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DASHA-PARYUSHAN PARVA TOGETHER, WE'RE THE ONES !

The Jain festivals, known as **Parvas**, more importantly the birth days of the Tirthankaras and Dasha-Paryushan, are all observed on the dates established according to **Vir Samvatsar (V.S.)**, the Jain calendar that constituted with the **Nirvan of Lord Mahavir**, the 24th Tirthankara, 2512 years ago this past October.

Jain communities of Canada and USA, established and grown a decade and a half ago, observe and celebrate all important **Parvas**. Birth festivities of the Tirthankaras are usually observed on the weekends close to the days observed in India. The variation in dates to observe the Parvas, in north America, is due to the vicissitudes of social and geographic limitations that the Jains have been catapulted into.

As Jain settlers are recent to arrive on the continent, the social limitation is varied and many. The geographical vastness of the chosen land has put limit on the density of the Jain demography which is highly educated and professional in nature with a high ratio. Thus it has conducted the concentration of the Jains in industrialised urban centres of north America.

The variations in dates of the observance of Dash-Paryushan Parva, in India, by Jains follow groups. Some observe during **Shravan vada baras** to **Bhadra shud choth**; some do from Shravan vada teras to Bhadra shud panchami and others celebrate from **Bhadra shud panchami** to **Bhadra shud chadas**. The Jaina communities of north America, at large, have followed the variations of Indian observances and have utterly failed to adopt necessary steps to replant the roots of the Jain heritage in the new land.

The Jain community of north Carolina, a southern state in America, has taken a **first step in advancing the unity of the Jains as one** by deciding to celebrate Dasha-Paryushan Parva on the dates **different from India's observance**, to the similar adoptions of celebrating Tirthankara birth days.

North Carolina Jain community celebrated Dasha-Paryushan from **sept 10 to Sunday 18, 1988 during the two weekends**. On the 1st weekend, we began Dash-Paryushan along with **two virtues followed next day by Mahavir's conception and dreams ceremonies**. The next six virtues, one on each day, were celebrated. On the Saturday of the second weekend, **samvatsari Pratikraman Kshamapan** plus the last two virtues were observed. Recognition of **Tapasvis and Parana** were conducted on Sunday, 18 September.

The reasons for change from India's observance dates are:

- 1 - The youth, children and working adult will have a solid provision to participate fully in all 3 significantly important days in the weekend
- 2 - Kshamapan (samvatsari) on Saturday provides an ideal circumstance for all to observe Samvatsari pratikraman together and to seek kshamapan individually
- 3 - The final day of Dash-Paryushan Parva on Sunday will provide an opportunity for congregational recognition of the tapasvis and the Parana

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JAIN CAMP, to be held from December 27 - 30, 1988, organised by Jain Center of southern California. For details on location and other information, contact Mahendra Khandhar at (714) 898-2930, or write to Jain Center of southern California, 8072 Commonwealth Ave, Buena Park, CA 90621, attention M. Khandhar.

Annual General Body Meeting of Jain Study Center of North Carolina has been fixed for January 15, 1989 to report, in detail, the activities of the past year of the Center and to hold election for the new Board of Directors. Contact Pravin Shah, President at 1119 Flanders St, Garner, NC 27529 for further information.

VISIT TO THE CHAITYALAYA at Buena Park, the suburb of Los Angeles in California organised by the Jain Center of Northern California, on Wednesday, December 28, 1988, for the Jain community members of San Francisco - Bay area. For details contact Ashok Patrawala, 6563 Fifewood Court, San Jose, CA 95120. Tel: (408) 997-2966.

Consecration of Chaturmukh Idol of Tirthankara, Vasupujya at Sri Atma Veliabh Jain Smarak Shikshan, 20 KM, G.T. Karnal Road, Delhi - 110036, India, February 8-11, 1989. Jain Munis and Sadhvis numbering about 100 are expected to grace the occasion. For Details write to: Ratnachand Jain, Pradhan, SAVJSS Trust, 20Km, G.T. Karnal Rd, Delhi-110036.

Jain Federation of North America will hold its 5th Bi-ennial Convention from July 01 - 04, 1989, weekend holidays of Canada and United States, in Toronto, Canada. All Jains from world over if interested to attend, write to: President, Jain Federation of North America, 5540 Woodbury Hills Dr, Parma, Ohio, USA 44134, or President, Jain Society of Toronto, 247, Parklawn Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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Cover picture
Acharya Samantabhadra of Bahubali Shrine, Maharashtra
19 December 1891 - 18 August 1988

NEXT ISSUE OF JAIN DIGEST is due by the end of March 1989. All materials for publication should reach the Editor directly before February 1989.

DASHALAXAN PARYUSHAN PARVA **

The word **Parva** denotes, in Jain lexicon, as a festival of Spiritual Awareness that provides a propensity for the manifestation of soul searching truths in the complexities of moral and social ethics of the Jaina way of life. Dashalaxan Paryushan parva is an annual festivity of the Jains, and it occurs sometime during the months of August-September. The festivity is marked by many religious and cultural activities for a period of ten days.

Dashalaxan Paryushan Parva is celebrated by Jains everywhere in the world. The observation is to redress the commissions and omissions of the complexities in the normal daily life. It brings out self-analysing and soul searching issues through practice of **Ahimsa**, **Samyam** and **Tapa** on a synergetic strive. During this period, one's actions of the preceding past, in light of Jainic doctrines, will be constantly reviewed and will thus be resolved to accomplish spiritual purification.

The observance will be followed by such virtue actions as modesty, contentment, truth, forgiveness, austerity, self-restraint, spiritual involve and listening to **Pravachans**, the Jain religious discourses.

