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WANT TO MOVE TO CANADA ? A NOTE ON BASIC IMMIGRATION POLICY

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This is an attempt to provide a general information, to the interested individuals, on immigration to Canada. **Immigration is a process whereby one changes place of residence to another country and start a new life in the adopted new country.**

Canada is a land of immigrants. As such the Canadian government at all times actively monitors, regulates, revises, amends and readjusts its policy, procedures, statutes, regulations and quotas of **immigrants, who** like to come to Canada to seek opportunities, advances and a new place to settle.

Some important Immigration Classes;

1 - Family class: Applies to close family members and it entails sponsorship by a Canadian resident family member. This class has top priority in terms of processing and no points have to be scored. One may sponsor a spouse, a fiancée, never married children, parents and grandparents, who in turn can bring with them their unmarried sons and daughters of **any age**. One may also sponsor an orphaned brother, sister, nephew, niece or grandchild under the age of eighteen years, and a child under the age of thirteen years whom sponsor intends to adopt provided the child is orphaned or abandoned etc. **It would appear that in practice the age of parents is no longer of any concern, even when the sponsor is a landed immigrant and not a citizen. There are other finer points but lack of space forbids to deal here.** The sponsor is required to give an undertaking of assistance in all cases except for spouse and never married children.

2 - Convention Refugee: This class does not require any points or sponsors. This is a subject by itself and cannot be dealt here.

3 - Independent Immigrants: This includes a) Assisted Relative: These are more distant family members compared to the family class. These relatives include aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, da include sons, grandsons and granddaughters. Assisted relative must get atleast one point for occupation and a total of 60. Brother, sister, son and daughter applicant needs only 55 points. The independent worker applicant requires 70 points. Variety of occupations are constantly, to reflect job market, assigned with a point value of 0-10. b) Entrepreneur/Investor: The former is to set up an active operation and create jobs where as the latter is a passive provider of risk capital (in Quebec province risk is underwritten by the State)

In conclusion, one may point out that family reunification is a stated objective of the immigration policy. Last remaining son or daughter is given special consideration to enable to join the family in Canada. The same spirit comes through with respect to job offers to relatives in family businesses. It is possible for a bonafide family business to achieve business objectives through employing a relative and for the family the objective of getting him landed in Canada.

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Chicago, IL Sept. 8-11. Gurdev Chitrabhanu speaks
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Toronto, Sept. 9-18. Gurdev Chitrabhanu is the chief guest from 12-15

Pittsburg, PA, Sept. 8-15. Info. Vinod Doshi at 856-9235

Siddhachalam, NJ, Sept. 8-15. Fastinf & meditation with Acharya Sushil Kumar

Sothorn California, Sept. 8-17. Dr Kumarpal Desai is the chief guest. Info. Navin Shah at (714) 994-2266

Cover picture: The tritirthi of Sitalanath, the ninth Tirthankara. Eleventh century metal idol, Swali collection, Bombay. Photo is courtesy of Dr Saryu Doshi's book, Homage to Shravana Belgola, Marg Publications, Bombay, 1981.

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF
JAIN FEDERATION OF NORTH AMERICA
DELIBERATIONS IN BRIEF**

Buffalo, NY. The Annual Meeting of the officers of the Federation and the directors, the representatives of the member Societies/Centers, was held in Buffalo, NY, June 04, 1988.

Various reports covering many activities of the past year and their assessments were presented to the meeting. Dr Salgia, President of the Federation, presented the report on the Amendments to the constitution. Dr Sulekh Jain, Secretary, gave a detailed report of the various activities the Federation had undertaken and realised. The treasurer, Dr Surendra Singhvi being absent, the financial report was presented by the President.

"The Visiting Scholars" agenda was discussed in depth as to establish the criteria for sponsoring, programming and to represent a broad spectrum of subject specifics, languages and regions. With these guidelines, a committee was formed to formulate the best working parameters and make recommendations.

Nominations to appoint Directors-at large were received, and four: Mr Pramod Jhaveri from Cincinnati, OH, Dr Premchand Gada from Lubbock, TX, Dr Harak Dedhia from Morgantown, W VA and Dr Dhiraj Shah from Grand Island, NY were appointed.

Two resolutions were passed congratulating Jain Society of Southern California, USA and Jain Samaj of Europe, Leicester, UK for having built **Chaityalayas** in their respective cities.

Another resolution was passed in regard to the assembly of Jains at Leicester, England to organise a **conference of all Jains** world wide during the Chaityalaya inauguration in July 1988. The resolution called upon the organisers to show; "We should continue to work in harmony in a unified way throughout the world ...include unity in the formation of organisations, their charters and their names. Working with this theme, the Board of Directors of Jain Federation of North America unanimously passed the resolution to appeal JAIN SAMAJ EUROPE to avoid the duplication of the name THE WORLD JAIN CONGRESS and its charter as it already exists in Delhi, India."

The Annual Meeting was hosted by the Jain community of Buffalo, NY. Dr Dhiraj Shah, Ravi Pahade, Dr Kewal Jain, Dr Jagat Jain, John D'arcangelo, Dr Arun Jain and many more worked for the success of the Meeting.

Chaityalayas, the Jain places of worship and study, are not the bare physical locale but the median venue where social ethics and values of life, as governed by Jain gospel, are consummated.

- Dr Nemichand Jain,
Editor of **Tirthankar**, a prestigious Jain Hindi Journal.

SAMANASUTTAM A COMPEDIUM OF THE AGAMAS

The Agamas, the sacred scriptures of the Jains are vast and varied holy doctrines and writings written in Prakrit language with Ardhamagadhi and Sauraseni forms. They have preserved the philosophical reflections of the Tirthankaras.

During the 2500th Anniversary of Lord Mahavir, the last Tirthankar, in 1974, Vinobha Bhave, who have been inspired and energised by whole Jain doctrines in his spiritual and social reform themes, urged the Jain community in India to produce an opus on the Agamas. Under a singular guidance of Jain Acharyas, saints and scholars worked arduously and thus born, **SAMANASUTTAM** in the year 1974.

Samanasuttam is the bespoken words and the doctrines delineated by the great Sramanas, the Tirthankars and the Saints. It is the cardinal holy book of Jain religion and its followers. It consists of 756 Prakrit gathas (verses), divided into 44 chapters dealing with various facets of Jainism. All Jain schools of thoughts, irrespective of their regional or linguistic diversities, consider **Samanasuttam** as the cardinal holy book, a compedium of reflections, philosophy and doctrines of Jain Religion.

