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Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Trust, a non-governmental voluntary organization is dedicated to serving the rural population by providing them with medical services in various fields including pediatrics, ophthalmology, dentistry, ENT, cardiology, oncology, urology, polio, orthopedics, dermatology and nephrology at no cost. The primary focus of the Trust's activities are the rural patients in Kutch and Gujarat, where most of its parts are lacking in quality medical facilities. Each year the Trust organizes free medical camps in various villages throughout Kutch by setting up outpatient department where thousands of patients are examined. Many surgeries are performed at Bidada itself during camp whereas patients requiring investigation with sophisticated instruments or supra-major surgeries are called to Bombay.

The activities of the Trust had their humble beginnings in 1975 with camps in two medical specialties - ophthalmology, dentistry. The year 1991 was the 18th successive year that the Trust has been conducting medical camps in Kutch. During this period, camps in 14 medical specialties were conducted, more than 13000 patients examined over a period of 15 days, more than 800 operations performed during the camp, and over 150 patients called to Bombay for major surgery.

A summary of the performance of camp till date (1975-1991) is given below:

Medical Faculty	OPD (Examination)	Operations During Camp (at Bidada)	Investigation Surgery (at Bombay)
Cardiac	4703		862
ENT	8190	466	428
Orthopedic	5558	389	183
Polio	2884	278	38
Polio Calipers		573	
Skin	1369		
Pediatrics	427		
General Surgery	673	121	19
Eye	141918	15372	
Dental	65783	30	
Dentures		429	
Plastic Surgery	407	100	52
Cancer	439	23	50
Kidney	376	1	40
Gynecology	583	17	16
Pepsmier		383	
Gastroentrology	560	110(Scopy)	
General Check Up	7232		
X-Ray IV-BA	2627		
Biopsy	83		
Patholgy	4613		
Total	248425	18292	1688

Our other activities include:

1. EPIDEMIC CONTROL

In 1989 a major malaria epidemic broke out in Kutch where more than 2 lakh persons suffered. Bidada Sarvodaya Trust in collaboration with Vivekanand Research and Training Institute mobilized a team of over 100 doctors and paramedical staff treating more than 35,000 persons within a short time without a single casualty.

2. HOSPITAL IN BOMBAY

Feeling the need for a sophisticated diagnostic center to help our patients coming from Kutch as well as those in Bombay, a good samatarian family has donated a fully constructed building in Central Bombay. This building named Maru Hospital is being developed into a diagnostic cum day surgery unit. A mammography unit has already been donated by Dr. Dhiraj Shah from U.S.A.

3. DISEASE PREVENTIVE PROJECT

Rheumatic heart disease is very prevalent in Kutch. Bidada Sarvodaya Trust in collaboration with KEM Hospital, Bombay have adopted two villages. We are monitoring 700 children quarterly for stepococci, a bacteria and giving them preventative shots. We plan to adopt more villages on availability of funds. We also propose to start preventive work in polio and eye as well as other diseases.

**FEDERATION OF JAIN ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA
(PROJECT MAP) (MEDICAL AID FOR POOR)**

Federation of Jain association of North America (JAINA) through their world Community Service have launched the programme Medical Aid for the poor (MAP) and sponsored the 19th Medical Camp at Bidada to be held from December 23, 1992 to January 5, 1993. The tentative program of the camp will be as follows:

Bombay Departure December 23, 1992 at 17.00 hours by Kutch exp.

Camp Inauguration December 24, 1992 at 14.00 hours.

	CAMP	EXAMINATION DATE	OPERATING DATE
1.	4TH Pediatric	12-25-92	12-26-92
2.	14TH. Polio Camp	12-25-92	12-26/28-92
3.	15TH Orthopedic Camp	12-25-92	12-26/28-92
4.	20th Cardiac Camp	12-26/28-92	
5.	19th Eye camp	12-26/27-92	12-28/29-92
6.	19th Dental Camp	12-26/27-92	12-28/29-92
7.	5th Urology and Nephrology	12-29-92	12-30-92
8.	1st Endocrinology	12-29-92	
9.	9th. Gastro enterology	12-29-92	12-30/31-92
10.	10th Plastic Surgery	12-30-92	12-31-92
11.	9th cancer Detection Camp	01-01-93	01-2/3-93
12.	5th General Surgery Camp	01-01/93	01-02/03-93
13.	15th Skin Disease Camp	01-02-93	
14.	10th E.N.T. Camp	01-03-93	01-04/05-93

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From the Editor...

Messages of unity and progress relayed

Acharya Sushil Kumarji, in his opening remarks celebrating Kshama Yachna Day, reiterated that we are all one—whether we belong to one Jain Sangh or another, whether we believe in one sect or another. He emphatically urged all the members to forget their grievances and differences and act on the principle of Anekanvrad as true Jains. We should welcome this message and put all of our energies into making it happen, truly and honestly. His suggestion to fix the first Sunday after the Paryushan and Das Lakshan ceremony to hold the JAINA Executive Committee meeting along with Kshama Yachna at Siddhachalam was greeted enthusiastically by over 500 community members present that day. This was indeed heartening that International Mahavir Jain Mission invited their national body JAINA and

JAINA agreed to hold their meeting in Siddhachalam. Any perceived skepticism that IMJM and JAINA do not see eye to eye has been removed.

Gurudev Chitrabhanu, along with Acharya Sushil Kumarji, acknowledged the tremendous progress made by JAINA while putting the Jain community of the U.S. and Canada under one banner. Gurudev Chitrabhanu pointed to the contribution to the community made by the Boston Jain Center for publishing a Jain Directory and by JAINA for publishing, among others, the quarterly news magazine, the *Jain Digest*. He also acknowledged the role of the *Jain Study Circular* in our community. All such publications create awareness. Gurudevji reminded the audience that these efforts need to be supported by each and every one through donations, however small. With due humbleness may I also make an appeal and request all of our readers that they may kindly send their annual donation regularly. We have fallen into the red and if this continues, I do not know what direction the *Jain Digest* will take. We are trying to improve and maintain

quality and it would be unfortunate if we are forced to move in the opposite direction. We urgently need commitments of sponsorship for individual issues by a group of businesses, supplemented by our usual donors who have kept us going.

Jaijindra.

Surender K. Jain

Vantage Point

Will Jainism Survive in North America?



Sulekh C. Jain, President of JAINA

For the last several years, I have been visiting many Jain Centers in North America. During those visits, I not only try to meet the leaders of the local Jain community, but also many of our Jain youths. We talk about the issues, concerns and what our youths perceive the future of Jainism in North America to be. I ask youths to write letters to the editor of the *Jain Digest* and also write to or call me about their views.

This summer, in two different cities, and two different times, two college-going (one a medical student and another a finance major) and concerned Jain youths engaged me in very interesting dialogues. They shared their concerns and vision openly and frankly, also recalled some of the youths' letters to the editor of the *Jain Digest*. Here is a sampling of what I read, listened to, observed and shared. I must caution that this is a summary of a very small sampling survey. I do not profess that this is universally true. However, this is a feedback. Let us see how we react to it.

Cultural Differences: While

growing up here in this Judeo-Christian culture, Indian youths are under a tremendous pressure from two very distinct and different cultures. As a result, they have to balance many values and value systems, and constantly face many conflicts in their daily lives. This puts a lot of stress and strain in the environment (home, family, friends, peers, college, business world, etc.).

Practice of Indian Values:

Many of the Jain youths have little or no knowledge of Indian culture and Jainism and consequently little or no faith and belief. Many of the youths are partly or completely non-vegetarians. Many of them drink (some are nearly alcoholics), some try drugs, do frequent dating on college campuses (true for both sexes) and engage in sexual activities. Their respect for Indian values is minimal.

Knowledge of Jainism and

Role of Parents: According to one youths, the first generation (parents) have been preoccupied with accumulation of wealth and material greed and as a result have completely failed in teaching Jain traditions to youths. Another youth said to me "Uncle, why do our parents force us to observe certain rituals which they themselves do not understand or have any knowledge of?" Many of the youths do not believe in and like some of the rituals that the first generation so dearly and devotedly observe. Instead of rituals, they want knowledge and that, too, in a language which is their mother tongue (for most this is English) and not of their parents (Hindi, Gujarati, etc.). So far, there is no systematic, regular and proper teaching of Jain principles, philosophy and culture in a manner, language and style that youths understand and like. They want Jain teaching to suit the North American environment. On the utility of scholars, one youth observed that they are mostly for the entertainment of adults and not for the benefit of the youths. As a result, the youth involvement everywhere is minimal. While adults

are busy indoors doing poojas and listening to sermons and lectures, youths are either completely absent or are found playing outdoors. Just think, is this Jain education?

Non-Sectarianism - Talk or Walk!: Both the youths told me that they want non-sectarian education and knowledge of Jainism and philosophy. Most of the Jain centers talk of non-sectarianism but many of the actions are sectarian. Thus, we do not walk our talk. One youth observed, "Some of our temples in North America are becoming predominantly sectarian." The same youth asked me, "Are we real Jain yet?" (Note-He/she picked up from my write-up in *Jain Digest*, April 1992).