**** Based on the article, Significance of Dashalaxan Paryushan, by Seema Singhvi, daughter of Dr Surendra & Susheela Singhvi of St. Louis, MO**

DASHALAXAN PARYUSHAN PARVA 1988 CELEBRATIONS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

Detroit, MI. Jain Society of Detroit celebrated Dashalaxan Paryushan Parva from September 8 - 16, 1988 and it was a grand success. On the day of Lord Mahavir's Conception and Dream Ceremony, Arvind Shah of Saginaw was on hand to narrate various dreams and their significance. Auctioning of the dream insignia fetched about \$16,500.00 Other cultural activities—dance, drama and devotional songs, were also successfully presented. The notable participation of 28 youths in fasting during the festivities is commendable.

Garner, NC. Jain Study Center of North Carolina organised this year's Dashalaxan Paryushan Parva with a spirit of unity among all Jains in north America. It heralded a **beginning of a new era for all Jains on the continent**. It provided a unity plank for celebrating Dashalaxan Paryushan incorporating all variations in dates and substance. See details on inside cover page.

The celebration was from Saturday, September 10 to Sunday 17, 1988. On the commencing day, two virtues—**modesty** & **straightforwardness** were observed. Next day on Sunday was the conception of Lord Mahavir along with dream plus virtue of contentment were organised on a large scale. Virtues such as truth, self-restraint, austerity, non-attachment and renunciation were observed, one on each day. On Saturday 17, virtue of forgiveness and samvatsari pratikraman were the highlights. Celibacy and parana for the ones who fasted concluded the festivities.

St. Louis, MO Dashalaxan Paryushan was organised by Jain center of St. Louis from September 8 to 16, 1988. Pratikraman, reading of Kalpasutra and bhavana were the daily features during the festivities. Dreams ceremony and Samavatsari Pratikraman were the highlights of the Parva. Dreams insignia auctioning raised about \$3,570. Besides, about 24 people did fasting from one to eight days.

Toronto, ON Jain society of Toronto, Canada celebrated Dashalaxan Paryushan parva with daily pravachans by Gurdev Chitrabhanu on various facets of Jain philosophy and principles. Samvatsari pratikraman, day of forgiveness and fasting by many members were some of the highlights of the parva.

Gurdev Chitrabhanu's lectures on practical aspects of Jain Religion, vegetarianism and Kalpasutra were well attended. Pratikraman, in which a large number took part, was conducted by Gurdev Chitrabhanu.

On the final day, the virtue of forgiveness was observed.

Buena Park, CA. Jain center of southern California celebrated Dashalaxan Paryushan 1988 on a grand scale, beginning Thursday September 8 through 17. Dr Kumarpal Desai from Ahmedabad, India, was the chief guest. He delivered pravachans throughout the parva. Indu Dhanak was on hand to delight the audience on Sept. 9 and 10 with her enchanting Jain devotionals. Pratikraman, aarati and mangal divo were performed everyday during the festivity.

Panchakalyan pooja was performed on Sept. 10. The highlights on Sept. 11 were conception of Lord Mahavir, dreams ceremony and cultural presentations by the children. Samvatsari was observed on the 15th. The festivities came to a conclusion on 17th with virtue of forgiveness and parana.

Chicago, IL. Jain society of Chicago organised Dashalaxan Paryushan festivities for its members at Dempster center, 420 west, Dempster Ave, Mt. Pleasant, from Sept. 8 through 15. Gurdev Chitrabhanu was the chief guest for the first four days. Besides daily religious and cultural activities, Snatra pooja, conception of Lord Mahavir and dreams ceremony were organised on Sept. 10. And on the concluding day, Samvatsari pratikraman was performed.

San Jose, CA. The 200 plus Jain families of San Francisco area celebrated Dashalaxan Paryushan Parva from Sept. 8 to 16. The Jain center of northern California organised the festivities at various locations in the bay area for eight days with prayers and devotional songs performed every evening. On Sunday, Sept. 11, dreams of queen Trishala, mother of Lord Mahavir, were reenacted by means of insignia, and Miss Indu Dhanak from India gave a musical delight. Samvatsari pratikraman was performed on Sept. 16 to conclude the Parva.

Essex Falls. Jain center of New Jersey organised Dashalaxan Paryushan from Sept. 8 to 15 at its Chaityalaya, 233 Runnymede Road, Essex Falls, NJ 07021. Kiranbhai from Gujrat, India, the chief guest, delivered a series of Jain lectures during the parva. The topics were: Significance of Dashalaxan Paryushan, Six steps to Realisation, Why Jain Religion?, Spiritual energy of Namokkar Mantra, Conscious, Way to live life, Destiny and Freewill and Miracles of Forgiveness. Snatra pooja in the morning and Pratikraman in the evening were daily performed.

Buffalo, NY. Jain community of Buffalo celebrated Dashalaxan Paryushan festivities on September 10 and 24, 1988. Dream ceremonies of Trishala, the mother of Lord Mahavir, were enacted with insignia. The significance of each insignia was explained to the audience by a youngster while names were drawn to conduct the pooja performance of each insignia. There were prayers and devotional songs. A large number of Jains from Toronto attended the festivity. Volunteer prepared dinner was served to over 300 people.

On September 24, Samvatsari and Anant Chaturdashi poojas were conducted by Arhant and Vandana Jain of Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Siddhachalam, NJ. Siddhachalam, north America's Jain Shrine, organised Dashalaxan Paryushan from September 8 - 15, 1988. The program mainly consisted of fasting and meditation with Acharya Sushil Kumar, and prayers and poojas.

Washington, DC. Jain Society of Washington DC celebrated Dashalaxan Paryushan festivities from Saturday September 10 - 18, 1988. Lord Mahavir Conception was celebrated with Dreen ceremony of Lord's mother Trishala on September 10, beginning at 3.00 PM. Reading of Kalpa Sutra, prayers and devotional songs were the other features of the day.

On Thursday 15, Samvatsari Pratikraman was organised. On September 17 and 18, Pancha Tirtha Yatra, a religious visit to the Jain Shrines, was organised on a charter bus. In total five Chaityalayas, a Prakrit Jain word for places of worship of Jains, were visited. Two in New York, Siddhachalam and Essex Falls in New Jersey and Allentown in Pennsylvania. The members presented devotional music on Saturday eve at the New York Chaityalaya and participated in Snatra Pooja at Essex Falls Chaityalaya during their Pancha Tirtha Yatra.