Dr Kamal Chand Sogani, formerly Professor of Philosophy at Sukhadia University in Udaipur, India, has begun translating Samanasuttam into English. Some of those English verses have already appeared in Gommatavani and Jain Digest magazines.

- Dr K.C.Sogani
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DR DULICHANDRA JAIN SPEAKS AT ESSEX FALLS, NJ & CHAPEL HILL, NC

Dr Dulichandra Jain, a professor at York college of CUNY and editor of respected quarterly magazine, **The Jain Study Circular**, recently addressed the members of New Jersey Jain Center at Essex Falls and the members of North Carolina Jain Study Center at Chapel Hill.

The lectures touched upon the doctrines of Jain Religion, their essence and their ecclesiastical outlook were interesting, engaging and thought provoking.

Dr Jain, a scholar and a man of great thoughts and deeds, has been successfully publishing and editing **Jain Study Circular** for the past eight years. Dr Jain is also a member of the Advisory Council of the **Jain Federation of North America**.

Lecture at Essex Falls was delivered on July 24, 1988 and at Chapel Hill, the lecture was arranged on 6 August 1988.

" The Jaina concept of human solidarity emphasises oneness of humans and the co-habitation of all living beings "

- Mr M.K.Dharmaraja, New Delhi, India
Journalist & Scholar
Editorial in Gommatavani July 1988

SNATRA POOJA CELEBRATIONS FIRST IN KENTUCKY

Lexington, KY Jain families of Lexington, Kentucky organised Snatra Pooja function for the first time on 21 August 1988 at 3564 Clays Mill Road. Although the number is small, their spirit in performing the Pooja was unequal.

The Pooja began at 3.00 PM and continued for an hour and half. On the occasion, many Jain families from the Jain Center of Cincinnati, OH participated in the performings.

A delicious dinner was served before sunset and it was followed by a Musical Night by Mrs Indu Dhanak from Gujrat, India. The night was a rare experience for the Jain families of Lexington as they were treated to melodious Jain devotional songs as well some folklore in Gujarati.

JAIN STUDY CENTER OF NC PIONEERS IN REPUBLISHING OLD JAIN BOOKS

Garner, NC. Old and out of print Jain books are sometimes hard to find and this kind of loss to the society can be immeasurable. In north America much needs to be done to see this loss can be controlled beyond damage. The Jain Study Center of North Carolina, in this direction, has done a pioneering job in republishing some old titles. Three years ago, the Center republished, "Kund Kundacharya Ke Theen Ratnas" from Navjivan Publishing Co in Ahmedabad, India. Just last year, "Sadhak Aur Sathi" by Dr Soneji and "Jain Dharma Ka Parva" by Pandit Sukhlalji were chosen by the Center to publish them in English, and they are currently in the press. In the current year, the Center has a plan to republish seven books: 1) Achara Dharma 2) Samyama Dharma 3) Last Preaching and 4) Sami-Sanjano Upadesh-, all by Gopaldas J. Patel. And rest of the titles are by Pandit Sukhlalji.

The efforts of the Jain Study Center of North Carolina in undertaking this venture warrant appreciation and acknowledgement.

JAIN YOUTHS OF NORTH AMERICA CRAVE FOR INTERACTION & INTEGRATION

Toronto, Canada. Mona Sheth, Secretary of the Youth Group of the Jain Society of Toronto, lately released a letter calling for the establishment of links between Jain youths, aged 14 to 25, of various Jain organisations in north America. The call referred to the fact that this age group, in any given city, is constrained by its size in number, and therefore, lacks any cohesive strategy for a unified common resolve. There is not much of a scope to get together, interact and lead a rich and meaningful Jain way of life.

The first generation of home grown Jain youths is emerging, or has emerged in north America and with no values imbibed in them, or having failed to prepare for a leadership, the Jain community plus its youth will face a future of uncertainties across the board.

Jain organisations in north America will hopefully create a congenial environment in this direction and devise strong effective measures to

act on. Perhaps the Jain Federation of North America could provide a plank for it to begin with.

To plan and eventually organise a MEET for socio-ethics exchange,ethico-spiritual experience and equality under a common forum and Faith, the Jain youths between the ages 14 - 25 are requested to contact: Mona Sheth,Secretary of Jain Youth Group,Jain Society of Toronto,247 Parklawn Road,Toronto,Canada M6Y 3J6.

JAIN CENTER OF NO CALIFORNIA ACTIVITY JULY 1988

San Jose,CA. The Jain Center of northern California organised two programs during the month of July 1988,and both of them were very successful.

On Wednesday July 6,Gurdev Chitrabhanu delivered a spiritual talk at the residence of Tarunika and Jay Itchapuria in Milipitay,the suburb of SanFrancisco. Gurdev's lecture was centered on the values of human life.

On Sunday July 11,a social gathering,"Reacquaintance Day" was organised where the members of the center in the SanFrancisco area assembled to experience camaraderie and fraternity. The event organised at Vasona Lake Park in Los Gatos attracted over 250 people.

SIDDHACHAKRA POOJA AT THE CHAITYALAYA IN ESSEX FALLS NJ

Essex Falls,NJ. Mr Babu Kadiwala,who had successfully performed Siddhachakra Poojas on 18 August 1985 in Leicester and in London on 31 August,1985,was on hand along with his group at Essex Falls to perform the Siddhachakra Pooja on 7 August 1988.

The Siddhachakra Pooja consisting of 26 different poojas of Arihant,Acharya,Upadhyaya,Sadhu,Darshana,Jnana,Charitra,Tapa,Navgraha,Astamangal and so forth was performed at the Chaityalaya and many people actually participated in it. The Pooja that began at 11.00 AM lasted for about three hours.

Mr Kadiwala,a Siddhachakra Pooja specialist,was assisted in these performings by his group members - Mrs Lilavati Kadiwala,Mrs Suresh Shah,Harikishan Ghela,Sukhchand Soni,Natvar Soni and Kirti Thakker.

ARE VEGETARIANS HEALTHIER ?

John Catford,Professor,College of Medicine of the University of Wales,United Kingdom, reports that vegetarians spend only 1/5th the time in the hospitals in contrast to the meat eaters.