Another Glimpse: In the July 1991 *Jain Digest*, Sixth Jain Convention Souvenir issue, one youth wrote:

"We have organizations all over the continent which exist, supposedly, to keep Jainism a thriving religion in the New World. However, our leadership is horrible, not caring for the welfare of the community to which it owes its blood and sweat and the assurance of a brighter future for the next generation. Most of our executive board members, presidents and vice-presidents are, sorry to say, just lazy people who only care for themselves and their reputation at home and with their friends and relatives in India. Parents attend community get-togethers simply for the sake of getting together, to socialize. Most importantly, the religious experiences of the youth do not extend far beyond ritualism and dropping rice and bananas into metal plates! With such factors prevalent, the Jain youth remain ignorant.

The adults in the Jain community should be positive role models, but they impart nothing but bad influence. If parents display a lack of concern for Jainism, then how, in this respect, could there possibly exist positive influences?

The point of all this discussion is that the adults are not giving their heirs something which

human beings (as social creatures) need to be able to accept: a feeling of uniqueness and of equality with those around them. These feelings come from an open, yet humble pride one has in what he is. We are Jains by birth, but we do not know the first thing about what a Jain is, and we do not understand the Jain system of thought (unfortunately, neither do most of the adults). It is really a shame, because hardly anyone knows that we have so much to be proud of. We are Jains, not Hindus. True Jains are the gentlest, most compassionate people on earth; we are the members of one of the oldest surviving religions; we belong to a system of thought that teaches its followers to reason objectively and scientifically, not blindly following the words of a prophet; we have never fought a war or cruelly forced others to accept our religion as others have! Parents have the duty to create, if not reinforce, this vital feeling of pride in their children which they need to feel that they are a whole person, not someone who should mimic the doings of others for social acceptance. Within the community, we need a hundred times more unity than we have now."

As you can see, I got a heavy dose of youths' concern. They talked plainly and with real interest. They asked several times "Under these circumstances, will Jainism survive in North America and will things change?" I told these youths "the glass is not half empty - it is more than half full." I will share this with you in the next issue of the *Jain Digest*. In the meantime, those who read this, I would like to hear from them.

Jai Jenendra.

(To be continued in the next issue.)

Thank you

The Editor wishes to thank
John Zimmerer and Sam McCoy
for another beautiful job this
issue, as well as Steve Jain for
his help in proofreading.

News and Announcements

Award given for supervising project

An Indian American has won an award for supervising the construction of a \$30 million high-tech facility that will be used to build "advanced solid rocket motors" for United States space shuttles.

K.C. Jain, engineering manager and project director for John Brown E & C of Mount Vernon, Indiana, was honored for the "project of the year" by the Indiana branch of the American Society of Civil Engineering. (From *India Abroad*.)

Author honored for technical book

Dr. Rajendra Jain, a senior consulting engineer at Digital Equipment Corporation in Littleton, Massachusetts, one of the world's largest computer companies, has won an award for his 1991 book, The Art of Computer Systems Performance.

Dr. Jain is originally from Madhya Pradesh.

Co-sponsored by Citizen American Corporation and the Computer Press Association, the awards single out outstanding work by journalists and authors covering the high technology industry. Jain's book was published by John Wiley and Sons, New York.

Impact of Jainism at the Earth Summit in Brazil

by Dr. Satish Nayak, St. Louis, MO

The largest ever International Conference sponsored by the United Nations took place at the Riocentro in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from June 3-14, 1992. Presidents and Prime Ministers of over 120 countries participated in it. The Earth Parliamentary Summit was held from June 5-7 under the auspices of the Global Forum of

Parliamentarians and spiritual leaders in Brazil's National Assembly. A Sacred Earth Gathering of religious leaders and thinkers from all over the world also held its three day session from May 27-30 at the Monastery "Casa de Retiros Padre Achiefa."

Acharya Sushil Kumarji was specially invited to these three major conferences. He responded to the opportunity to propagate the principles of the Jain religion and its deeply compassionate philosophy of non-violence and "Live and let live" to the world community.

People were attracted towards the concept of "Paraspar Upgraho Jeevanam" since it convinced them that only by restoring harmony and equilibrium between humanity, nature and other living things in an atmosphere of Ahimsa (non-violence) and Aparigraha (nonpossession) could they hope to bring back the universal forces to a state of mutual interdependence.

The Sacred Earth Declaration was drafted by Dr. Narendra Jain. The declaration contains the following specific references to Jain principles: "We believe in the sanctity and the integrity of all life forms. We affirm the principles of peace and non-violence in governing human behavior towards one another and all life. We view ecological disruption as violent intervention into the web of life."

Acharyaji delivered two important speeches on the Jain religion at the Earth Summit. At the Global Hearts Convention at Flamingo Park, Acharya Sushil Kumarji spoke on the need for practicing non-violence as the only way for humanity.

The Brazilian community organized special speeches by him at the Aurobindo Society Hall, the Yoga Institute and the Atmacharya Ashram (Assocido-Ao Ghana Mandiram). The audience consisted of Brazilians interested in Indian philosophy and culture. Each speech was preceded by the chanting of the Namokar Mantra and Om, and the audience joined in with devotion and enthusiasm.

Encouraged by the positive

responses of people, institutions and the media, Acharyaji announced the launching at Rio of a World Movement of Non-violence for peace and the environment. The announcement was first made in the presence of Mr. Maurice Strong, Secretary General of the Earth Summit, who described it as a welcome proposal.

Acharya Sushil Kumarji also met with the Prime Minister of India and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, as well as with leaders from many countries. These meetings helped focus world attention at the Summit level of the relevance of the tenets of Jainism to the current world situation and the timing of the launching of world movement on non-violence as well as the establishment of an International University for Non-violence. Immediately prior to going to Rio de Janeiro, Acharyaji, accompanied by Ambassador Dr. Narendra Jain, visited the U.N. University for Peace at Costa Rica for establishing a link between it and the International University for Non-violence (to be started) at Siddhachalam. Talks with Mr. R. Carazo, President of the University, Mr. Robert Muller, Chancellor of the University, and Dr. Moulava of Spain, Director of the University, were fruitful and all three confirmed in writing their desire to cooperate and accept the new University for Non-violence as a sister institution. Thus, the two Universities will become the radiating nuclei for the Global Movement of Non-violence.

It was a historic step taken at Rio providing the Jain religion with a global platform for the first time in history. It was also a unique opportunity to consolidate the efforts and the enthusiasm of the Jain community in India and abroad to spread the teachings of Jainism in terms of it being a universal philosophy.

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First Chaturmas held in CA



Samans in Badrikasuram

The Jain Center of Northern California has organized the very first Chaturmas (four month stay in one place) in the U.S. in the Bay Area of California this year. Samans Shree Sthitprajnaji and Shree Sthutprajnaji from Jain Vishva Bharti Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan conducted the Chaturmas.

The Samans conducted the three-dimensional program of Jainism in Anuvrat, Preksha Dhyana and Meditation. Both The Samans are giving lectures in Gujarati, Hindi and English.

The added feature of this Chaturmas was that the lecture and meditation programs were scheduled at different Universities with non-Jain students. The Samans taught how to live today's tension-filled life through character building, purification of life,

development of will-power, self-realization and health. The Samans also gave lectures at Oxford University, Cambridge University and Hawaii University.

People from all communities took part in the Samans' program without any distinction of caste and sect. The Center had also arranged two off-site camps for three days and a one day camp.

Earlier the Jain Center announced that under the training and guidance from both the Samans, approximately 30 members (including adults and youths) took extensive training in Preksha Dhyana meditation even with their busy schedules. Regular classes ran for approximately 35 days. The purpose of this training was to qualify these individuals to be certified instructors for Preksha Dhyana meditation. Examinations are given to the members. The members will then be able to teach Preksha meditation to various Jain centers in the U.S. when requested. This way, there will be a permanent Preksha Meditation Center in the U.S.

Haria chairs CHIRAG in Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Chandra Haria of Cleveland was the chairman of a recent (August 1992) fund-raising drive called "CHIRAG" for a free clinic in the Cleveland area. Jaya Shah and Dr. Kalpana Parikh assisted in this cause. JAINA is proud of such activities led by Jain community members.

Premature death of young Jain scientist

Dr. Girish Bharmal Chheda, a cancer research scientist at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, and an author, died August 13, 1992 at his home. Dr. Chheda was the treasurer of the Jain Society of Buffalo, a life member of the Hindu Cultural Society and co-author of several books.

Donations in memory of Dr. Chheda should be made to JAINA for "Project Map" organized by Bidada Sarvodaya Trust in India.

IAAMJV reunion raises funds for education

by Anop Vora, Rochester, NY



Anop Vora

The International Alumni Association of Shree Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya celebrated its first reunion at Siddhachalam, NJ on July 24, 25 and

26, 1992. It was attended by about 75 families (total of around 250 including children and guests). They enjoyed the religious, cultural and social opportunities that were made available on the serene setting of Siddhachalam. Ramesh P. Shah displayed a cluster of candles and offered to light a candle for any donor who donated \$2,000—the amount enough to support a college student for 5 years. The members pledged \$56,000 on the spot. This brought the total collection to approximately \$106,000 raised by the association since its inception just a year ago. This shows the strong interest on the part of the members to support the noble cause of education.

At the cultural program on the evening of the 25th of July, a Special Recognition Award was given to Shree Dipchand Gardi for his recent donation of 41 lakh rupees to vidyalaya and selfless service to the society. The members dispersed with feelings of joy, pride, and a sense of satisfaction. Everyone felt that they had taken a giant step towards the enhancement of a worthy cause.