On September 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 organised reading of Kalpa Sutra every evening at different locations.

QUINTESENCE OF TRUTH
Religious Verses of Saint Pujiyapada
450 - 513 A.D.

Body, house, wealth and wife,
sons and friends and enemies -
all are different from the soul;
Only the fool calls them his own.

From all directions come the birds
and rest together in the trees;
but in the morning each goes his own way,
flying in all directions.

Death is not for me. Why then should I fear ?
Disease is not for me. Why then should I despair ?
I am not a child, nor a youth, nor an old man -
All these states are only of my body.

Time and again in my foolishness I have enjoyed
all kinds of body and have discarded.
Now I am wise !
Why should I long for dress ?

The soul is one thing, matter another -
that is the quintessence of truth.
Whatever else may be said
is merely its elaboration.

- Prof. S.A.Srimandhar Kumar
Bangalore, India.

**MAHAVIR NIRVAN AND BEGINNING OF VIR SAMVAT
THE JAIN NEW YEAR 2514
CELEBRATIONS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA**

The Jain Calendar, **Vir Samvat**, began 2514 years ago the day after the **Nirvan** of Lord Mahavir, who attained the final stage of freedom from the cycle of transmigration. This great event was guided by the establishment of **Vir Samvat Calendar**, which governs all criterion of all the phenomenon, be it religious or ritualistic, of Jain Religion and its followers all over the world. Here is the concise report of the celebrations in north America:

Cleveland, OH. Jain Society of Cleveland celebrated Mahavir Nirvan and Vir Samvat, beginning of the Jain New Year on Sunday November 6, 1988 at India Community Center 12412 Cedar Road. Acharya Sushil Kumar was the chief guest on the occasion. A large number of members attended the festivity.

With the beginning of new Vir Samvat year, the election of officers to the executives of the Jain society was held for the coming years, Vir Samvat 2514 - 2516, corresponding to the years 1988 - 1989.

Detroit, MI. Nirvan of Lord Mahavir, Vir Samvat New Year and the 13th Anniversary of the founding of the Jain Society of Detroit were celebrated on Saturday, 12 November at 14700 Reaume Parkway in Southgate. The program began at 2.00 PM with Panchakalyan pooja followed by cultural programs. The celebrations were concluded with dinner served before sunset.

San Jose, CA. Jain Center of northern California celebrated the Jain New Year, Vir Samvat and the Nirvan festivity of Lord Mahavir after whom the Jain Calendar, **Vir Samvat** was promulgated. The festivities were organised on October 15, 1988. The program consisted of Snatra Pooja and devotional music by Indu Dhanak.

The Annual General Body of the Jain Center was also held on the eve to conduct its deliberations. At the end dinner was served before sunset. It is recalled here that the Center was established over ten years ago.

Chicago, IL. Nirvan of Lord Mahavir and Vir Samvat New Year were organised by Jain Society of Chicago on November 5, 1988. Cultural activities such as music and dance presentations were performed.

The beginning of new Vir Samvat Jain Year for Jain Society of Chicago is to hold its Annual General Body Meeting to conduct the business of the society and elect new Executives.

St. Louis, MO. Lord Mahavir's Nirvan and the beginning of Jain New Year, **Vir Samvat (V.S.)** were celebrated, November 2 to 5, 1988 by the Jain Center of St. Louis at Brown Hall, Washington University. Acharya Sushil Kumar and Amarendra Muni were the chief guests during these festivities.

During the first three days, Acharya Sushil Kumar delivered lectures on interesting topics: Religious Approach to Stress Management, Need For A **Chaityalaya**, the worshipping place of Jains and Youth & Religion in America.

On Saturday, November 5, Lord Mahavir's Nirvan was celebrated with pomp and joy. Acharya Sushil Kumar addressed the gathering on the occasion eloquently on the theme, Should Nirvan Be The Goal For Everyone ?. The General Body Meeting of the Center was held on the same day to conduct its business and hold elections for the new Executives.

Buena Park, CA. The Jain festivity celebrations organised by the Jain Center of sothern California coincided with the activities of the Annual Meeting of the Jain Center and its Mahila Mandal. The festivities were held on November 19, 1988 at the Jain Bhavan 8072 Commonwealth Ave, Buena Park.

The program began at 3.30 PM with Satranjay Pat Darshan for an hour and half. At 6.00 the General Body Meeting was held. Aarati and Mangal Divo, cultural program by children and devotional songs were the main highlights of the evening.

Toronto, ON Lord Mahavir Nirvan and the commencement of the Jain New Year, **Vir Samvat** (V.S.) fall on Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10, this year respectively, based on the Lunar positions and calculations made in India by Jain Astronomers, Astrologers and the Jain Shastris. In accordance with, numerous Jain families in greater Toronto celebrated Mahavir Nirvan and Vir Samvat New Year on these days. There were bright colourful illuminations of the houses filled with the sound resonance of the **Namokkar Mantra**, singing of hymns in praise of Tirthankara Mahavir, prayers and the worship to reveal the nature and essentials of Jaina doctrines. It was a sort of an enactment of the scene of Mahavir Nirvan event. That was followed by the happy and joyous exchange of the New Vir Samvat Year greetings among friends and relatives.

The Jain Society of Toronto organised Nirvan and Vir Samvat festivities, for its members, on Sunday, November 13 at 50 Winterton Dr in Toronto. The program began at 1.30 PM with Jain worship performed in Hindi. Lecture and cultural program by children and the devotional songs were some of the main events. A delicious dinner was served at the end of the festivities before the Sun went down.