JAIN STUDY CENTER OF NORTH CAROLINA ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1988-89

Garner,NC. The Annual General Body Meeting of Jain Study Center of NC held during the Mahavir Jayanti 1988 elected the new Executive. The officers are: Pravin Shah - President,Natvar Shah - Vice-President & Treasurer,Lalit Banker - Secretary,Ramesh Fofaria -

Children Activity and Usha Doshi - Food Coordinator.

SIDDHACHAKRA POOJA HIND-JAIN CHAITYALAYA, MONROEVILLE, PA

Monroeville, PA. The Jain community of Pittsburg organised Siddhachakra Pooja on Saturday 30 July 1988 at its Chaityalaya in Monroeville, suburb of Pittsburg. The Pooja, which consisted of different performings invoking the great Samana Souls to bless the earthlings, began at 12 noon and concluded at 5.00 PM. The Poojas were performed by Kadiwala and group from Gujrat, India.

Vinod Doshi and Suresh Shah were the coordinators of the program.

JAIN CAMP IN NIAGRA FALLS, CANADA

The Third Annual Jain Camp of the International Mahavira Jain Mission, Canada was organised at Loretta Center in Niagara Falls, Canada, from July 30 to August 07, 1988.

There were about ninety registrants, of which 55 were children who came for the second time. The weeklong camp was programmed under the direction of Acharya Sushil Kumar. Other munis present at the camp were Amarendra Muni from Siddhachalam, Acharya Chandana and her Sangha from Veerayatan, a Jain Spiritual Shrine in Bihar, India and Muni Vimalasuri from Delhi.

The concluding Saturday was a Parent Day attended by the parents of the registrant children.

JAIN SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON DC ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST QUARTER

The main features of the activities of the Jain Society of Washington, DC in the past quarter were geared to social, spiritual and travel pursuits. The events were hot hot in this hot summer days.

Travel to Siddhachalam on chartered buses to participate in the 5th Anniversary of Siddhachalam Shrine, June 18 -19, 1988 was exciting. Manoj Dharamsi, Jyoti & Kanu Doshi, the Gangar Brothers-Kanti, Jay & Hari and Jaya Nagda displayed their mastering of the Jain devotionals, a feast for three hours. And the following day, the members participated in the Snatra Pooja.

The Picnic organised on June 26 at Black Hill Park in Boyd, Maryland was full of social and sport events. In addition it provided an opportunity for fraternity and camaraderie among the members.

The 3-day Jain Camp, July 07-10, 1988 at St. Mary's College Campus, organised in two separate groups, adults and children, was successful. The adult camp was conducted by Dr H.C. Bharill from Jaipur, India and the children camp was conducted by Gurdev Chitrabhanu and assisted by his disciple Balabhadra from Toronto.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION 1989 OF JAIN FEDERATION OF NORTH AMERICA

The Annual Meeting of the Federation of Jain Associations in North America - J A I N A, held on June 04, 1988 in Buffalo, NY, during its deliberations resolved to hold its **5th Biennial Convention in 1989 at Toronto, Canada.**

There were three contenders to host the convention. The Jain Society of Pittsburg, PA, the Jain Society of Southern California and the Jain Society of Toronto, Canada were the bidders.

Ramnik Kothari, President of the Jain Society of Toronto, ably assisted by his treasurer, Bhadra Kothari, convincingly presented a strong bid to host the convention 1989 in Toronto. Vinod Doshi from the Jain Society of Pittsburg, PA similarly made a strong case as to why Pittsburg should be chosen as the site of Convention 1989. The lack of depth of presentation on the part of southern California made it a two way contention between Toronto and Pittsburg. The majority of the vote went to Toronto and successively Toronto was officially chosen as the Site of the 5th Biennial Convention of the Jain Federation of north America.

It was resolved that the 5th Biennial Convention will be held on **July 1 - 4, 1989. This permanent change to this date in July is to synchronise the Canada US holidays and the participation of children during the summer school holidays.**

JAIN CENTER OF CINCINNATI OH PACKED PROGRAM IN THE PAST QUARTER

Again this summer, Jain Center of Cincinnati organised many activities related to socio-spiritual experiencing. And the members participated in these activities with great enthusiasm and interest.

The 2-day Jain Camp, July 15-16, 1988, held at 5291 State Route 359, Oregonia, in Ohio was successful. Amarendra Muni from Siddhachalam and Bhalabhadra from Toronto conducted the camp. It was full of fun, sports, samayik, meditation and yoga.

The social event was Picnic held on July 17 at the camp site. It was an event where the members had ample opportunity for socialising.

The visit to Hindu-Jain Chaityalaya in Monroeville, PA on a chartered bus on June 26 plus the participation of the monthly Pooja at the Jain Society of Pittsburg were the highlites in the month of June.

On 21 August, the society organised a chartered bus trip to Lexington in Kentucky to participate in the Snatra Pooja organised by the Jain families of Lexington. The Jain families from Ohio as well Lexington were provided with an opportunity to understand the variance each find in their Jain way of life.

OUR ERROR CORRECTION

In our last issue of Jain Digest, May 1988, Patron roll No. # 175 should read as **Dr Satyapal & Padma Singhal** and not Dr Ramesh.

-The Editor

JAIN FEDERATION OF NORTH AMERICA ORGANISED LECTURES BY VISITING SCHOLARS

Cincinnati, OH. Dr Sulekh Jain, Secretary, Jain Federation of North America, recently spoke of the efforts of the Jain Federation in organising various lectures by visiting scholars and Munis during the year 1988. Dr Jain billed it as a success story of the Jain Federation through whose efforts the Jain communities across North America have immensely benefitted in their pursuit of spiritual and religious encounters. The Jain Federation thus has played a vital role in enlarging and enunciating the Jain way of life among its communities and people.

For the past five years, the Jain Federation has successfully organised these lectures. Many Jain scholars and religious leaders have been invited to deliver these lectures at various Jain centers and societies in North American cities.

During this year, many more dignitaries have been invited than in the past. Dr Bhagchandra Jain, professor of Jainology at Nagpur University, India, was invited during April-May. Dr H.C. Bharill of Toderma Institute in Jaipur was sponsored by the Federation in June-July. Acharya Chandana from Veerayatan in Bihar, accompanied by her disciple, has been sponsored to deliver lectures at various centers. She will be participating in Dashlaxan Paryushan festivities of Cincinnati Jain center.

"All in all," Dr Jain exuberantly explains, "these lectures by the visiting scholars have been very successful and have contributed to the process of a cohesive construction of the Jain community in North America." He adds that this task of the Jain Federation warrants appreciation and acknowledgement by all.

