$1,902.00 (Canadian currency) which was converted as described in Note 2 above.

### Note 4: Accounts Receivable

This account consists of amounts due from members and advertisement. (See List attached).

# FEDERATION OF JAIN ASSOCIATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & FUND BALANCE

JUNE 01, 1985 THROUGH JULY 31, 1987

<u>Revenue (Note 2)</u>	
General Donations	\$ 2,383.91
JAIN Digest Patron (Note 3)	12,161.70
JAIN Digest Subscription	91.08
Advertisement Donation	1,518.57
Membership	4,173.30
Interest	1,043.74
Convention Advertisement	2,843.50
T.V. Documentary	251.00
Books, Buttons, Commemorative	
JAIN Digest, etc., sale	
Total Revenue	<u>1,131.80</u>

\$ 25,598.60

### MEMBERSHIP

AS OF JULY 31, 1987

### LIST OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

JAIN Center of Central Florida  
JAIN Center of New Jersey  
JAIN Social Group Milwaukee

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100.00  
50.00  
200.00

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Hemant Jain, Milwaukee  
R. Kobawala, Chicago  
Chandrakant Vora, Boston  
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Well Wishes, Boston  
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Gyan Jain, Toronto  
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100.00  
18.50  
337.00  
337.00

<u>Expenditures (Note 2)</u>	
Postage	\$ 1,768.81
Telephone	1,074.54
Bank Commission	195.17
Bank Charges	2.12
T.V. Documentary	350.00
Books Purchase	2,117.68
Printing & Secretarial Svc.	922.05
JAIN Digest, Printing & Prod.	1,445.07
JAIN Digest Special Issue	0.00
Supplies and Photocopy	75.90
Miscellaneous Expenses	270.72
Conventions Forms, Buttons	0.00
Commemorative JAIN Digest	
Total Expenditures	<u>1,468.75</u>

9,690.81  
\$ 15,907.79

### Excess of Revenue over Expenditures

### Fund Balance

Cash Account	2,661.83
Beginning Balance	
Excess of Revenue over	
Expenditures	<u>15,907.79</u>
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	
Fund Balance, July 31, 1987	

18,569.62  
337.00  
\$19,106.62

### TOTAL RECEIVABLES

Membership  
Advertisement

200.00  
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537.00

## JAIN SOCIETY OF W GERMANY PLANS IN ACTION

**Ihringen, W Germany.** German pioneering in the massive translation of Jain philosophical works led to further studies of Jain Religion by western philosophers and scholars. The same vibrant zeal and movement are underway. Marks Mossner, the Editor of **Der Jain Pfad**, a bi-monthly Jain magazine in German, seems following this movement, and plans are being put into action to establish **Jain Society of W Germany**.

Mr Mossner observes, "Here in Germany, there is a very small number of Jains, and to cater to them in their growing Faith, I have started the Jain magazine. Now we have plans to establish our Jain Society of west Germany."

Further info, interested individuals can write to: Mr Marks Mossner, Bahnhofstr.5., 7817 Ihringen, West Germany.

### DR VILAS SANGHAVE SPEAKS ON DYNAMISM & STRENGTHS OF JAINISM

**Kolhapur, MR.** One of India's best sociologist, Dr Vilas Sanghave was invited to address at a function organised to felicitate Sri Laxmisen Bhattacharjee of Kolhapur Jain Mutt, Maharashtra. Dr Sanghave delivered the theme of his talk in a refreshing line of thoughts why Jain Religion is still dynamic in addressing the issues of world problems as hunger, proliferation of arsenals and social injustices. He drew the attention to the principles and preachings of Syadvada, Samyama, Aparigraha, Ahimsa and vegetarianism as taught by Tirthankaras since centuries and centuries, and explained the applications of the principles in addressing these problems.

"Buddhism and Jain Religion, born in India, enjoyed supremacy through centuries, and only Jain Religion survived though its influence waned," Dr Sanghave explained, and further he observed, "that Jainism survived in India due to its positive internal strengths and the dynamism of its philosophy and the practise of it by its followers."

To the Jina  
who has conquered fear,  
who has conquered all afflictions,  
who has conquered sensual vexations and the passions.  
who has conquered the emotions, attachment, aversions & delusion,  
who has conquered pleasure and pain,  
I bow to him.

**JAIN DEVOTIONAL SONGS  
FROM A I R CALICUT**

**Calicut, KR.** This is the first time in Kerala. The broadcasting on 22 September 1987 was special. Jains from northeast Kerala enjoyed listening to the Jain devotional songs broadcast in Kannada language from All India Radio station in Calicut. It is noted that the indigeneous Kerala Jains derive their religious faith and fraternity from the much larger Jain community in the neighbouring state, Karnataka.