JAIN ETHICS AND ETIQUETTE

The ethico-spiritual essence of Jain Religion substantiates the notion of self without overlooking the loftiest mystical heights ... The basis of socio-spiritual ethics, in Jainism, is **Ahimsa**, the love and respect for life ... The socio-economic equality and mental equanimity of Jainism is **samata** ... The development of sensibility to sense sufferings is **karuna**. Compassion and kindness are the creative expression of **karuna**. The depth of kindness is the criterion of the spiritually evolved souls. The value of **Ahimsa, Samata and Karuna** are of prime importance in Jainism, and these values colour the Jaina outlook with democratic flavour. Social freedom, socio-economic equality, welfare of all beings and ethico-spiritual secularism and equality of sexes form the foundation of democratic setup, and thus Jain philosophy subscribes to the development of democratic social conscious.

- Dr K.C.Sogani
Editorial, Third International Jain Conf.
February 1985, Delhi, India

DR PIYARE L JAIN
PARTICLE PHYSICIST OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE
DISCOVERS EVIDENCE OF NEW FORM OF MATTER

Buffalo, NY. Scientists once thought atoms were the smallest building blocks of matter. It was discovered later that atoms are made up of protons, neutrons and electrons; then, physicists decided, the protons and neutrons of an atomic nucleus were made up of still smaller particles, down to the **quark**.

The best that physicists may be able to hope for is evidence that **quarks** exist in a free state known as **quark-gluon plasma**, a new elemental form of matter. Now Dr Piyare L Jain, professor of physics, state university of New York at Buffalo, has discovered one piece of evidence for the existence of such a plasma. The discovery by Dr Jain was accomplished through experiments performed by an international group of over 400 physicists from 20 nations and 80 institutions in the particle accelerator at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The experiments have implications for understanding how the origin of the Universe occurred. Physicists have proposed that a Big Bang occurred during the first few seconds of the origin of the Universe.

"During the Big Bang, the temperature was very high for a short time, measured in microseconds", Dr Jain said. "All quarks and gluons were produced at that time in an expanded state. As they cooled, the quarks became frozen into neutrons, protons and other strongly interactive particles."

Dr Jain calculated the energy density of up to 500 particles in each head-on collision created by the heavy ion and recorded in the nuclear emulsion. He then concluded that the higher energy density of the particles after collision may be an indication of the new state of matter, the quark-gluon plasma.

Dr Piyare L Jain has done extensive experiments at particle accelerators at Cornell, Stanford, Brookhaven National, Fermi National and Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories.

AHIMSA: NON VIOLENCE DOCUMENTARY
MAKES INTO PEACE IMPERATIVES 1988

Mississauga, On. The north American documentary, Ahimsa, was a very successful feature presentations at the weeklong celebrations of Peace Imperatives 1988 organised and held at the west campus of the University of Toronto. The documentary which explores the traditions of Jain Religion and its peace loving extraordinary followers in India has tried to examine Jain Religion, being one of the oldest and most subtle religions of the world. The message of Ahimsa and Peace as preached and practised by Tirthankaras, Lord Rishab to Lord Mahavir, from the past immemorial historical ages to the present are of paramount importance even today. This is amply displayed by the screening of the documentary, Ahimsa, during the Peace Imperatives 1988.

The documentary in its making was assisted by the **Jain Federation of North America** and many Jain institutions and individuals in India. **Prof. Padmanabh Jaini of University of California** was its consultant.

YOU SAID IT !
Observations & Comments

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"Jain Digest", the first concrete action of the Federation of Jain Associations in north America, is an essential link between the Jains to communicate in this technological age. "Jain Study Circular", edited by Dr Dulichandra Jain, is equally doing a yeoman service to the entire north American Jain community, which desirably needs an organisation in an institutional fashion.

Jain Digest covers the news of entire Jain World. It brings out Jain Matrimonials and the "Book Reviews" attempts to provide a wealth of knowledge badly needed. To suggest, for those who are interested in having them for the price, is not out of its place. "Jain Religion in India's History - A Historian's Reflection", by Miss Vasanta Kumari, Reader in History, Maharani's College, Mysore, India, relates the present with the past and grows to grip with a questioning mind. Such research materials—books, papers et al—, from such knowledgeable persons surely will help rejuvenating the interest among resourceful individuals or organisations here in north America.

The full dimensions of Jain Religion are not just in the states of Gujrat or Rajasthan as it is simplistically believed by many. On the contrary to this disbelief, Jain Religion is a solid entity found throughout India, and followed by people with varied languages and social diversity.

Your efforts are headed in the right direction and need support from each and every Jain reader, whose patronage is paramount for the growth and development of Jain Digest.

**JAIN CENTER OF NEW JERSEY
ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVES**

Essex Falls, NJ. During its Annual General Body Meeting, Jain Center of New Jersey elected new executives for the year 1989. The new members are: Arvind Bhandari, Narendra Gandhi, Sanat Jhaveri, Ajit Parekh, Shirish Patrawala, Jayesh Sanghvi, Bharat Shah, Bipin Shah, Dilip Shah, Gunvant Shah, Diwakar Shah, Raj Shah, Vinod Shah and Virendra Shah.

**JAIN SOCIAL GROUP LOS ANGELESE
MAKES DONATION TO JAIN CENTER, So CA**

Buena Park, CA. Jain Social Group, Los Angeles, CA sometime ago donated \$10,001 to Jain Center of So California to acquire kitchen appliances and accessories for the Jain Bhavan. This was made possible as the majority of JSG members made a contribution of \$100.00 to the cause.

4 - Standardisation of the dates in observing the Parva will assist north American Jain communities to stand strong and united

It is a crime to be perpetrated by us on our children, the Jain youth of north America in the present or the future, if a near-total or partial suppression and denial of Jain religious and spiritual heritage is committed. The very soul and sense of identity, pride and strength of their Jain heritage are essential basics of their well-being.

Reconsideration has its beginning when social evils occur due to environmental or circumstantial causes; values of cultural difference or the arrogant assumption of western version as the remedy and the failure to understand the **fundamentals of Jain doctrines**. Thank Lord Jina, the situation is not set in for the tragic dependence and alienation. It is essential to stress upon a balance of body, mind and spirit in Jaina living and life.