Mr Naresh Shah of Forest Hill, NY was the coordinator of the itineraries of the visiting scholars.

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Ahinsa (nonviolence) is the highest religion

- from Jain Scripture

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Correspondence invited from **US green carder/Canadian immigrant for graduate boy,liberal hard working,conscious 28 years,5'6" from Mysore city,India working with financial Co. Write to: S.A.Kumar,4665 Moccasin Trail,Mississauga,Ontario,Canada L4Z 2W5. Tel:(416)890-3368.**

Jain parents invite proposal for 23 year 5'1",daughter,Physical therapist. Send details to Box 14781 Cleveland,OH 44114.

Uncle invites correspondence for educated musically talented beautiful niece,26,5'5" widow with a daughter. Contact Prof.Suresh Sethi,80-312 Quebec Avenue,Toronto,Canada. Tel:(416)978-4162.

Respectable professional business family invites correspondence from Jain Gujarati well educated boy for extremely beautiful slim daughter,22 years,5'2",chartered accountant(Bombay),green car holder visiting USA. Tel:(816)452-8113 & (316)683-2109.

Attractive Jain engineer,MBA,businessman,Gujrati,35 years,5'9",US green card holder,widely travelled seeks beautiful educated cultured accomplished girl upto 30.Correspond with photo: Mukesh Ajmera,A-13/3,60 E.V.K.Sampath Road,Madras-600007,India.

Correspondence invited for homely smart slim Gujarati Jain,unmarried girl,29 years,5'3",95lbs,B.A (Bombay) from **well educated Jain Gujarati boy,nonsmoker,vegetarian with descent background. Only serious enquiries with returnable photo:B.Shah,3271 Bluett,Ann Arbor,MI 48105. Tel:(313)994-8567.**

Wanted a suitable match for Jain Gujarati girls,27 & 24 yrs old,both 5'2",B.A & B.Com,green card holders,visiting USA in Sept 1988. Write to:C.K.Shah,959 Gordon Road, So.Charelston,WV 25303. Tel:(304)744-3001.

Brother invites correspondence for sister US citizen,26 years,divorced with 3 yr old girl. Seek educated understandable Jain preferably Gujarati.Reply with photo:S.Shah,123 S Industrial Dr,Orange City FL 32763

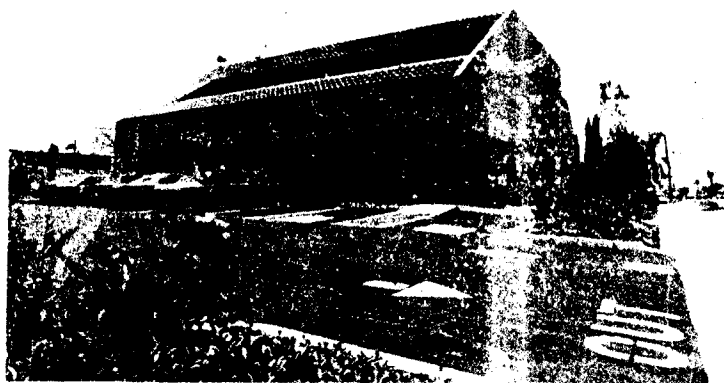
Gujarati parents invite correspondence for their vegetarian son,25,5'8",B.S. Computer Science settled near Boston,MA. Call(215)363-0458.

Parents invite correspondence for north Indian Jain boy,23,6',handsome,accountant settled in New Jersey.Reply with photo:1309 Winona Ave,Morgantown,WV 26505.

Gujarati Jain Physician,27,5'7",ambitious,handsome,smart,seeks compatible educated match. Visiting USA in October 1988. Reply: C-6-6 China Baug,Ahmedabad -380006,India.

THREE CHAITYALAYAS INAGUARATED ON TWO CONTINENTS EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

During this July 1988, history was made in the Jain Chronicles of Europe and north America. This month in 1988 heralded a grandiose triumphant for Jain Religion and its followers as three Chaityalayas were inaguarated on two continents: Europe and North America.



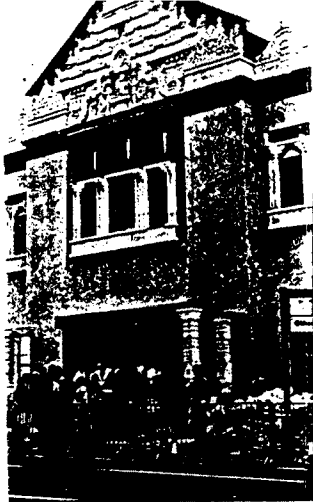
Chaityalaya in southern California
8072 Commonwealth Ave, Buena Park, CA 90621

Nearly 300 Jain families, through their strengths in the Jain Center of So California, have marvelled in constructing the first Chaityalaya on the west coast of America. Its inaguaration, a 4-day event, was organised from July 01 - 04, 1988. It was a large gathering, of over 2000 people, from India, Canada, Europe and the neighbouring states.

Saturday July 2 was a prime day. Early in the morning at six the procession was taken out and the idol consecration ceremonies were begun at eight. With pomp and pagentry, chantings and pooja performings, the idols of Tirthankaras - Rishab, Mahavir and Parshvanath were consecrated as per centuries old Agamic scriptural traditions. The latter program consisted of lectures, social and cultural events. Main speakers were Gurdev Chitrabhanu, Jogesh Muni, Dr H.C. Bharill and internationally known scholar, Prof. Padmanabh Jaini of UCLA at Berkeley. The basic doctrines of Jain Religion were presented by the youth group through excellent theatrical performings.

Throughout the 4-day festivities, various poojas, Jain devotional songs, aarati and mangal divo were performed by various groups and parties, and over \$100,000 were raised through auctioning of various holy events. Sumptuous food was served daily to over 2000 people. All the visitors from out of town and overseas were housed, transportation arranged and their needs were well looked after.

Dr Manilal Mehta, the President and the other officers - Chandrakant Parekh, Navnit Shah, Dinesh Shah, Dr Kishori Shah, Prakash Gandhi, Girish Jogani, Girish Shah, Rajul Mehta, Shirish Sheth and the past presidents - Mahendra Khandhar, Kalyan Mota - deserve an applaud for their laudable endeavour. They helped write a part of history of Jain Religion and its community in north America.