JAINA has sent a copy of Pratikraman to everyone. Aloyana will be mailed soon. If you have not received your copy of Pratikraman, please call the JAINA Library at 1-800-99-JAINA.

New North American temples taking shape

Chicago: A magnificent and spacious building of the Jain Center was inaugurated in May, 1992. Panchkalyanak and Pratishtha ceremonies of the deities and inauguration of the temple is planned for Summer 1993.

Detroit: Shila Ropan (foundation stone laying ceremony) took place on July 5, 1992. These celebrations were attended by monks, gurus, dignitaries and a large gathering of Jain Sangh.

New York: During Paryushan, 1992, Jain Center of America, New York got pledges of nearly one million dollars. The Center is actively looking for land to construct a truly magnificent place of worship.

Cincinnati: The Jain Center of Cincinnati/Dayton has been looking at several parcels of land. An appeal has already been sent for pledges and donations.

Pooja performed at Siddhachalam

Combined Pooja of Dev-Shastra-Gurv, Mahavir Swami & Snatra Pooja was performed on the occasion of JAINA's meeting and Samuhik Micchamidukadam at Siddhachalam on September 20, 1992. Mr. Vinod Doshi and Mahendra-Asha Jain led the big gathering in Pooja Aarti.

Chicago Jain Society

During this past summer, the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago sponsored many events.

June 16 was a fund-raiser day.

Let us proudly say our Temples in North America are non-sectarian.

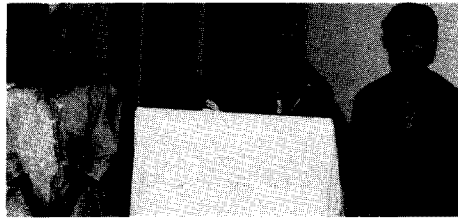
-Dr. Mahendra Pandya, Staten Island, NY

A health fair was held on June 21, which provided stress assessment, blood pressure checkups, cholesterol testing and other tests. Also on June 21, the Youth Forum of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago hosted the 3rd Annual Fun Fair.

The Youth Forum also presented their first cultural program on August 2, which was highlighted by a fashion show.

The society was also able to raise about \$80,000 from Gheeboli and secured loans in the amount of \$150,000 to \$200,000 from its member for the Temple Project.

Jain Center of Cincinnati/Dayton



The Jain Center of Cincinnati-Dayton plans to celebrate Ahimsa Day on October 4 under the spiritual guidance of Acharya Sushil Muni. Mr. Paul Schaeffer, a television commentator for channel 9, will also speak on vegetarianism. The Mayor of Dayton has issued a proclamation for Ahimsa Day. The members plan to provide food to homeless people on the October 4 celebration. (See also the article on new temples.)

Boston hosts scholars

The Jain Center of Greater Boston hosted the following Jain scholars in 1992: Hukamchand Bharill, Muni Rupchandaji, Kiranbhai Shah, Pravinbhai Doshi and Dhirajlal Pandit.

Jain Society of Cleveland

On August 2, Shree Charukirti Bhattarakji Maharaj of Mulbidri, Karnataka, India delivered a very interesting discourse in ICC hall on Jainism that kept the audience glued to their seats for the entire event. Amongst the opinions expressed by some about Bhattarakji are: "Not to

attend such a function is a lot of spiritual loss," "...spell binding speech..." "A gem that needs to be brought to light."

Jain Society of Detroit

The Jain Society of Greater Detroit took another giant step towards achieving its goal of constructing a Jain Temple by celebrating Shila Ropan during the July 4th weekend. The three day celebration included discourses and explanation of the importance of Shila Ropan, various Gheebolis, Garba Raas



and Bhavana, Snatra Puja, Swami Vatslaya dinners, etc., culminating in the Shila Ropan on Sunday, July 5. Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji and Acharya Shree Sushil Kumarji blessed the occasion during the actual "vidhi" which was conducted by Shree Pankajbhai Vyas. More than 500 people, including local society members, JAINA executive committee members and out of town guests, participated in the celebration.

About 45 youths did an excellent job of managing the halls, serving the food, cleaning the facilities, taking pictures and numerous other tasks that were needed for successful completion of such an undertaking. Approximately \$115,000 were raised through various Gheebolis, donations and the sale of commemorative silver coins.

The final site and construction plans have been submitted to the City of Farmington Hills for their approval and pending successful review by the planning commission it is expected that the construction will begin soon.

The cost of the projects is likely to be around \$1.5 million. An appeal to all Jain families for generous donations has been made by the Center. For more information and donations,



please contact any of the following members: Dr. Jayant Shah, Chairman, Temple Committee, 1701 Caliper, Troy, MI 48084, phone (313) 649-0981; Mr. Nalin Shah, Secretary, Temple Committee, (313) 689-8296; Mr. Anant Koradia, President Executive Committee, (313) 681-1333.

Houston Jain Society

Shree Jinchandravijayji Bandhu-Tripudi visited the Jain Society of Houston for two days and a lecture was held on July 28.

Bhatrak Charukirthiji visited from July 8-15 and his daily lectures were well received.

A Bhakti Geet program by the Darabari Dyro group was also a great success.

Toronto Jain Society

The Jain Society of Toronto held Bhaktamber Poojan by Shree Shashikant Mehta, Rajkot, India on September 5.

The center also held their Dashlakshan Parva celebration from September 1-10. The Pooja was conducted by Pandit Shree Dharamchand Shashtrij of India and included an evening lecture.

Paryushan Parva was recently celebrated with Muni Roop Chandji and Muni Manakji at the Toronto Center. There were daily prayers and lectures. Kalpasutra Path was done daily, too. Approximately 150 members attended. Pratikraman was done by about 300 on the last day:

Jain Center of Southern CA

The *sidhachakra* and 108 Arhant Abhishek were performed by Babubhai Kadiwala and party on May 30-31.

Pandit Hukamchandji Bharil visited Los Angeles from June 16-31.

The Mahavir Jain Mahila Mandal celebrated their 10th Annual day on July 4 by performing a 1.5 hour drama on the life of Tirthankara.

Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta visited Los Angeles from July 16-19. There were evening lectures on "Tatvarth Sutra."

The temple in Jain Bhuvan became a tourist attraction for visiting Jain families. The temple's address is 8072 Commonwealth Ave., Buena Park which is very close to Disney Land. The temple is open everyday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on weekends 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call Girish Shah at (714) 595-8995 for further information.

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1993 JAINA Award, Recognitions

by Dr. Jagat Jain, Buffalo, NY

Nominations are invited for the JAINA Award and Recognitions for outstanding contributions in the promotion of the Jain Religion in North America. Individuals (adults and youths) and Jain Associations are eligible. The last date for sending the nominations is December 31, 1992. The awardees will be honored at the 7th JAINA Convention in Pittsburgh, July 2-4, 1993.

Nominations may be made by an individual or a local Jain community and MUST contain sufficient details about the contributions of the individual/association being suggested for the award and recognition.

The criteria for the Award/

1992 Jain celebrations calendar

Deepawali Mahavir Nirvan

October 25

Mahavira Nirvana/

Deepotsawi Day

November 1

Recognition, indentified so far are: 1) Resident of the U.S.A. or Canada; 2) Householder; 3) Follows Jain principles in practice and belief; 4) contributed through: a) publication, b) lectures, c) teachings to youths and/or others, d) community services to promote Jainism (e.g. fund raising efforts, establishing Jain libraries, editing Jain magazines, coordinating essay competitions, organizing youth camps, e) organizing/coordinating visits of Jain scholars/monks in North America, f) contributing in organizing Jain organizations and conferences locally, regionally, nationally, internationally, g) attending national/international gatherings of Jains and contributing through lectures, discussions, and presentations, h) promoting Jain principles of caring for the needy in the community at large, i) establishing contacts between Jains of America and other parts of the world.

There is one JAINA Award. There is no upper limit on the number of recognitions. Following is a list of the awardees of the 1989 and 1991 conventions:

1989 JAINA Award - Dr. Duli Chand Jain - New York, NY

Recognitions: Mr. Lalit Shah (Los Angeles, CA - India); Dr. Manoj Dharamsi (Washington, DC); Dr. Tansukh Salgia (Quincy, IL)

1991 JAINA Award - Dr. Prem Gada - Lubbock, TX

Recognitions (Adults): Dr. Padmanabh S. Jaini (Kensington, CA); Mr. Mahendra Khandhar (Cypress, LA); Dr. Surender K. Jain (Athens, OH); Mr. F.J. Dalal (Washington, DC); Dr. Urmila Talsania (Chicago, IL); Mr. Girish Shah (Walnut, LA); Dr. Hans Raj (Toronto, ONT);

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Mr. Maluk C. Shah (Lubbock, TX); Mr. Dinesh Vora (Cleveland, OH); Mr. Arun Kothari (Engelwood, NJ); Mr. Pravin K. Shah (Cary, NC); Dr. Vinay K. Jain (Wellesley, MA); Mr. Laxmi C. Gogri (Oakdale, CT); Ms. Mamta Yagala (New York, NY); Mr. Balbhadra (Toronto, ONT); Mr. S.A.B. Kumar (Mississauga, ONT); Mr. Ramnik Kothari (Toronto, ONT - Posthumous); Mr. Chander Mohan Jain (London, ONT - Posthumous)

Recognitions (Youths): Anup Salgia (Quincy, IL); Atul Shah (England, UK); Anuja Shah (Forest Hills, NY); Bindi Mehta (Parsippany, NY); Deepal Vidya (Houston, TX); Hinal Shah (Ottawa, ONT); Monisha Jain (Williamsville, NY); Nancy Jain (Toronto, ONT); Minisha Parekh (Phoenix, AZ); Nirav Vora (Cleveland, OH); Poorvesh Sheth (San Diego, CA); Reshma Shah (Cincinnati, OH); Rita Morbia (Windsor, ONT); Saurabh Dalal (Washington, DC); Seema Jain (Chicago, IL); Soumi Daulat (Dallas, TX); Suketu Khandhar (Cypress, CA); Tushar Shah (San Jose, CA); Yogendra Jain (Wellesley, MA); **Recognitions (Institutions):** Jain Center of Greater Boston; Jain Center of Southern California; Jain Center of Toronto; International Mahavir Jain Mission of Canada.