Understanding the new societal environment, its impact and the adjustments, the adoptions that are necessary to replant the roots of the **Jain heritage** in the new land demand a non-cataclysmic casuistry for the mere survival. Together, we're the ones to make this commitment. Let's march together united in all, for all and for a new horizon.

Pravin Shah, President

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THE FORUM is a new column established to raise issues and concerns of the Jain communities of north America. It seeks out issues from the individuals or the organisations and equally warrants solutions. The objective is not for controversies but for the resolutions the community at large will need to search through strength and unity. This maiden article in the Forum by Mr Pravin Shah, President of Jain Study center of North Carolina, raises the issue we are currently in and provides an amicable yet practically workable solution. We seek individuals to look at it and have an opportunity to contradict or concede in support under this **THE FORUM**. Send to: Editor, Jain Digest, 4665 Moccasin Trail, Mississauga, ON L4Z 2W5, Canada.

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Sallekhan: Vow to face death through gradual fasting and Jain rituals

Samavasarana: Congregation of celestials, men and animals to hear discourse of the Tirthankara. In art, a fortified circular structure surmounted by quadruple of Jina

Srivatsa: Auspicious sign decorated on the chest of a Tirthankara

Titthiya: Pali word for Tirthankara

Tirtha: A passage, a fiord of the river of life and death; a Jain Shrine

Tirthankara: Jina who has forded river of life and death, doctrinaire of the Agamas

Tirthapada: A Jina; one whose feet are sacred

Tritirthi: A panel with figures of three Jinās

Tunk: A fortified enclosing wall containing Jain Shrines

Upaguhana: One who protects a fellow Jain

Upsarga: Life scenes of a Tirthankara before the attainment of Moksha

Urna: A small circular protuberance on the forehead of Jina

Uvajjhaya: Prakrit word for Upadhyaya

Vidhyadhara: An angelic being, human in form and without wings

- compiled by Prof. S.A. Srimandhar Kumar
Bangalore, India

MAMA YEARS

PAPA PRIDES

Son, you were six years old.
We lived in a holy city.
We took you to the Jain temple,
We recited Namokaar Mantra,
And many prayers and worships.
We taught you
Not to hurt even an ant,
And to be kind to all livings.
We taught you to be gentle,
Be fair and straightforward.
It was a profound lesson.

The world is not fair always
And ther's violence all around us;
There is greed and selfishness,
Virtue is not rewarded sometimes.
But hope you'll fill air around
With sacrifice, love and joy,
Like the roses that bloom
among thorns.

- Anonymous

Son, you are away,
All grown up,
Acting like a grown up;
I'm allowing you that way;
I know that you did not need
My permission for that.

In the midst of my labour pains,
And midst your fast growing up,
I only hope that I have planted
Some seeds of Jainism
in your heart
That will bloom for ever and ever
Even in a foreign soil.

For these seeds contain
The essence of life;
They make life easy
And they give meaning to life.
I only planted them;
Keeping them alive
Is up to you.
That is my wish for you.

- Mrs Shashi Jain, Montville, NJ

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RAGHAVA PANDAVIYUM CAN BE READ FORWARD AS WELL BACKWARD

Jain Saint Sruta Kirti, the author of Raghava Pandaviyum, which is a great masterpiece in Jain literature, exclaimed to the world with the composition of this masterpiece and astonishing display of reading it both forward and backward.

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GREAT JAIN EVENTS 30 MARCH 1910

The Mahamastakabisheka of Lord Bahubali at Sravanabelagola in southern India was an important national event even for non-Jains. Many national news papers had dispatched their writers to cover the celebrations. G.F.Edwards,a reporter of the then national daily,Madras Mail,was assigned to cover it.

Edwards dispatched his report of the event through a homing pigeon to Madras Mail in Madras city. The pigeon carried the news report,from Sravanabelagola to Madras,at a flying time of 3 hrs 40 min.

A special Session of All India Jain Mahasabha was held on 30 March 1910 on the occasion of Mahamastakabisheka of Lord Bahubali at Sravanabelagola to address social and educational issues of the Jain Communities across India. Seth Manickchand Hirachand Zaveri of Bombay,known as the father of Jain Directories and Gurdev Brahmachari Shital Prasad were the forces in this direction. At the conclusion of the session,resolutions were passed and commitments were made to establish Jain Hostels at Allahabad,Ahmedabad,Meerut,Poona,Sangli and Belgaum,in addition to the existing ones at Bombay,Surat,Sholapur,Hubli and Kolhapur. Their vision has borne the fruit.

COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY OF GOMATAPUR 1200 - 1600 CENTURIES

There is an abundant epigraphs and historical records on the ancient city of Gomatapur,which lie in the vicinity of present town of Sravanabelagola in the district of Hassan,Province of Karnataka. The epigraphs records,writes and refers to numerous business families of the times,their involvement in various kinds of trades,travels and their treasures. The achievements of the citizenry of Gomatapur,their political and social influences and innovations;their theological characteristics and the use of their economic strengths in developing the region could reconstructed by undertaking a research work on the subject. The contribution of Mangayi,a wealthy business man,who built Tribhuvana Chaityalaya at Sravanabelagola,is only a key to the reconstruction of Gomatapur's history. The research project will surely unravel the fascinating history of Jain Religion that occurred at the times. This is a call for all people: Jainologists,Epigraphists,Scholars,Academics and Archeologists and Historians as well Jain institutions to allot time and resources for the intellectual cause and development of the Jain community.

JAIN COMMUNITY OF BUFFALO,NY ELECTS NEW STEERING COMMITTEE

The new Steering Committee of Buffalo Jain Community for the year 1989 consists of the following members: Dr Girish Chheda,John D'Arcangelo,Dr Jagat Prasad Jain,Ravi Pahade,Dr Dhiraj Shah and Dr Suresh Shah. The chairperson elect for the duration is Dr Dhiraj Shah.