Chaityalaya in Europe
32 Oxford St, Leicester, England LE1 5XU

The dream of Seth Manick Chand, father of Jain Directory of India and the father of Jain Hostels for Students in India, and who wanted to establish a Chaityalaya and a Hostel similarly in England sometime in 1914, if not for his premature death, has come true today through the successful efforts of Jain Samaj of Europe under the able and dedicated presidency of Dr Nattu Shah, a well known Physician in Leicester, England.

The Chaityalaya built based on Agamic Scriptural consuetude is the **first Chaityalaya** in the whole continental Europe, and is located in the city of Leicester, 90 miles northwest of London.

The consecration and the inauguration of the Chaityalaya celebrations were full of festive events, from July 18-23, 1988. The auspicious Agamic pooja performances - Pancha Kalyan, Bakhtamara, Siddhachakra - were performed were carried out according to ancient scriptures. The main day was July 20 when consecrations of the idols of Tirthankaras - Rishab, Shanti, Nemi, Parshva and Mahavir were performed at 8.48 A.M. local time.

An estimated figure of attendance at the festivities was 5000; many coming from India, United States, Canada, Africa and the continental Europe. The Jain Social Group from Bombay led a large delegation. Sri Charukirti Bhattarak of Sravanabelgola Mutt and Sri Devendrakirti Bhattarak of Humcha Mutt also graced the occasion. Other Jain dignitaries like Dr Sarayu Doshi, Dr L.M. Singhvi, Dharmadhikari Virendra Hegde, C.N. Sanghvi were also participants at the gathering.

JAIN SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS ESTABLISHES THE CHAITYALAYA

The efforts and the dedication of a few interested individuals assembled at one of the residences led to the creation of the Jain Society of North Texas in 1982. Those visionary individuals are none other than **Anant Jain, Jay Shah and Janak Daulat**. The Society was formed and Anant Jain was its Founding President.



**Chaityalaya in southern United States
538 Apollo Street, Richardson, TX 75080**

The Jain Society of North Texas has had its growing pains during its early years and in the past three years, its growth persuaded the membership to further strengthen the roots of Jain Religion by establishing the Chaityalaya.

The history was made this July 1988 in this part of northern Texas State. Jain families numbering around 35 were instrumental in writing history in this part of north America for Jain Religion. The Chaityalaya was established. On July 17, 1988 at 11.00 A.M., the inauguration was celebrated with the pooja performances of **Vastu Pooja**. About 150 people enthusiastically participated in the event.

The efforts of the founding fathers of the Jain Society of North Texas and the present officers: Birendra Jain-President, Atul Khara-VicePresident, Veena Daulat-Secretary, Hansa Varia-Treasurer and the nine directors - Janak Daulat, Anant Jain, Suresh Jain, Vijay Jain, Jadav Kenya, Dhiren Shah, Jay Shah, Manoj Shah and Sudhir Shah -, the cherished predilection has now been accomplished. This accomplishment of the Jain Society of North Texas will be recorded as the ninth Chaityalaya in the annals of history of Jain Religion in north America

JAIN ESSAY COMPETITION BOSTON JAIN CENTER, MASSACHUSSETTS

Dr Vinay Kumar Jain, of the Boston Jain Center, has recently announced the annual Jain Essay Competition for the year 1988. The competition is open to all Jain children in three age group categories: 9 - 11 years, 12 - 14 years and 15 years and up.

Essay can be written on various facets of Jain Religion including comparative study; Agamic Scriptures including the opus Samanasuttam published in 1974, the Jain parables and other interesting topics. Essays should be written in English.

The essays will be judged by a committee of 3 judges and will be ranked from one to three. And selected competitions will be published in Jain Study Circular, north America's acclaimed Jain quarterly on philosophy and the doctrines.

Submit essays to Dr Vinay Jain, Jain Center of Boston, 83 Fuller Brook Road, Wellesley, MA 02181.

HAPPY BIRTH DAYS OF PROGRESSIVE JAIN PERSONALITIES

Dr Bhool Chand Jain , from Haryana, is a doctoral fellow from London School of Economics, an IAS who helped create Vikram University & was V.C Kurukshetra university, India	01 June 1908
Acharya Sushil Kumar , from Punjab, is a Jain Muni who has established Siddhachalam in U S A, a Jain shrine & the Spiritual Religious leader of the Jain communities	15 June 1926
Bhama Shah , a famous Jain who was the Prime Minister of Maharana Pratap Singh of the ancient India	28 June 1547
Thiru T.S.Sripal , crusader against animal sacrifices & was instrumental in legislative act of Tamil Nadu, for	05 July 1900
Dr Daulat Singh Kothari , from Rajasthan, India's scientist of international repute & Chairman of U.G.C	06 July 1905
Seth Hukum Chand Jain , from Indore, was a jewel of India's Jain community, Knighthooded by Queen of England for his great philanthropy & leadership in India	14 July 1874
Dalsukh Malvania , from Gujrat, is a distinguished Jain scholar professor, Director of LD Institute, Ahmedabad & was visiting professor of Philosophy U of T Toronto, 1968-69	22 July 1910
S.Nabhirajiah , from Karnataka, was a well known Govt Attorney & President of Jain Sangh, B'lore for 28 years	23 July 1912
Gurdev Chitrabhanu , is a Jain philosopher, Spiritualist & founder of Jain Meditation center in New York	26 July 1922
Mannalal Soorana , a leading figure in India's diamond industry. He is from Rajasthan	31 July 1923
Barrister Champatrai Jain , was a reputed Jain scholar in early nineteens, Jain activist in Europe & well Known Judicature of India	06 Aug 1867
Dr Vikram A Sarabhai , father of India's Space Program, was from Gujrat	12 Aug 1919
Dr Kailash C Jain , from Delhi, is a pioneer & leading toy manufacturer of India	12 Aug 1917
Dharam Chand Jain , a leading mining magnate of India & active politician in Bihar state, India	15 Aug 1935
Ramnik Vimalshi Shah , author & Jain scholar, from Gujrat settled in Canada, is on Advisory council of Jain Federation of North America	29 Aug 1911
N.Santha Kumar Jain from Tamil Nadu, India is a Jain scholar specialising on Jeevakachintamani, Silappathigai, Choolamani & Merumanthipuranam Jain epics in Tamil	03 Aug 1928

**JAIN EKATA SANDESH
NEW QUARTERLY IN HINDI**

Ever since Jain Religion was fractured into communities commanded by thier respective munis, sometime in 79 - 81 A.D., there was a third section of the Jain community, the **Yapaniya**, whose Gurus tried to bring about commonality among the whole Jaina community. The modern leadership including the Acharyas, Saints, Scholars and the intellectuals from the whole Jaina community, especially the Jain community in north America, have adhered to the theme of Jain Unity, and their efforts are now being augmented by the establishment of Jain Ekata from Bombay, India.