The Award and Recognition Committee consists of the following: Dr. Jagat Jain (Chairperson - Buffalo, NY); Dr. Manibhai Mehta (Los Angeles, CA); Dr. Mahendra Pandya (Staten Island, NY); Dr. Narendra Shah (Athens, GA); Mrs. Bhadra Kothari (Toronto, ONT).

Please send your nominations to: Jagat Jain, 66 Viscount, Williamsville, NY 14221 or call (716) 688-0104.

JAINA Executive Committee elections at 1993 Convention

The JAINA Executive Committee elections will be held at the fourth coming JAINA's 7th Biennial Convention in Pittsburgh. The positions open are that of the president, first vice-president, 3-4 vice-presidents, secretary, and a treasurer. The term is for two years.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a practicing Jain, of good moral character and a director of a Jain Center at the time of the convention.

Each member organization of JAINA appoints two directors to the JAINA Board of Directors. Directors are appointed for a two-year term, also.

For continued growth and ever-expanding needs of the Jain community in North America, JAINA requests that each member in Jain center/organization nominate two directors (to the JAINA board) and also encourage dedicated and visionary people to seek a position in the JAINA Executive Committee. Here is a chance to make a difference and make JAINA the institution you want it to be.

The 1993 JAINA Nomination/Election Committee consists of the following persons:

- (1) Dr. Vinay K. Jain (Chairman)
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Wellesley, MA 02181
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(613) 788-3951 (Fax)

MIS at 7th Biennial JAINA Convention

Marriage Information service (MIS) is proposing to hold an International Seminar on Marriages on the occasion of the Seventh Biennial JAINA Convention to be held at Pittsburgh, PA during July 2-4, 1993. The theme is "Jain Marriages: Past, Present, and Future." The three-hour

seminar will comprise the following topics: traditional, durable, arranged marriages within Jains and on joint family system; Mismatches, male domination, widow/ers, etc.; Matching between one spouse from India and the other from abroad, or both spouses from abroad; Transition from arranged to selection; Basis, process, precautions, peer pressure, role of parents, preservation of values and culture, etc.; Youths born/brought up abroad, their goals, dating/search, freedom, individualism, equality, financial independence; Divorce, remarriage, children, inter-caste, impact of western/materialistic environment, religious and cultural values, vegetarianism, drinking, etc.

Dr. Sulekh C. Jain, President of JAINA, Dr. Surendra K. Sethi, Chairperson of the Program Committee, and Mr. F.J. Dalal, Chairperson of MIS, will finalize all the details for the seminar.

All persons offering to speak at this seminar should submit a brief biodata and synopsis of 15 to 25 lines based on the topics outlined above. All speakers will be of age above 21. Equal representation will be given to male and female speakers, including young adults, at the seminar, as far as possible.

It is requested that all the information in connection with this seminar be addressed to: F.J. Dalal, 9001 Goodluck Road, Lanham, MD 20706 or call (301) 577-5215.

1993 JAINA Youth Essay Competition

A. Eligibility:

Competition is open to the residents of the USA and Canada as per school level: Group 1: Must be attending grades 9-12 as February 1, 1993; Group 2: Must be attending college as of February 1, 1993.

B. Topic:

Group 1: Living a Jain way of life in the Western Environment

Group 2: Future of Jainism in the West

C. Requirements:

1. The essay must be written in your own original words. Any part copied from publications must be in quotes. Please include short bio-data and photo with name and place of school.

2. The essay must be typed double-spaced and not more than 1,000 words long for Group 1 and 2,000 words for Group 2. It must include a bibliography for the material used in the paper (not counted in for word limit). For Group 2, there must be at least three references cited (no such requirement exists for Group 1).

3. All entries must be post-marked by February 1, 1993. Winners will be notified by March 31, 1993.

4. The first prize winners from each group will be required to present the paper at the Convention (July 2-4, 1993). The winning essays will be printed in the convention souvenir along with bio-data.

5. Send your entry and bio-data to: Shanti Mohnot, JAINA Essay

Competition Coordinator, 1016 Summer Ridge Dr., Murrysville, PA 15668. Phone: (412)-325-2058

D. Prizes:

Three cash prizes will be awarded in each group:

1st Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize: \$350, 3rd Prize \$250

International News

Dr. Sharma elected President of India

Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma took over his new position as President of India after serving as a vice president. His public career spans half a century.

Elected in early July, Sharma received nearly 65 percent of the electoral college vote. Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said the country had gained the "right" and "most capable" President and its future was "in safe hands". President Sharma, who once taught at Harvard, is also a Jain scholar. He met with the

President of JAINA, Dr. Sulekh Jain, in November of 1991 and they discussed the activities of JAINA.

Our congratulations to President Sharma.

Jain Video Magazine

by Sunil Salgia, Bombay, India

Adhyatam Aur Bhakti Anusandhan Sansthan, an organization for promoting spiritualism through audio-visual media and propagating the principles of Jainism, is producing a 70 minute Jain Video Magazine, "DHARMA CHAKRA". It will probably be the first Jain Video Magazine in the world. The magazine will cover a wide range of topics on Jainism such as News & Views, Tirtha Darshan, Bhaktisangeet, story, Saint-meetings, Profile of Eminent Jains, Quiz-Time, History, Materialistic Problems and Their Solutions, Propagation of Ahimsa, Vegetarianism and other principles of Jainism. The issues will be released every other month with the inaugural issue in September, 1992.

New Jain Academy

planned for U.K.

from Jain Samaj Europe, Leicester

The formation of the Jain Academy for Jainism has progressed rapidly. The Academy is an institution that is becoming an important teaching center for Jainism in the Western World. In partnership with the De Montfort University in Leicester, it has planned to offer courses in Jain Studies to undergraduates that will form part of a Combined Honors Degree in the School of Arts. Negotiations are currently under way to extend this facility to allow students to take Jain studies along with vocational subjects such as accounting, marketing, law, and other professional areas. There are also ideas afloat for postgraduate studies, for correspondence courses, and for shorter programs of study and evening lectures. The Council of the

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Site: Expo-Mart, Monroeville, PA

Theme: Jainism: Past, Present, and Future

If you plan to volunteer or seek information related to the convention, please contact:

Vinod Doshi, 140 Penn Lear Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146, (412) 856-9235, or Dr. Surendra K. Sethi, Program Committee Chair, 230 S. Washington St., Butler, PA 16001, (412) 282-2995, or FAX to (412) 282-3336.

Various dignitaries, Jain monks, scholars, and young Jains from around the world are expected to attend.

All are cordially invited.

Academy has met several times, and drawn up plans for the formation of a registered trust with charitable status. Once this is in hand, it is hoped that the financial resources for the Academy can be gathered. There are other needs also. Competent lecturers and support staff need to be found to ensure a continuity of high quality academic teaching. Educational resources (a library of at least 1,000 books) must be built and the Academy must be promoted amongst Jains and others who have interest in becoming students. To help all this, close links are being forged with various institutions and individuals in India and abroad.

News from the U.K.

Young Indian vegetarians held a vegetarian rally at Hyde Park on August 2, 1992. Many eminent speakers addressed the audience.

The Jain Vishva Bharati, U.K., celebrated the 57th Pattotsava of Acharyashri Tulsiji on September 5, 1992.

Dr. Nathmal Tatia and Professor P. Jaini spent the month of July in the U.K. with the word Smiths, working on the translation of the tattvartha Sutra. The progress is as per schedule.

Camp on ahimsa principles in Ladnun, India

Anuvrat Global Organization and Jain Vishva Bharati, Ladnun, have decided to organize an International Camp for Training in Nonviolence at Ladnun, India. The camp will be held November 26 to December 2, 1992.

The purpose of the camp is to provide the participants with the conceptual understanding of ahimsa through a series of lectures by experts and expose them to the technique of Preksha meditation, self-transformation and self-control. Yuvacharya Mahapragyaji says that it gives rise to chemical changes in the body of the practitioner and refines human emotions effortlessly and

naturally.

The newly established Jain University for Nonviolence to Humanity will be dedicated by the Dalai Lama during this time.

For further information, contact Mr. Rashmi J. Zaveri, Rashmi Zaveri & Company, PNB House, 4th Floor, Sir P.M. Road, Fort, Bombay 400 001, India.

Jainism through 'Penfriendship'

International Jain Friends is a quarterly magazine for penfriendship. The objective of this magazine is to create contacts between Jain youths and non-Jain youths world over who want to know about Jainism. If you want to receive a FREE copy of this magazine, write to: Mr. Mahavir Sanglikar, Editor, *International Jain Friends*, Post Box No. 58, Chinchwad East, Pune 411019 India.