HAPPY BIRTH DAYS OF PROGRESSIVE JAIN PERSONALITIES

Arjun Lal Sethi ,freedom fighter from Rajasthan	9 Sept 1880
Prof.Srimandhar Kumar ,first Jain to become professor of English,Mysore University in Karnataka state	10 Sept 1925
Justice T.K.Tukol ,first Jain to become Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University & noted Jainologist	14 Sept 1908
Babu Ajit Prasad Jain ,editor of Jain Gazette & Judicature	17 Sept 1874
Premchand Jain ,from Harayana,chief Justice of Karnatak	17 Sept 1927
Dr Hiralal Jain ,an eminent historian & author of many important Jain books	18 Sept 1898
M.K.Dharmaraja ,India's reputed tv & print journalist	20 Sept 1918
Karmaveer Patil ,social reformer & founder of FET,which manages over 600 educational institutions in Maharashtra	22 Sept 1887
D.S.Kagevade ,well known hosiery & plastic industrialist from northern Karnatak	22 Sept 1927
Satyendra K Kocher ,leading raw wool business magnate of India	1 Oct 1933
Sampat Rao Appandi Jain ,renowned professor of English and author,from Tamil Nadu	9 Oct 1905
Prakash Chand Sethi ,former chief Minister of MP and senior cabinet Minister of India	19 Oct 1920
Mallinath Jain ,top engineer known for water works of of greater Delhi,India	22 Oct 1923
Ganashyam Dass Jain ,leading hosiery manufacturer and Jain social activist of Delhi	23 Oct 1910
Seth Lalchand Hirachand ,pioneer of India's shipping industry and a great Jain philanthropist	24 Oct 1904
Manubhai Shah ,well known politician of Gujrat and a senior cabinet minister of India in Nehru Ministry	1 Nov 1915
M.C.Padmanabh Sharma ,leading Oriental Research scholar and founder of All India Jain Auyurveda Medicine	1 Nov 1916
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- M.K. Dharma Raja,
 Editor, Gommatavani (Eng)
 May 1988 Issue**

WHO ARE JAINS ? IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOMBAY HIGH COURT JUDGEMENT

A petition filed at the High Court of the then Bombay Province, C.W.J.C 91/1951, by Jain community to the Bench of chief Justice Chagla and Justice Gajendragadkar, the judgement ruled that:

"Harijans have no right to entry into Jain temples as these are not Hindu temples. Harijan Temple Entry Act legislation is not the object to do away with the distinction between Hindu and Jain temples. It is well known that Jains are Hindu dissenters and their religious beliefs differ. Jains do not recognise and do not subscribe to Hindu vedas. Jains assign the highest place to their saints known as **Tirthankaras**, who according to Jaina, have successfully become **superior Gods**. It is true, according to Judicial decision, in absence of proof or customs and usage to the contrary, the Hindu Law applies to the Jains. Even so, their distinct and separate entity as a class by themselves, governed by their own religious tenets and beliefs cannot be disputed".

Dated 19 August 1949, Bombay State Government in its notification accepted the judgement of the High Court that "**Jains cannot be described as Hindus**", thus Hindu Law of 1878 on Jains was squashed.

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JAIN SYMPOSIUM IN TORONTO

The Symposium, Survival or Violence, based on Jain principles of Ahimsa and Anekantawad, was jointly organised here, on Sunday, October 30, 1988, by International Mahavira Mission Canada and the Jain Society of Toronto.

The 2-part symposium was well attended by over 400 participants. The chief speaker on both the times was Acharya Sushil Kumar, who spoke on two fundamental principle, Ahimsa and Anekantawad. Other important panelists were Mr Awad and Ms Burstysn. Gerry Phillips, Minister of Citizen, Govt. of Ontario, was the opening speaker.

Prof. Paul Dekar and Prof. G. MacQueen were the panel chairpersons while Dr Ursula Franklin provided insight into the subject by summarisation.

IMJM Canada and Toronto Jain Society, joint sponsors of the event, carried out a magnificent job. A Souvenir was released on the occasion.

" BHAVYAS " ANCIENT NAME FOR JAINS IN 1368 A.D.

Bhavyas, is a word recorded in inscription No. # 344 at Sravanabelagola, where monolithic statue of Lord Gomateshwara, popularly known as Bahubali, reigns since the year 981, in Karnataka State of southern India, refers to the Jaina laities, who reconciled their differences with Bhaktas (Vaishnavas) in the year 1368. This reconciliation decree between the **Bhavyas** and the Bhaktas was brought by Bukkaraya I, Vijayanagar King, is inscribed by the decree ordered in the year 1368.

JAPAN JAIN SANGH, KOBE RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT

Kobe, Japan. The Annual General Body Meeting of Japan Jain Sangh, under the Presidentship of Fulchand C Karani, made its annual report, for the period October 23, 1987 through October 16, 1988, public on Sunday, 16 October 1988.

These are the highlights of the report:

There were 52 Poojas at the Chaityalaya plus 3 major ones - Panchakalyan, Sattar Bedhi & Sanghani Pooja.

During the period of October 1987 - September 1988, a total of 13,831 people visited the Chaityalaya for **Jina Darshan**. Among them, women folks outnumbered the men; 9276 women in comparison to 4555 men.

Celebrated Chaityalaya Anniversary on 12 April 1988, started Jain School on Saturday evenings and Jain Library established at Aradhana Bhavan.

The Management Committee of 1987 - 88 was: Fuckchand C Karani - President, Nemchand J Jhaveri - Vice President, Satish J Shah - Secretary, Rajejan J Jhaveri & Meghkumar P Jhaveri - Treasurers, Champaklal M Shah & Arun N Jhaveri - Management of Chaityala Affairs.

Japan Sangh is at 7-5 Kitano-Cho, 3-Chome, Chuo-Ku, Kobe, Japan.

FACULTY OF JAINOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE VICE CHANCELLOR ASSURES NOT TO CLOSE

Mysore, KA. When Jainology and Prakrit Studies was instituted, under the Professorship of Late Dr A.N. Upadhye, eminent Jain scholar of international repute, through the endowment of Late Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain, India's industrialist, at the University of Mysore, it was the first and foremost faculty in southern India.