The publishers of India Jain Monk Chaturmasa Schedule has now launched a new quartely, Jain Ekata in Hindi, from Bombay. The first issue was published in May 1988. The foundation and theme for this new magazine is Jain unity, equality and organisation.

All Jains world over will welcome and hope its English version will too soon follow.

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION INDIA
TO MAKE PRAKRIT AT PAR WITH SANSKRIT**

Varanasi, UP. During the Golden Jubilee celebrations of PV Research Institute of Benaras Hindu University, Dr S.C. Murthy, Vice Chairman of the UGC, called upon the philosophers and scholars to view Prakrit, the language of the Agamas of the Jainas, as a language that is essential to enrich Sanskrit. Further he added that the UGC will soon recognise Prakrit at par with Sanskrit.

Dr Sagarmal Jain, director of PVRI, was highly successful in organising the golden jubilee celebrations and the All India Prakrit Conference.

**FOUNDATION LAYING FOR
SAINT PUJYAPADA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE**

Kanakagiri, KA. Saint Pujoyapada, one of the ancient Jain Acharyas in the history of souther India, who lived during 450 - 513 A.D., was a instrumental in the development of social awareness and religious ethics in India's past. He achieved it through his unparallel contribution's to India's grammer, literature and medicine. The ancient Indian medicine record Saint Pujoyapada as the pioneer in the field of surgery and its later development.

Kanakagiri in southern Karnataka has a seacial connotation in Jain ecclesiastical chronicle. It is here Saint Pujoyapada undertook **sallekhan**. This importance has been again restored to Kanakagiri as Muni Chetanasagar has contemplated to make Kanakagiri a Jain Spiritual Shrine.

On June 19, 1988 a grand function was organised here on the occasion of foundation laying for the proposed Saint Pujoyapada Educational Institute. Many dignitaries attended the function. The prominent ones were Tarachand Pahadia of Madras, Nirmal Kumar Srthi, President of Jain Mahasabha, India, sri Charukirti Bhattarak of Sravanabelagola Mutt, A.R. Nagaraj and A.N. Chandrakirti. Sri Bhattarak announced on the occasion that an affiliatory Jain Mutt of Sravanabelagola will be established at Kanakagiri. N.K. Sethi pledged a donation of Rs. 100,000

to PEI on behalf of India Jain Mahasabha - IJM. Muni Chetanasagar spoke on the essence of culcating spiritual and human values amongst the children and youth, and stressed the point how Jain Shrines can play a vital role in the development and progress of the community.

SAINT KUNDAKUNDA 2000th ANNIVERSARY ACROSS INDIA

Saint Kundakunda, acclaimed Jain philosopher and scholar of the 1st century, has the third place in the Jain Chronicle after Lord Mahavir and Ganadhara Gautam. This great Jain Acharya's 2000 Anniversary is now being celebrated, this year, throughout India.

Kundakunda was born on Sunday, 5 February of the Jain Calendar year, Vir Saka 501. His parents, Gunakirti and Shantale, were the residents of the village KondeKunda, now known as KonaKonda, about 4 miles from Guntkal Railway station in Andhra Pradesh. Kundakunda was named Padmaprabha by his parents. Padmaprabha entered ascetic life when he was only 11 years old. His Guru gave him a new name, Padmanandi. During his middle life, he produced and wrote voluminous treatise on various facets of Jain philosophy. And at 44, he was ordained to the highest sainthood of Acharya. Kundakunda's works include Tirukurul, Barasa Anuvekka, Panchastikaya, Niyamasara

Kundakunda's works are manifolded. His important works are: Tirukurul, Barasa Anuvekka, Panchastikaya and Niyamasara.

Saint Kundakunda was an outstanding Jain Philosopher and Scholar. As well he was the conceivor and organisor of the Bhattacharakas, the Jain ascetics empowered with religious administration and supreme authority in religious matters. Kundakunda passed away in his 96th year in the year A.D. 12 at Kundadri Hills in southwestern part of India.

JAIN AWARENESS AT ARRAH, BIHAR

Arrah, known for the development and propagation of Jain Religion as pioneered by late Babu Devendra Kumar Jain, recently received Muni Kuntu Sagar and his Sangha of 33 members. During June 1988, many religious activities, wherein the Sangha fully participated in bringing Jain Awareness through lectures, meditation, Yoga and seminar.

Chaturmasa of the Sangha in 1988 will be done here.

PAVUMACHARIYA JAINA EPIC IN PRAKRIT

The Jain epic Pavumachariya is the Jain Ramayan written in Prakrit by Jain Saint Vimala Suri in the first century. Pavumachariya is the oldest literature found in Prakrit language.

- C.P. Kusum Jain, M.A., Sravanabelagol, KA

PROGRAM IN ENGLAND INDIAN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS & VEGETARIANISM

The Islington Animal Rights Group, London organised a program, Indian Religious Traditions & Vegetarianism at The Gillespe, 102 Blackstock Road, Finsbury Park, N4 on July 04, 1988.

Young Indian Vegetarians participated in the program and served a delicious free vegetarian meal to the gathering.

SRI MAHAVIRJEE A DOCUMENTARY ON TV

Sri Mahavirjee, a sacred Jain Shrine in the state of Rajasthan, India, was an interesting documentary presentation produced and televised by the Jaipur TV station.

The documentary portrays the history of the shrine as well its sanctimony, the living ways of the Jaina views of life and its impact on the people.

NARESH CHANDRA JAIN SWORN IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE

Chandigarh, PB-HA. Justice Naresh Chandra Jain, a noted Judicature of India, has been named as the chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Harayana states.

Justice Jain is one of the three chief Justices of the High Courts in Indian States. The other two chief justices are Milan Jain of the High Court of Rajasthan and Prem Chandra Jain of the High Court of the state of Karnataka.