\$275,000 granted for nutrition project

Manoj Jain, M.D., of Boston, an expert on the use of soybeans for nutritional purposes, has helped to obtain a \$275,000 grant for the Madhya Pradesh branch of the voluntary organization Bhartiya Grahmin Mahila Sangh.

Those giving the grant felt it was appropriate that Madhya Pradesh receive the money since it is one of the four or five most underdeveloped states in India.

Since 1986, Jain has been involved in soybean promotion projects, particularly in villages around Indore.

World Vegetarian Congress

The 30th World Vegetarian Congress Celebration will be held at Madras, India, January 5-10, 1993. The Congress, which is organized under the auspices of the International Vegetarian Union by the Indian Vegetarian Congress, fall in the

Centenary Year of the International Vegetarian Union (1893-1993).

A hundred years in the promotion of vegetarianism will be a historical event to be celebrated with enthusiasm, with the cooperation of all like-minded organizations and individuals of the world.

For more information, contact the Madras Organizing Committee at: The Hon. Secretary, The Indian Vegetarian Congress, 17 Damodaran Street (2nd Floor), Gopalapuram, Madras 600086, India. Phone: 473648.

Deeksha at Veerayatan

Kumari Bhavika Doshi, a disciple of Acharya Shree Chandnaji, will get Deeksha on October 11. Kumari Bhavika had celebrated Paryushan this year in Los Angeles.

Jain youth camp in Rajasthan, India

A camp was organized in Baman Vanitirth in Rajasthan for spreading the message of non-violence and vegetarianism. The chairman of the State Assembly of Haryana and Acharya Gunaratnasuriji were present and exhorted the youth to practice non-violence and vegetarianism.

Aid given to needy

Pranimitra Alakaran Function was jointly organized on the 'Handicapped Day' by the Mehta Charitable Trust and Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Samiti. Mr. Ashok Gehlot, Textile Minister in the union cabinet presided. The former Vice-Chancellor of Jodhpur University Kalyanmal Lodha was the chief guest. About 65,000 handicapped persons have been given help in the form of artificial legs and 85,000 persons were given calipers, tricycles and economic aid. The trusts have contributed to the

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Paryushan Parva Celebrations

- **The Jain Center of Cincinnati-Dayton** celebrated Paryushan with Bhattak Shree Charukirti. There were a number of thought-provoking Pravachana given in simple language with illustrations. Each day, a large number of people benefited by his presence. Two youth members, Nirali Shah (14 years) and Mitesh Shah (17 years) observed eight days of fast.
- **Pandit Shree Dhirajlalji Mehta**, a Jain scholar from India, was the invited speaker for the Paryushan celebration at the **Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington**. He gave excellent lectures on the occasion. Shree Mehtaji will later teach Jainism to prospective Sadhus in India.
- **Muni Shree Roop Chandji** and **Shree Manak Muniji** gave highly enlightened lectures during Paryushna Parva at the **Jain Society of Toronto**.
- **Paryushan Parva** was celebrated in the presence of **Shramaniji Param Pranja** and **Bhavik Pranja** at the **Jain Society of Houston**. The Jain youth fellowship of Houston put together a banquet to honor all 1992 high school and college graduates.
- **At the Jain Center of Northern California**, four adults fasted for 8 days and four youths, ages 12-19, did eight days of Ekasana (eating once only). Group Pratikraman was held on September 1.
- **The Jain Center of Southern California** celebrated Paryushan Parva under the guidance of **Sadhvi Shree Yasha** and **Sadhvi Shree Vibhaji** from Veerayatan, India. **Sadhvi** enlightened the Jain community with Panch Mahavarta of Lord Mahavir. The Mahavir Janam Kalaxarak was celebrated on August 29. Around 1,500 people attended the Swapna ceremony. One person did 16 upvas, four persons did 10 upvas, one person did nine upvas and 31 persons did eight upvas. The youngest person among these was 12 years old and the oldest person was 69 years old.
- **Jain Center of Central Ohio**, Columbus, established since May 1991, celebrated its second Paryushan Parva with a tremendous success. The center started the Parva with a 12 hour Navakr Mantra Jaap in which over 30 members participated. Over 80 members turned out to witness the program of Swapna Darshan, Ghee Boli by Muni Armendra Kumari. Hemaben R. Shsh, Sras R. Shah and Paras R. Shah did eight Akashnas. Mr. Jabakben T. Shah of Houston did five Upwas and three Akashnas and another person, who wishes to remain anonymous, performed five Upwas and six Akasnas. Dr. Surendra Jain, of Athens, Ohio, did four Upwas. Suresh Shah and Sona Mehta performed one Upwas.
- **At the Jain Center of Buffalo**, Sapna Drshan was celebrated on August 29 with far reaching changes were being requested by the youths all over the place. Most of the program was conducted by the youths in English. Funds were collected without "Geeboli!" No announcement of the donor what was made. Lots were drawn for carrying Swapnas, swinging the cradle, Mangal Devo and Aarti. Jains from neighboring towns, i.e. Rochester, Batavia, Springville, Toronto, St. Catharines and Welland also participated and liked the celebration very much. Children, even little ones, were participating actively. Children welcomed guests and explained the significance of the occasion. They explained the meaning of each swapana and compared them with other religions. Finally, they thanked the guests. Mr. Vasant Shetha and Mr. Rajubhai Doshi and their group from Tononto helped to celebrate the occasion. Mr. Sheth also explained Kalpa Sutra in English. The community also had Samvatsari Pratikarman on August 31. Dr. Ramesh Shah conducted the Prtikarman in English, Hindi and Gujarat. Again, children actively participated.
- **Jain Society of Central Florida** celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on August 29 in the newly constructed Hindu Cultural Center in Orlando. Approximately 250 Jain and non-Jains participated for the first time in the Mahavir Jayanti Swapana celebration and raised pledges for future activities. The participants' responses were overwhelmingly positive. JSOCF is planning to purchase Swapanas for the group so that the Mahavir Jayanti Swapana celebration can be continued in the future. The following individuals were recognized for the tapasya (penance) during Paryushana Parva: Mrs. Ritaben S. Parikh for Mass-Khaman (30 days fasting); Mrs. Harshaben R. Nagda, Mr. Viral B. Doshi, Ms. Mamata Meghta and Ms. Preyerna Trivedi for eight days of fasting. After the celebration, the group collected funds to help the hurricane Andrew victims in Miami, FL.
- **Jain Society of Greater Cleveland** celebrated Paryushan and Dashlakshan Parva in an integrated manner with great enthusiasm and a record number in attendance. The highlight of the event was the sixteen days of fasting by Shobha Shah and eight days of fasting by Jalpa Shah, a high school attending daughter of Shobha and Ashok Shah. Jayshree and Sonal Jasani was another mother and daughter team who performed Atthai. Ramesh Shah, who performed atthama last year, performed atthai this year. Among the new Tapasvis are Darshanaben Shah, Atthai and Dr. Hemlata Pokharna, Atthai. Sudha Shah performed seven days of fasting, and Jayaben Patel did Atthama (three days of fasting). The Jain community felt extremely proud in honoring the Tapasvis and awarding gift certificates. The increase in attendance of high school and college students was also quite gratifying.
- **Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago** was blessed by the presence of Samniji and Guru Shree Chitrabhanuji during the celebration of Paryushan. Well over 5,000 people attended the celebration of Paryushan Mahaparv over the period of nine days. There were about 15-18 atthai including one of ten upvas and one of nine upvas: Dr. Nirmada Shah, 10 days; Dr. Urmila Talsanya, 9 days; Bobby Kapadia, age 16 and the son of Mr. Dipak Kapadia, 8 days, Rupesh D. Shah, age 17, 8 days; Kishore C. Shah, Tyoti Shah, Rita Tagat Shah, Rallavi Desai, Lalit Shah, Rekha Gandhi, Vibhalcar Mehta, Vina V. Shah, Lata N. Shah, Kavita Doshi and Harshad Doshi each did 8 days.

humanitarian cause in a big way. These organizations have also taken steps to prevent cruelty to animals.

New Yoga Academy in Kolhapur, India

A Jain Yoga Academy has been established in Kolhapur in which scientific training in *dhayana* and *yoga* is being imparted. Dr. Dhananjaya Gunde, an orthopedic surgeon is the director.

Prakrit school in Delhi

The inaugural function of the All India Summer School in Prakrit Language and Literature took place in Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology, Delhi. Professor Rama Ranjan Mukherji, former Vice-Chancellor of Burdwan and Rabindra Bharati Universities inaugurated the Summer School. Shree Y. N. Chaturvedi, I.A.S., Secretary for the University Grants Commission presided. The Summer School took place from June 6-27, 1992.

JAINA Committee News

JAINA Executive Committee meets

On the invitation of the International Jain Mahavir Mission & Jain Center of America, JAINA Executives, Directors and Presidents of various Jain centers, chairpersons of various JAINA committees met in Siddhachalam on September 18-20. Various committees presented their reports and Jain community members participating in the meeting gave their input. Special reports included Jainism studies at Columbia University initiated by Acharya Shree Sushil Kumarji and the proposed movie on Jainism by Michael Tobias. Special invitees included Dr. Michael Tobias and Dr. S. Gopalan. Dr. Surendra

Sethi gave details about preparations for the Seventh Biennial JAINA Convention. Among other items, the amendments to the constitution of JAINA were debated and finalized for approval by the directors of Jain centers.