**VIRENDRA PRABHAKAR  
PHOTO JOURNALIST 1987**

**Delhi.** Mr Virendra Prabhakar, a well known photo journalist of India for the past three decades, has promoted art culture and literature through many organisations since 1950. Further he has achieved a distinctive name in his profession, and now recognition has come.

Virendra Prabhakar was recently honoured with Photo Journalism Award for the year 1987. The govt of India, in 1952, had honoured Virendra with Padmasri National Award.

Mr Prabhakar is with Hindustan Times, New Delhi.



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## **DER JAIN PFAD A GERMAN JAIN MAGAZINE**

A new German magazine, Der Jain Pfad, a bi-mensual, has been recently launched from Ihringen, west Germany. It is a welcome news for the folks who practice Jain traditions and vegetarianism in Germany.

Markus Mossner, the editor of Der Jain Pfad, is young, dynamic and dedicated to the cause. Der Jain Pfad is superbly produced, well documented and written. Articles on Jain philosophy, Jain Yoga and relevant news coverage make the magazine very interesting. The German readers for sure will enjoy it. Annual subscription is only 20 Marks. For details write to: Der Jain Pfad, Bahnhofstr.5, 7817 Ihringen, West Germany.

### **Book Review: LORD MAHAVIRA**

**Publisher: Vinod Kapashi, 11 Lindsay Drive, KENTON, MIDDX HA3 0TA, ENGLAND.**

Perhaps this is the first pictorial book written primarily for children living outside India. The original author Dr Kumarpal Desai, a well known Gujarati professor and a journalist from Ahmedabad, India, has written the biography of Lord Mahavir in simple and understandable language as it is geared for children in their early years of schooling. The 20-page book has illustrative narration with a picture or two drawn. The English translation of the title is by Vinod Kapashi and the pictures are beautifully produced by Rajni Vyas.

The book will definitely be welcome by the children as well the parents and it could be used as a good classroom material for teaching.

Over all, the book, Lord Mahavira is good in all respect. However, on page 18 the pictures and the narration would definitely raise certain questions about its relevancy or irrelevancy in the minds of the children because the **Human Phenomena in Jain Faith** preempts all other things. This is one negative aspect, I think, contradicts the human phenomena the Jain religion and philosophy speak of. It is a great book for children in the west and the efforts of Kumarpal Desai and Vinod Kapashi are commendable. I hope more such publications will come from them in the future. All Jain societies could encourage their efforts through buying the book, **Lord Mahavira**.

- by " Bhuvanendra "

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# Some Points in Jain Teachings

Count Arnold Keyserling

The first clue to the message of Jainism is given in its name derived from *jina* which means 'a conqueror.' The Jain wants to conquer his own personal life, whatever it might be. He venerates only the people who, as he knows, have achieved the goal. He therefore follows the Tirthankaras as his guides. If he attains the goal, it will mean that his personal essence or soul has reached immortality.

The Jain starts from the premise that there exists a great number of individual beings, that all these beings could one day achieve immortality, and thus the right attitude for the Jain is to strive to attain his personal fulfilment, and also, at the same time, to help others to achieve their individual fulfilment. This is the metaphysical kernel of the teaching of Mahavira. Salvation lies not only in attaining a state, or in following a moral precept, but in developing the individual being whoever and whatever he might be to its utmost fulfilment. Only in achieving this fulfilment, man will serve as a link between striving nature and perfected beings.

From this emerges clearly the purpose of human existence. Man has an inner essence, a "soul." The right attitude towards this soul is given in the doctrine of Ahimsa: it is wrong to hinder the development of this soul. So Ahimsa means not only something negative-as refraining from killing and doing injury—but also something positive: it means to take the existing being, whatever and however it might be, as the starting point. Souls have certain characteristics, certain possibilities. Owing to individual achievement and Karma, each soul has a definite personal way. And it is this personal way which should be accepted as the basis of human society.

But not only the human being has a soul in this sense; every animate being even every existing phenomenon of nature has as its ultimate cause a divine spark, which one day may also develop and pass through the human form to attain its individual immortality. Thus Man stands not against nature—he is the real *pontifex maximus* linking, in his striving, the earth with the heaven, if he achieves the goal.

Why did Mahavira and many of the earlier Tirthankars start and continue their life and teachings as ascetics? Because Man tends to confuse the means with the ends. Man is perishable on earth. If he identifies himself with his earthly possessions, he will lose himself. Thus the discipline of asceticism is a method and a means, it is not an end. It serves to liberate the human essence from its attachment to animal impulses and instincts. ●

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