PRITI SHUBHACHANDRA THE FIRST JAIN LADY FOR A DOCTORATE

Mysore, KA. In the history of Karnataka state in India, Priti Shubhachandra is the first Jain lady to receive a doctorate of philosophy degree from the university of Mysore. The Ph.D. degree was awarded to Priti for literary research work submitted last February.

Priti is the daughter of Prof. S.A. Srimandhar and Lalita Kumar of Bangalore, India.

DR M.D. VASANTRAJ NEW PROFESSOR OF JAINOLOGY

Madras, TN. The university of Madras in southern India established Jainology and Prakrit faculty in the year 1985. It was headed by Dr T.G. Kalghatgi, a well known philosopher and Jain scholar. During these years, the Jainology faculty has grown considerably.

With Dr Kalghatgi's retirement, the university senate has selected Dr Vasantraj to head the Jainology faculty. Dr Raj, formerly the professor and head of the dept. of Jainology and Prakrit at Mysore university in Karnataka, has been appointed for three years as professor at university of Madras.

**JAIN MAHASABHA OF INDIA
HOLDS CONVENTION AT BHINDAR, RAJASTHAN**

Bhindar, RS. The Jain Mahasabha of India recently held its convention at Bhindar in Rajasthan, and it was attended by many dignitaries and delegates from different provinces of India. Acharya Ajit Sagar was the keynote speaker at the convention.

The Mahasabha, assembled under the direction of Jain Acharyas and saints with different linguistic backgrounds of India, represents the aspirations and objectives of common shravaks, the educated and the middle class. The Mahasabha bars and abhors all barriers, language or school, that exist and have become impediments to the common cause of the shravaks whether it is in India, Europe, north America or Japan.

Mr Nirmal Kumar Sethi is the President of Jain Mahasabha.

**Dr M.R.TANGA ELECTED
THE FIRST JAIN AT KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Gulbarga, KA. Dr M.R.Tanga, Professor of Medicine at Gulbarga University in Karnataka, has been elected to the Karnataka State Legislative Council from the Graduates' constituency. He was elected on Bharatiya Janata Party ticket defeating rival Congress and JP contestants.

Dr Tanga was a former resident of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

**MISS TANUJA BAGI BAGS
VALLABHAI PATEL UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDAL**

Anand, GR. Sardar Vallabhai Patel University, Gujrat awarded gold medal to Miss Tanuja Bagi for her outstanding achievement as the first rank student of the university in Bachelor of Science 1988.

Tanuja hails from Rayabagh, known for its sub - Mutt of the principal Jain Mutt of Kolhapur in Maharashtra, near Belguam. Tanuja has secured admission at Baroda University to pursue higher studies.

**JAINA MARATHI SAHITYA SAMMELAN
HELD AT POONA**

Poona, MR. Acharya Vidyanand Muni, who was on his Vihar towards Kothali in Karnataka, the place of his Guru Charya Deshabhushan Maharaj, stopped at Poona to participate and bless the Jaina Marathi Sahitya Sammelan held on 21 -22, May 1988.

Many Jain scholars and Pandits, literary figures and leaders from various parts of Maharashtra attended the Sammelan. Many papers were presented on various subjects that Jain Religion has been directly instrumental in the birth and the development of Marathi literature.

Dr Kulbhushan Lokhande, professor of Marathi literature, and the Editor of Divya Dhvani, a Jain periodical in Marathi, was one of the dignitaries at the Sammelan.

DAWN OF JAIN FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES

_Priyadarshi, Sravanabelgola
India

Nearly 50 years ago the richness of Jain Religion were put on the celluloid images of India's film industry. One can mention the film, Kannagi, made in Tamil language. The pioneer D. Shankar Singh of Mahatma Pictures, Mysore, India had presented Jain doctrinal and historical background in his film, Prabhulingaleele. There were two Jain feature films: Myna Sundari in Hindi and Lord Bahubali in Kannada. The latter was produced and directed by veteran politician author Mr Jwalniah, and now this film has been taken over, the whole rights, by the govt. of Karnataka as the film has been declared the treasure of the historical past. Now available on 16 mm.

Raghuvir Singh Jain of Jain Watch Co of India, Delhi is the pioneer in captivating the final living days of Jain Acharyas, Shantisagar and Vira Sagar, on the celluloid. About 30 and odd years ago, Mr Jain had produced such Jain themes on about 150 shorts in 16 mm. Presently some of these are available on video cassettes.

During the 2500 Mahvir Nirvan celebrations, which marked the 2500th year of Jain Calendar in 1974, late Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain, the doyen of Jaina Philanthropy, produced two documentaries: Jain Shrines of India and Lord Mahavir. In 1981, a documentary was produced on Sravanabelagola, where the monolithic statue, 57' tall, of Lord Bahubali stands firm for the past 1008 years on Indragiri hills. Rajashri pictures of Bombay, known for critically acclaimed feature films, have produced 1 hr 40 min Jain documentary in 1986. Recently many Jain video cassettes are in the markets. They include **Pravachans** by Munis and Sadhvis. To name a few: Vidhyanand Muni Pravachans, Triputi Maharaj Pravachans and Gnanamati Mataji Pravachans. The American documentaries on video cassettes are Ahimsa, which was shown throughout north America, and The Frontier of Peace: Jainism in India.

SOUTH INDIA JAIN SABHA HOLDS ITS 69th CONVENTION

Shiraguppi, KA. The South India Jain Sabha was established in 1899 with the objectives of socio-ethic, economical and educational values warranted for the Jain population of Maharashtra and Karnataka states. Since then, the Sabha has grown into an institution.

The Annual Convention of the Sabha was held on June 4 - 5, 1988 at Shiraguppi in Karnataka. The 2-day convention was largely attended representing the whole of southern India. Some of the important resolutions were: construction of South India Jain Sabha building, increase the amount of education trust fund to Rs 100,000,000 and enlist 10,000 life members by the year 1999, the centenary year. Also a souvenir was released on the occasion.

Mr Devappa M Kabanur was elected President of the Sabha for a 3-year term.

TWO WERE INITIATED TO JAIN RELIGION

Hombuja, KA. Sri Devendrakirti Bhattarak of Hombuja Jain Mutt, where Lord Parshvanath and Deity Padmavati have been reigning here for over 1200 years, is well known for his active role in the development and propagation of Jain Religion: its doctrines and its followers. He has undertaken various community endeavours both at home and abroad. It is recalled here that Sri Devendrakirti Bhattarak fully participated in the convention of the Jain Federation of America held in Chicago, May 1987.