JAINA would like to express its gratitude to the hosts and a large number of organizers including Arun Kothari, Naresh Shah, Mahendra Pandya, Nirmal Dosi and, last but not least, JAINA would also like to thank the dedicated staff of Siddhachalam for making the stay of the guests as comfortable as possible. The meeting was blessed by Acharya Shree Sushil Kumarji, Gurudev Chitrabhanuji, and Samanis Smit Pragya as well as Mudit Pragya.

Ahimsa Day Committee by Dr. Surendra Singhvi, Dayton, OH

As of this printing, the following Jain centers in North America are expected to celebrate Ahimsa Day on October 4: Cincinnati/Dayton; Chicago; Columbus; Memphis; Boston; New York; St. Louis; San Diego; Buffalo; Int'l Jain Meditation Center; Los Angeles; Washington, D.C.; Tulsa, OK; Orlando; Pittsburgh; West Texas; Siddhachalam; North Carolina; and Minnesota.

Specifically, Acharya Sushil Muni is planning to lecture on Ahimsa Day at the Cincinnati Jain Center. Various Jain centers are planning to obtain a proclamation on Ahimsa Day. Dayton and San Diego have already issued theirs, including the Governor of Ohio.

A list of literature and video cassettes related to Ahimsa have been provided to the participating Jain centers in early July. Several Jain centers plan to undertake local community projects on Ahimsa Day. The participating Jain centers are requested to provide a written feedback on their activities and suggestions for next year's Ahimsa Day Celebration to Surendra Singhvi, 439 Ridge Line Ct., Spring Valley, OH 45370.

New temple guidelines

by Dr. Mahendra Pandya, Staten Island, NY

A temple guideline committee report was presented at an open session at Siddhachalam by Dr. Pandya. He reported that after a survey from all the readers of the *Jain Digest* a format for Jain temples has been approved by the Executive Board of JAINA.

Muni Susheel Kumarji & Gurudev Chitrabhanu also spoke on the importance of adopting such a model in our Jain temples. They asked all the Jains to shed their sectarian feelings for the sake of the next generation.

The committee indicated that it will supply Murtis and other materials to any center affiliated with JAINA. A Jain Tithi calendar and a Tirtha Yatra to India in winter of 1993 is in planning. Those interested, please contact Dr. M. Pandya at (718) 816-0083. (See inside back cover for guidelines).

World Community Service Committee: Project Map by Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Buffalo, NY

Project "MAP" (Medical Aid to the Poor), sponsored by the Federation of JAINA, and organized by the Bidada Sarvodaya Trust, is moving forward, due to personal sacrifices of hundreds of volunteers and generous donors. To date, 28 physicians have committed themselves, at their own expense, to treat these patients. More are

Correction

In the July, 1992 issue of the *Jain Digest*, an error appeared on pages nine and ten; in "News from the United Kingdom", the name of the Center in the art exhibition article, line three, page nine, should read "Institute of Jainology", not the Oshwal Centre. The mistake also occurred on page 10, in the article on the Education Board, lines one and nine. We apologize for the errors.

welcomed.

The Federation of JAINA has come a long way together and have stirred the consciousness of the entire Jain community in North America. Many more people are now aware of the activities of the Federation of JAINA.

Efforts on behalf of Project MAP must continue. There is much work to be done at the local level. I hope you will continue to bring all the energy and dedication you so freely gave to Project MAP into your communities to continue to practice Lord Mahavir's preaching.

The Medical Camp will cost more than \$75,000. If each Jain Society raises \$2,000, we will be able to fulfill our objective and moral obligation to 1,500 dying and debilitating patients.

Up to September 15, we have received contributions from the members of the following societies: (1) Jain Center of Southern California; (2) Jain Center of West Texas (Lubbock); (3) In memory of Dr. Girish Chheda, Buffalo, NY; (4) Jain Community of Buffalo; (5) Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington; (6) Jain Society of Fort Myers, Naples (FL); (7) Jain Society of Houston, TX; (8) Jain Society of New Jersey; (9) Jain Center of America (New York, NY); (10) Jain Society of Southern Florida; (11) Jain Center of Greater Boston; (12) Jain Society of North Texas (Dallas); (13) The Jain Sangh of New Jersey; (14) Jain Society of Southern Louisiana; (15) Jain Community of Kansas; (16) Jain Group of Atlanta; (17) Jain Society of Greater Detroit; (18) Jain Center of Northern California; (19) Jain Study Group of Charlotte, NC; (20) Jain Society of Cleveland; (21) Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago; (22) Jain Center of Central Florida (Orlando); (23) Jain Center of Syracuse.

The total amount raised to date is \$20,000.

Achievements noted

Tej and Tarang Sheth, Toronto, Canada, recently published a book called The Case for Vegetarianism. "When we met you last summer, you expressed your keen interest in projects like ours, where youth get involved in the community and in promoting the message of Jainism," told Tej and Tarang in a private communication with the President of JAINA.

The Case for Vegetarianism is a comprehensive, yet concise and easy-to-read book that presents the secular arguments for not eating meat. It is professionally produced.

To receive a copy, send US \$5.95 plus \$2 for postage to Amrit Publishing, 32 Dunsany Crescent, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M9R 3W6.

Ami Shah, age 21, has been selected as the Salutatorian of the graduating class of 1992 of the City College of New York. This honor is given to the student who has achieved academic excellence and has demonstrated proficiency in numerous extracurricular activities. Ami delivered a key-note speech at the 10th Annual CCNY Honors Convocation on May 14, 1992.

Sameer Talsania, son of Drs. Talsania, Chicago, was honored recently for outstanding achievement by the University of Illinois. Talsania is a chemical engineering student.

JAINA holds youth camp

The 1992 JAINA Youth Camp was held from July 31 to August 2 at Camp Wyman. There were 23 participants from six different Mid-Western states and Canada. The main speakers at the camp were Dr. Pravin Doshi, Balbhadra, Samanijis-Muditpragyna and Smitpragyna. The camp activities included the yoga exercises in the morning, followed by 4 hours of classes on various aspects of Jainism. The afternoon activities were sports. In the evening there were some discussions on youth activities, and these were followed by Aarti and

Mangal Deevo. All of the youths were very happy with the camp program, especially the food. There was a special program for the children ages 8 to 12 years so that they could get a feel for the camp spirit. The youths loved the atmosphere of camping.

'Forum' presents show

On August 2, 1992, the Jain Youth Forum of Chicago presented its 1st Annual Cultural Show. The show's theme was "Unity: The Choice of the Jain Generation."

'Bowl' at 1993 Convention

by Saurabh Dalal, Lanham MD

The Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington (JSMW) conducted an exciting competition termed The Jain Academic Bowl (JAB) during its Mahavir Jayanti celebration April 18, 1992. The competition was modeled after the high school "It's Academic" and college-level "College Bowl" activities which are common academic programs in today's educational institutions. The JAB was created and based on an appreciation of knowledge of Jainism, the ability for quick response and a friendly, yet competitive spirit. The hope was to create an even greater and deeper interest in the study of Jainism by rewarding those who have a demonstrated knowledge base.

JSMW would like to formally announce its plans for the Jain Academic Bowl of JAINA, a biennial event taking place at each convention. The 1st JAB will be held at the Seventh Biennial Convention of JAINA at Pittsburgh in July 1993. Each team will consist of four youth from a single, established center. Each team member shall be no older than 21 years of age with the average age of any team being no more than 18 years as of January 1, 1993, to ensure younger participation as well. The tournament will be conducted in English and only common words or central ideas in an Indian language will be used or expected as a response. An effort will be made to compensate for

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differences in the curricula of the participating centers.

An information packet with rules, registration requirements, sample questions and suggestions will be available after December 1, 1992. This implies that an interested center will expect four, eligible youth to attend the Convention next year. In addition, each center will be required to send a responsible adult to coach at the Convention, another individual to assist the tournament as needed and an advance packet of questions developed solely by that team as per instructions supplied by the organizers. Registrations will not be accepted before February 1, 1993, but after that time, they will be accepted on a first-contact, first-serve basis. The information packet and other details can be requested by contacting Saurabh Dalal/JAB, 9001 Good Luck Rd., Lanham MD 20706, (301) 577-5215.

Youth news from the UK

The founding president of the Young Jains (UK), Atul and his wife Nina have launched a special Young Jain of the Year award. It will be presented to any member of Young Jains under the age of thirty years (other than a committee member) who shows the greatest interest in furthering the aims and activities of Young Jains. The first award will be for 1992 and will be presented at the annual general meeting in February

1993.

The UK-USA Jain Youth Exchange of July 1991 is bearing fruit. So far, nearly ten youths from the USA have already come to London and met their UK counterparts. Many more are coming this summer and correspondence between the UK and US youths has continued. Recently, Vipul Lakhani, from New York, came and addressed the Young Jains during a picnic. Sejal Jhaveri, who worked in London for a year, is now returning to her native New Jersey and she will become an important contact there.

RSVP offers mini workshops

The RSVP (Religion Social Vegetarianism Practical) Networking Social of 1992 took place on September 12. There were mini-workshops on East vs. West, Career and Family in the 90's, as well as programs dealing with career and family interests.