Prof. M.P.L. Kant, a Senate member of the University of Mysore, recently raised the question with the university as regards to Jainology faculty. The Vice Chancellor, Dr Selvi Das, in a reply, addressed the question candidly. It was revealed that there are only two registered students at the faculty and the annual expenditure is Rs 200,000. However, the Vice Chancellor assured that the Jain faculty will not be closed and on the contrary, he stressed to devise plans to attract students to the program.

The faculty in deed has produced many graduates. However, it has failed to address issues of the students after their graduations. Marketability of the graduates' specialised knowledge and services, either in the private sector or various governmental levels, have not been addressed both in curriculum content and in the context of job approach. It is time the **Jaina Leadership** of the area collectively studies the situation, and in conjunction with the national **Jain Leadership** and Jainology faculties of other universities in India, unveil a plan of programs and actions before it becomes an epidemic.

BIBLIOGRAPHICA JAINICA FROM JAIN SIDDHANT BHAVAN INDIA

Arrah, BI The benevolent Babu Devendra Kumar Jain, who bequeathed his largess for the establishment of Jain Research Publication Library at Siddhant Bhavan in Arrah, Bihar, was a visionary of his times. Sri Devendra Kumar Jain Ancient Granthagar has recently brought out an outstanding publication, *Bibliographica Jainica*, a hardbound 600 pager.

Bibliographica Jainica contains references and descriptions to 3000 ancient and rare Jain books housed in Jain Siddhant Bhavan. It is prepared by Dr Gokulchand Jain and Nasim Arantar under the editorship of Rishabchand Jain Faujdar.

"Pictorial Jain Ramayan" is another publication released by the Bhavan. Muni Kesharaj's Rama Yasho Rasayan has been adopted in this beautiful multitone and multicoloured production. This has been authored by Dr Jyoti Prasad Jain, Dr Anand Krishna and Ajay Kumar Jain.

Direct enquires to: Mr Subodh K Jain, Managing Director, Jain Siddhant Bhavan, Arrah - 802301, Bihar, India.

MARKUS MOSSNER VISITS INDIA EDITOR PUBLISHER OF DES JAIN PFAD

Ihringen, Germany. The young and vibrant activist of vegetarianism and Ahimsa in Germany, Mr Marks Mossner recently revisited India to understand and witness the doctrines and values of Jain Religion in its Home. One of the stops: Sravanabelagola in southern India. He had an opportunity to call upon Sri Charukirti Bhattarak, the Pontif, and had exchange of views on Jain philosophy and principles.

Mr Mossner was felicitated by the Bhattarak during the gala function organised to honour him on his tireless mission to propagate Jain Darshan in Germany.

INSTITUTE FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS INDIA ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Ahmedabad, GR. Dr S.S. Jhaveri, Hon General Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Hinsa Nirvan Sangh, 32 Manish Society, Naranpur, Ahmedabad, recently released information to the Press on the activities of the Sangh. It was reported that Sangh has branches all over India and the Institute strives to protect animals from slaughtering and provide shelter. During the drought of 1987-88 in Gujrat and Rajasthan, free fodder camps were established for nine months at a capital outlay of Rs 900,000 to maintain 22,000 cattles. In its animal liberation wing, about 14,150 cattles were saved from illegal slaughter.

Dr Jhaveri was on tour of western countries from July 24 through 14 August 1988 visiting continental Europe and north America to familiarise the plight of the Institute and its formidable task.

KUNDA KUNDA GNANA CHAKRA VIHAR IN GUJRAT 2000th ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT KUNDA KUNDA

Ahmedabad,GR. Saint Kunda Kunda,author of many great philosophical Jain works- Panchastikaya,Niyamasara,Barasu Anuvekka,was one of the most prominent sage scholars of Jain Religion during the early years of Vir Samvat 501.

Kunda Kunda was born on Sunday,5 February 501 V.S. at Kondekonda,4 miles from modern Cuntkal in Andhra Pradesh.

To espouse and popularise Jain philosophy and principles through the great works of Saint Kunda Kunda,the All India Jain Youth Federation organised Kunda Kunda Gnana Chakra Vihar in Gujrat State to coincide with the commemoration of 2000th Anniversary of the great sage. A total of 51 days vihar,of the Chakra,was held throughout Gujrat. During the period,lectures by scholars were organised,audio video cassettes and books were made available to thousands on the significance and importance of Kunda Kundas writings and their contents.

DASHALAXAN PARYUSHAN IN NAIROBI KENYA

Nairobi,Kenya. The Jain community of Nairobi organised Dashalaxan Paryushan Parva from September 8 through 18,1988. Pujiyashri Mrigendra Vijay was specially invited by the Jain Sangh to deliver **Pravachans**,a Jain lexicon that refers to Jain Dharma lectures by knowledgeable sages and scholars,throughout the festivities. The festivity was marked by pooja performings,cultural and spiritual events. There were more than 40 people,men and women,underwent fasting during the event.

ACHARYA SAMANTABHADRA PASSED AWAY FOUNDER OF BAHUBALI JAIN SHRINE MAHARASHTRA

Bahbali,MR. Acharya Samantabhadra,founder and the soul and spiritual institution of Bahubali Jain Shrine,16 miles from Kolhapur city in Maharashtra,is no more. Acharya passed away on 18 August 1988 at the age of 98.

Acharya Samantabhadra was born in an aristocratic family on 19 December 1891,went to Bombay University and graduated in 1918. As bachelor,he joined Jain Muni sangh about 50 years ago and did penance in the present town of Bahubali for many long years.

Sri Samantbhadra was an illustrious Jain Saint,a social activist,a reformer and an educationist. He dedicated his life for the development of Jain Religion in the current context. His vision advanced social and moral development with remarkable achievements.

The Acharya had granted an interview to the editor,Jain Digest in October 1986 and had blessed the Jaina community of north America and its admirable zeal in preserving the Faith in a far off land.