On June 18, 1988 at Hombuja Mutt, Sri Devendrakirti Bhattarak organised Agamic initiation ceremonies. One Satyanarayana of Bangalore and Yashoda of Beltanagadi travelled to Hombuja to undergo initiation to Jain Religion. The Bhattarak conducted their Agamic initiation ceremonies to allow them to embrace their new religion, Jainism. The new names were communicated. Satyanarayan was named shravak Shreyams Kumar Jain and Yashoda was named Padmavati Jain.

ANANTIAH GOWNDER LEADER OF JAIN COMMUNITY OF KERALA PASSED AWAY

Maniyumgood, KR. Mr Anantiah Gownder, the Jain philanthropist and the leader of the Jain community of Kerala, India, passed away on 27 July 1988. He was 86 years old.

Mr Gownder was the founder Presidents of numerous Jain charitable organisations, which were responsible for the establishment and the operation of Jain Hostels, Chaityalayas and educational institutions. He had bequeathed hundreds and thousands of rupees and many acres of crop producing lands to these organisations.

The Jain community of Kerala as well Karnataka will miss its guiding light with the passing away of Mr Gownder.

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Jain history is a monumental task. Nevertheless, it needs a beginning.

The agog community enters the dark period when its intellectuals reluctantly remain silent. The Jaina community of today, in India, suffers from intellectual seclusion, voluntary or otherwise. The intellectuals should be relumed so as to enable them to play a pivotal role in the developmental growth and social conscious of the community and the Faith.

Title: BHAVANA BODH

Publisher: Shrimad Rajchandra Ashram, Boria - 388130, Gujrat, India.

This book originally written in Gujarati by Shrimad Rajchandra, the Jain Spiritual Thinker of the late eighteen century, was published in 1886. It centers on soul liberating aspirations for the development of true unattachment and suppression of all passions.

Bhavana Bodh contains 10 chapters dealing with various aspirations as to transience, teaching of self return, restraint of new bondages, shedding of bondages etc and each is followed by a parable.

For readers interested in spiritual ethics, awareness and conscious, this book will introduce to the subject in a comprehensive way.

The English translation is by D.M. Patel, formerly professor of Philosophy at Elphinstone College, Bombay, India.

Title: Political History of Northern India From Jain Sources

Publisher: Sohanlal Jaindharma Pracharak Samiti, Amritsar, Punjab, India.

The Political History of Northern India is accounted here from Jain sources such as literary records and epigraphic studies. It presents the reconstruction, often the new construction, of the history of various dynasties that ruled northern India from 650 A.D. - 1300 A.D. Further more, it deals with many political theories, practices, and makes correlations of ancient names of places with that of the present. The contributions made by Jains on Political Science through the works of Somadeva and Hemachandra are authoritatively accounted.

The political account in the book begins with the Jain Aihole inscription dated 634 A.D. of King Pulakeshi II to chronicle the Harsha reign in Kanauj. Harivamsha Purana of Jinashen of Wardhamana Nagar in Kathaivar narrates the contemporary kings in 783 A.D. and provides an unbroken genealogy of Jain teachers after the death of Lord Mahavir onwards upto Gupta dynasty. The account of Rashtrakutas in the south during 783 A.D. to Gurjara Pratihara during 778 - 918 A.D. is elaborative. The importance of the inscription of 959 A.D. brings out that the earliest Jain Poet Pampa, of Kannada language, hailed from Gurjara Pratihara lineage.

Various Jain sources exhaustively throw light on Gahadvala dynasty upto 1172 A.D. after Gurjara Pratihara. Similarly the Senas of Bengal, who sprang from Karnataka in the south, have been chronicled upto 12th century. The Mulgunda inscription of 902-5 A.D. gives an account of a Jain teacher, Kanakasena of Sena lineage, who was given grants in trust for Jain Chaityalaya. The Candellas, the Kachhapaghata, the Paramaras of central India, the Cahamanas of Rajasthan, the Vaghelas of Saurashtra are thus chronicled upto 13th century.

JAIN RELIGION IN INDIA'S HISTORY AN HISTORIAN'S REFLECTIONS

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Religion is the vital principle of world community and its role is dominant in moulding civilisation. India's civilisation indeed has blossomed on the glorious edifices of many religions, and their doctrines. Jainism, the oldest in India as an organised religion, has hollowed Indian soil with its doctrines through twenty four Tirthankaras. India's civilisation has grown progressively in the broad horizon of social freedom, socio-economic equality and ethico-spiritual secularism doctrines of Jain philosophy. The legacy of Jainism to India's civilisation is unparallel. While European civilisation owes to the classics of Greek and Rome, Indian civilisation owes much to Jain Religion.

Jainism is a rational religion. Its contribution to India is multifacet. It laid foundation for the development of India's present languages, and pioneered and perfected the Prakrit, the oldest language of India. In art and architecture, Jainas have achieved perfection and the Jain Shrines and temples scattered over the length and breadth of India from the ancient to the present stand as testimony.

Humanity owes much to the Jaina concept of Ahimsa, one of the dynamic doctrines of Jain Religion. It is a ray of hope to the harassed human existence and an ultimate denouement to universal Peace and Humanism. Mrs Anie Besant has expressed aptly: " The message of Jainism to humanity is Peace between man and man, man and animal, and Peace everywhere and in all things, a perfect brotherhood of all that lives "

The dynamic Spiritual Panditry and Power of Jainism is a forgotten episode in the pages of Indian history. Historical truths of Jain Religion have not been explored, either in the past or at present and due attention has not been paid.

Religious wars in terms of crusades might not have occurred on India's soil but Jains collectively and individually have suffered religious persecutions in ancient southern India. Against odds, Jain religion and its followers still survived although in dwindling numbers. It is unbelievably true, often, that Jains from pass north of the Vindhyan mountains in India. novicely think that there are no Jain indigenous communities in the southern part of India.

Jain Religion is a pre-Aryan and non-Aryan Faith organised into a religion, by the first Tirthankara, Rishab, in the history of Indian antiquary, and thereupon till 2550 years ago many more Tirthankaras were born. Mahavira is the twentyfourth Tirthankara among such sages.

Jainism crossed the Indian boundary during the time of Alexander, the great Greek king and before and after king Asoka of Mauryan India. It crossed into Ceylon, China and Greece and thus Jain Religion has brought an impact on the body philosophy and peoples of these nations at those times. Researching into these unexplored events of

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