Youth editors may respond

by Urmila Talsania, Chicago, IL

In reference to our request for youth editors who would edit and be responsible for news items concerning youths we have received three names: (1) Vaishali Ponda, Skokie, IL; (2) Amit Mehta, Ontario, Canada; (3) Niraj Shah, Cerritos, CA.

Before we are able to finalize and divide responsibilities, we are waiting to hear from other interested youths.

Chicago hosts Forum

by Vaishali Ponda, Chicago, IL

The newly-constructed Jain temple in Bartlett, IL sheltered this year's Paryushan for the Youth Forum. In this holy site, religious classes for the youth were held. Classes were divided into three groups according to age (4-7, 7-12, and 12&up).

These classes were conducted with great enthusiasm by the Youth Forum leaders. These classes greatly helped the youth in understanding the true meaning and purpose of Paryushan. The number of participants in these religious classes was outstanding with nearly 60 students benefitting. On the eighth and last day of Paryushan, Pratikraman in the form of text was conducted in all three classes, keeping in mind the type of presentation needed for each age group.

All the participants were determined to keep our true identity and preserve our heritage and tradition with pride. The Youth Forum has planned to hold religious classes every first Sunday of the month in order to encourage a sense of awareness of religion and culture in our young people.

Jain Digest extends to college youth on campus

A program was started recently to enable young Jains to remain informed about their religion and activities relevant to the Jain community while they attend college. The program sends students a copy of the *Jain Digest* to the students' individual addresses. It was discovered that the students away from home appreciated this gesture and therefore the program is being extended. It should inspire Jain students to pursue Jain religion studies as well as make friends within the Jain community. The hope is to set up a network of college-aged (approx. 16-26 yrs) Jains throughout the nation.

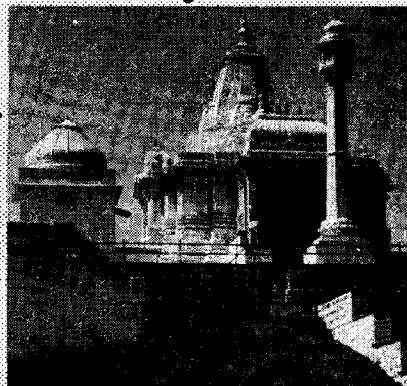
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the quarterly *Jain Digest* through the program unless you notify the sponsor otherwise. If there is a change of address, please notify the sponsors of the change. A national list is being comprised in hopes of planning a get-together in the summer of 1993 during the Seventh Biennial JAINA Convention, to be held in Pittsburgh, PA.

Please contact either Nilay Shah, Cornell University, 210 Lake Street, Apt. 3F, Ithaca, NY 14853 (e-mail: r5vy@cornell.cit.cornell.edu or r5vy@vax.cit.cornell.edu) or contact Suketu Khandhar, UC Riverside, 500 West Big Springs Rd., Box #400, Riverside, CA 92507.

Seventh Arum Yoga Camp

The Seventh Arum Yoga Camp was organized by I.M.J.M. Canada from July 31 to August 7. The Camp Directors were Shanti Parakh and Shan Jain, together with many volunteers and coordinators.

The Sadhu's present were Acharaya Sushil Kumarji, Roop Chandraji, Manek Muniji, Amrehdra Muniji, Jinchandraji, and Kirtichandraji. All were involved in teaching, lectures, mantras, stavans yoga, bhajans, meditation and stories.

Thirty-five youths and 25 adults attended. These were full-time campers, besides a steady stream of visitors staying for the day.

The highlight of the camp was

an outdoor in the parks which lasted one day. It was done in the "Gurukul" style with both teaching and games.

Education

Vegetarian cookbook

The Melody of India Cuisine has been recently published. It introduces innovative and nutritional recipes in a simple illustrated manner.

Written by Dr. Manoj Jain and his mother, Laxmi Jain of Boston, the book is the product of 12 years of work. Dr. Jain is the son of Dr. Vinay Jain.

Book review:

Jainism In North India

by Chimanlal J. Shah

Publisher: Motilal Banarsidas Jain, Delhi (1989)

Jainism is the most overlooked among all the great religions of India. The present work will disclose whatever is historical and legendary in the early history of this religion, the doctrines of the early history of this religion, the doctrines of its founder, the divisions among his disciples, the spreading of the new faith and the continuous struggle with its sister-faith, Buddhism.

Though Jainism spread all over South India, it formed there a new community with different Gurus, different practices and even a different ritual. The history of Jainism in South India is thus totally different from the history of Jainism in North India. For this reason, the author has limited his work geographically to Aryavarta.

New CD available

Bhaktamar Stotra and Bhagwan Bahubali has been produced for the Jain community by Rajshri Pictures Pvt. Ltd. Music. Singers are Ravinder Jain, Yasudas, Hem Lata and Sathi. EMI India will bring out this particular product on compact disc for the first time.

Write or call: Rakhee Import, 15315 Corona Del Mar Drive, Houston, TX 77083; (713) 530-6126. Fax: (713) 530-9860.

Experts, scholars on world religions meet at Harvard

The Fall Conference on the "Pluralism Project: World religions in America" was held on October 2-3, 1992 at Harvard University. The objective of the project was to study the new religious diversity in the United States. Communities and religious traditions of Asia and the Middle East that have become woven into the fabric of the United States in the past 25 years was the subject of the

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conference. Jainism was represented by Dr. Sulekh Jain, President of JAINA.

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Jainism teachings at Columbia U.

At the initiative of Acharya Shree Sushil Kumarji, work towards the establishment of a regular course on the Jain religion at Columbia University has begun. More information will follow in coming issues.

put the address on the inner envelope and mail it to the candidate. MIS will not be responsible for responses which do not follow the above procedure.

Other individuals who do not register with MIS should draft their own ad for publication in the *Jain Digest*. Please send your ad, along with a check for \$15.00.

The editor reserves the right to edit any submission for space consideration.

MALE

AM41: Well rounded Gujarati male, 27, US-raised, 6'1", 175 lbs., athletic, vegetarian, active in community, MSEE and continuing further, well-employed, seeking educated/professional complement. Please contact: 9001 Goodluck Road, Lanham, MD 20706. (301) 577-5215.

AM48: Correspondence invited from educated vegetarian girls, for Gujarati, cheerful, handsome boy, 27 5'6", MS (Comp.Sc.). Contact: Naren Shah, 19609 Parker, Livonia, MI 48152. Phone: (313) 474-9674.

AM49: Well established uncle in USA invites correspondence from resident/citizen girls for his handsome, Gujarati

nephew, 22, 5'8", B.Comm., A businessman, living in India and interested in migrating to USA. Call Hasmukh, (408) 274-7864.

AM51: Never married Gujarati UK citizen, 31, Software Engineer, M.Sc. (Comp.Sc.), invites responses from suitable educated ladies. Call (310) 397-3537.

AM53: Gujarati parents from PA invite responses from educated vegetarian girls for their US raised handsome son 23, 5'6", 145 lbs., well employed engineer.

M078: Correspondence invited with a returnable photo from Gujarati, educated, good-looking girls for a handsome, well settled, family oriented, vegetarian Electrical Engineer 26, 5'9".

M190: Well established Gujarati parents in NJ, invite responses for their handsome son 25, 5'10", 175 lbs., BSEE (Comp.), born and raised in USA, vegetarian with affiliation to Indian culture. Write with biodata and returnable photo.

M191: Gujarati vegetarian from NJ, 5'5", 135 lbs., born July 63, MS (Comp.) invites responses from educated girls.

M192: US born Gujarati from IL, 5'8", 175 lbs., born Oct 66, BSEE, partner in comp. business, seeks responses from suitable girls.

M195: Hindi speaking vegetarian from NM, 5'6", 132 lbs., born July '64, MS (Eng'g.), working for major aerospace company, invites correspondence from suitable girls.

M197: Gujarati divorcee from CA, 5'4", 140 lbs., born Aug. 53, Mech. Eng'g. and Quality Control Dipl., well employed, seeks responses from educated family oriented women.

M199: Gujarati vegetarian from CT, 5'11", 160 lbs., born Mar. 67, BS (Mech. Engg.), well employed, invites

responses from suitable girls.

M202: Gujarati vegetarian from NJ, 5'8", 156 lbs., born Nov. 63, CPA, well employed, seeks responses from educated girls.

M203: Responses are invited from resident girls for nephew in Baroda, India, 5'2", 125 lbs., born April 67, Mech. Engg. Call (804) 766-0352.

M205: Gujarati business family cherishing cultural values invites responses for handsome, fair, B.Com., pursuing MS (Comp.Sc.), Born and raised in Bombay, vegetarian, nonsmoker/drinker son, 24, 5'6", from suitable girls. Contact (316) 683-2109.

M209: Gujarati parents of handsome, fair, 5'8", 138 lbs., born Feb. 68, BSEE, vegetarian, non-smoker, invite responses from guardians of suitable girls. Contact (201) 659-2181.

M212: Gujarati doctor from NJ, 6'4", 200 lbs., born Aug. 67, invites responses from educated girls.

M215: Gujarati vegetarian, B. Tech. (Electronics), computer support specialist, born Oct. 64, 5'4", 128 lbs., Settled in Ottawa, Canada, willing to move to USA, seeks suitable girl. Call (416) 447-7710.