Chief Minister of Karnatak India Presents
STATUE OF LORD BAHUBALI
To the Mayor of Manchester City UK

Manchester,UK. The chief minister of Karnataka, Mr Bommai, who was attending the World Kannada Conference at Manchester, called upon the Mayor of Manchester and during the felicitation ceremony, Bommai presented the replica of the statue of Lord Bahubali, a monolithic granite figure, 57 feet tall, standing on the Indragiri hill, since over 1000 years, at Sravanabelagola in Karnataka State.

Lord Bahubali is the second son of the first Tirthankara, Lord Rishabdev. He renounced the kingdom in defiance to seek spiritual solace and salvation through Jaina doctrines first preached by his beloved father, Lord Rishabdev.

The Jain Shrine of Sravanabelagola incarnates the spiritual pinnacle of the people of Karnataka and this distinction is incorporated in the Gomata idol to disseminate the Jaina doctrines to all Humanity.

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DASHALAXAN PARYUSHAN IN KOBE JAPAN

Kobe, Japan. The Japan Jain Sangh organised Dashalaxan Paryushan Parva 1988 from September 8 through 16, 1988. The main programs during the festivities were Pravachans, Pratikraman and the grand scale function of Lord Mahavir's Conception. There were many members who went on fasting and there was **Parana** arranged for the break of the fast. On the day, a delicious dinner was served to the gathering.

Ms SURABHI SHAH IN CHINA ON STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Nanjing, China. Saurabhi Shah, an Engineering student at Waterloo University, Ontario, Canada has gone to China on Ontario - Jiangsu exchange to assist on an Environmental study project, EDGE Detection Techniques. Surabhi is spending four months at Nanjing Institute of Technology on the project.

Miss Shah is a third year Engineering student at Waterloo and this EDGE Detection Techniques assistance project is also an undertaking for her research program.

Surabhi Shah is the daughter of Dr Kirti Shah, Professor of Statistics at Waterloo and a past President of Jain Society of Toronto, and Mrs Devindra Shah of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

DEVELOPMENT OF JAIN SHRINES IN NEPAL A PLAN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

Katmandu, Nepal. The recent history of Jain Religion and its followers in Nepal, attested and documented by events, records and establishment of Chaityalaya, the Prakrit word for place of worship of Jains, is hundred years and more. The historical past is that Jain Religion was quite widely prevalent in Nepal. Lord Mallinath, the eighteenth Tirthankara and Lord Neminath, the twenty second Tirthankara, it has been said and argued by scholars, were born in Janakapuri (Mithilanagari), Nepal.

Mr Ulhas Chandra Golcha, the President of the Jain community of Nepal, has been in consultation and correspondence with Jain Maha Samiti of India, India Jain Shrines Committee and Jain Parishat of India to devise plan for the development of Jain Shrines in Nepal and to seek cooperation and contingencies.



A GLOSSARY OF JAIN WORDS

- Agama:** Canonical work on the sacred science of Jain Religion, its doctrines and scriptures written in **Prakrit** language
- Agamagna:** One who has a thorough knowledge of the Agamas
- Agamatati:** The series or aggregate of the Jain sastras
- Agamic:** Relating to the Agamas
- Agamika:** An authority on the Agamas
- Ailaka:** The top order among the shravakas
- Aksata:** uncooked rice
- Anekantavad:** Jain doctrine of manifold aspects
- Anjalimudra:** A gesture of worship when palms join together near chest
- Arhum:** Identical to Arhat
- Arahmta:** Prakrit word for Arhat
- Aryika:** Female equivalent of ailaka
- Astapada:** A mountain where Lord Rishab attained Nirvan and his son, emperor Bharata erected Chaityalaya with 24 images of the Tirthankaras. In art, it is a 4-faced solid structure that rises in 4-5 tiers, of diminishing widths, surmounted by Jina
- Astamangalika:** The 8 auspicious Jain symbols—swastika, srivatsa, nandyavarta, vardhamanaka, bhadrasana, kalasa, darpana & matsya
- Avasyaka:** Essential daily duties of Jain laypeople
- Ayariya:** Prakrit word for Acharya
- Bhattaraka:** Venerable administrator of a Jain congregation, Pontif
- Bhavantara/Bhavavali:** The previous life scenes of a Tirthankara
- Bhavya:** Term used for the followers of Jain Religion in VS 501
- Caturvidhasamgha:** Bhavyas categorised to monk, nun, shravak & shravaki
- Chaityalaya:** A Jaina place of worship, meditation and study
- Covisi:** A decorative panel with images of 24 Tirthankaras
- Ganadhara:** The chief disciple of a Tirthankara
- Jain/Jaina/Jainist:** Current term for adherents; relating to Jainism
- Jainagamist:** One who has studied Jain Scriptures
- Jainaphil:** A lover of Jainism
- Jainic/Jainistic:** Relating to Jainism
- Jainistics:** The science of the Jain Religion's doctrines or precepts
- Jainology:** Study of the science of the Jain Religious doctrines
- Jainological:** Of Jainology
- Jainalogist:** An authority on Jainology
- Jainize:** Make Jain in character; convert to Jainism
- Jina:** An Arhat who has conquered all passions; a deified Jain Saint
- Jinagamacharya:** A codifier and exponent of the Agamas
- Jinamarga:** In the path of Jain Religion
- Jinamudra:** An image or form of a Jina
- Jinasamaya:** A Jain congregation
- Jinasamayi:** A member of a Jain congregation
- Jinater:** A person who worships the Jinas
- Jinatry:** The worship of the Jinas
- Kayotsarga:** Jain saint's upright body posture with hands down
- Kshullak:** A junior Jain monk
- Lalitasana:** Seated posture with one leg tucked beneath thigh and the other, with knee bent, rests on the ground
- Meru:** A mountain, in storeys, each having an astapada
- Mulaghanta:** The main bell atop the Samvarana roof
- Panchakalyan:** 5 auspicious events in the life of the Tirthankara
- Parva:** Jain holy festivity days
- Rajoharana:** A whisking broom for Jain saints to dust off particles

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