M217: Gujarati vegetarian from CT, 5'7", 132 lbs., born March 66, MS (Comp.Sc.), H-1 visa, well employed, seeks responses from educated resident girls.

FEMALE

AF22: Parents invite correspondence for their US born, gentle, intelligent and fair daughter, 5'3", BS (MIS) from Virginia Tech. Contact: Prabhat Jain, 5292 Peregrine Crest, Roanoke, VA 24014. (703) 989-5059.

AF44: Family invites responses from Gujarati families for slim, vegetarian,

intelligent girl, 30, Ph.D., enjoys social activities and music. Reply with biodata and returnable photo to : K. Shah, 3616 Beech Dr., Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone (313) 973-1679 or (216) 974-0535.

AF45: Gujarati physician invites responses from vegetarian professionals for his daughter, MD, starting residency, born Dec. 68, 5'3", 110 lbs. Call (414) 425-2983.

AF46: Correspondence invited by well settled parents from professionals for beautiful, accomplished, cultured and educated girl, 5'6", 26. Write: P.O. Box 61831, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

AF50: Gujarati brother invites responses for good looking, vegetarian sister, 26, 5'1", MS. Contact: Bhadresh Shah at (818) 441-1274 or Ravindra Kobawala at (708) 355-5622.

AF52: Hindi speaking vegetarian girl, Accountant (CMA), outgoing, slim, attractive, Canadian citizen seeks responses from suitable professionals. Contact: 3219 Valcourt Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. (416) 569-2373.

F084: Hindi speaking vegetarian, beautiful, talented, educated, innocently divorced, from CA, born 1958, invites responses from professionals only. Call: (916) 348-3241.

F089: Gujarati parents invite responses for their US raised daughter, 27, 5'4", beautiful, BBA (Bus. Adm.), from accomplished professionals with a blend of East and West. Write with photo: Box 1967, N.Y. 13039.

F139: Gujarati parents invite communication from well educated professionals for their slim, beautiful, intelligent, vegetarian daughter, 23, 5'2", BS (H.P.A.), MS (Corp.Ed.). Call: Chandrakant Mehta, (412) 833-5108.

F145: Gujarati vegetarian girl from KY, 5'2", 100 lbs., born Sept. 66, BS

(Comp.Sc.), employed, invites responses from professionals.

F173: A physician invites correspondence from vegetarian Jain, under 27, professionals for his beautiful, charming, US graduate daughter, 22, 5'2 1/2", 100 lbs., with biodata and returnable photograph.

F188: Hindi-speaking parents invite responses from medical student/doctor or professionals for their vegetarian, US born, slim, beautiful, medical student daughter, 25, 5'7". Contact: 615 Trailmore Pl., Roswell, GA 30076. (404) 992-0105.

F189: Gujarati parents invite correspondence with returnable photo from educated professionals for their slim, attractive, US raised and educated, 24, daughter.

F193: Gujarati doctor parents invite correspondence for their daughter, 5'0", 100 lbs., born Nov. 67, MBBS (Baroda 1991), passed ECFMG 1992, currently residing in IL on student visa, from resident medical doctor or MS Engineer.

F194: Oswal Jain doctor from IL invites correspondence from nonsmoker professionals for MBA daughter, 22, 5'4", 115 lbs., US citizen. Send Photo and details.

F196: Gujarati vegetarian divorcee from MD, 5'1", 108 lbs., born Dec. 56, BA (Econ.), employed, well connected family, invites responses from well settled men.

F198: Gujarati vegetarian from NY, 5'4", 110 lbs., born Oct. 68, BA (Econ.), employed, invites responses from professionals.

F200: US raised Gujarati citizen from NJ, 5'3", 100 lbs., born Oct. 67, MBA (1993), employed, invites responses from suitable educated citizen candidates.

F201: Gujarati vegetarian citizen from

NJ, 5'2", 111 lbs., born Oct. 68, working towards BS, employed, invites responses from professionals.

F204: Gujarati vegetarian from CA, 5'2", 95 lbs., born Jan. 61, never married, M. Arch., well employed, H-1 visa, seeks suitable resident professionals.

F206: Gujarati cultured family invites responses for slim, pretty, B.Sc., pursuing BS (Comp.Sc.), born and raised in Bombay, vegetarian, resident, daughter, 22, 5'1", from well-placed boys. Contact: (316) 683-2109.

F207: Gujarati parents of beautiful, fair, 5'2", 95 lbs., 22, BS (Comp.Sc.), well employed, vegetarian, US raised daughter seeks responses from suitable handsome professionals.

F208: Gujarati parents from CA, invite responses from suitable residents for their daughter with minor physical handicap, 5'2", 85 lbs., born Apr. 64, B.Com., Dip. in Travel & Tourism and Comp. Oper., employed in India, and awaiting immigrant visa.

F211: Gujarati vegetarian from NY, innocently divorced after short marriage, 5'1", 115 lbs., born Jan. 60, BA (Econ.), employed, seeks responses from suitable candidates.

F213: Hindi speaking vegetarian from NJ, 5'2", 95 lbs., born April 64, BA, BS (1993), student visa, invites responses from suitable resident boys.

F214: Gujarati vegetarian from IN, 5'0", 92 lbs., B.Com., Beautician's and Beauty Therapist's Dip., operating a beauty parlor in Bombay and a part time lecturer, visitor visa, invites responses from resident professionals.

F216: Gujarati vegetarian from Nasik, India, 5'2", 99 lbs., slim, born April 71, MBBS (final year), seeks alliance after 1994, from well settled professionals from cultured families.

F218: Gujarati vegetarian girl from NJ, 5'3", 97 lbs., born Feb. 69, BSEE, employed, invites responses from professionals.

M.D. Oswal Jain convented girl 28/162 Jain Doctor/Engineer/C.A. preferred. Contact L.M. Bhandari, Advocate, A-12, Opposite Bharat Petroleum Depot, Golimar Garden, Bhawani Singh Marg, Jaipur (India) - Phone No. 514655.

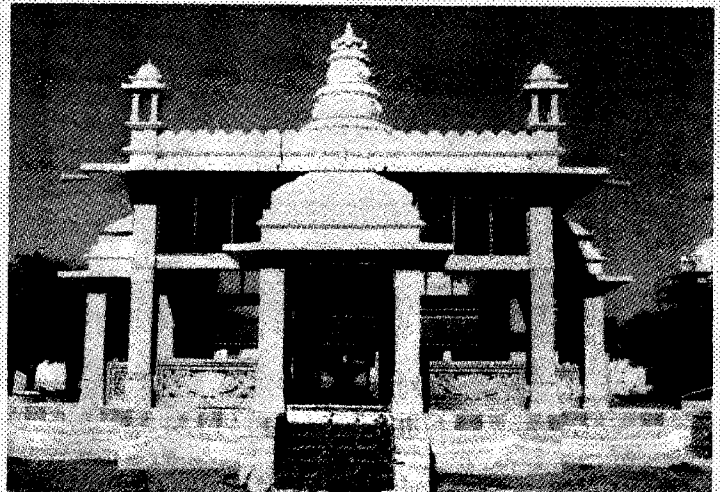
Jain parents invite correspondence from highly educated, pure vegetarian professionals for their US-educated physician daughter doing residency, 27 years old, 5'3.5", fair, intelligent,

pure vegetarian, US citizen. Send bio-data to 9831 Tall Timber, Cincinnati, OH 45241 or call (513) 777-1554.

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1. All those MIS registrants, who wish to get *Jain Digest*, please contact Dr. S. K. Jain, Editor, directly at (614)592-1660.
2. All checks regarding 'Matrimonial' in *Jain Digest* must be written in favor of 'F. J. Dalal' only.
3. MIS registered candidates, who are planning to visit India, UK, etc. in search of a match, are requested to contact F.J. Dalal, in advance, if they wish to consider MIS registered and other candidates there.
4. Effective Jan. 93 issue of *Jain Digest*, all MIS/matrimonial ads will give telephone numbers of the candidates in order to avoid postal and other delays in making contacts between parties as well as to reduce the work of handling the increasing volume of mail, telephone calls and correspondence at MIS.
5. Communication: Most of the time parents and other relations have been calling/talking to me. Some times even the form is signed by them, which is not acceptable. I wonder, whether there is any useful communication taking place between parents and young adults. I

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understand, it is a difficult matter. Hence, there is a need for joint meetings/seminars for collective learning.

6. Married/Engaged: M136, and M138.

7. Donation: Received \$101.00 from Heena Mehta of Chapel Hill, NC on the occasion of her marriage.

Letters

Youthful insight

Dear Jain Community:

As Jain youths living in the U.S., we face many challenges and obstacles growing up in a Western society. As youths, we try to find a medium between a rich cultural and religious heritage and a modern materialistic society. Both we and our parents must make difficult decisions and overcome much hardship. We understand that it is very difficult for SHRAVAKS or common Jains to live up to Jain ideals, yet there are some areas where we believe change is necessary and easy. A major area is serving alcoholic drinks at Jain

sponsored parties. It is clear that alcohol is unnecessary, wrong, and forbidden by the Jain religion. As youths who learn by examples, we believe that this is not a good example set by our parents. We understand that many Jain principles cannot be met easily, but we believe that ending 1) consumption of alcoholic drinks by Jains and 2) serving of alcoholic drinks at parties or events hosted by Jains can be done without great pains. Thank you for listening to us.

The Jain Youth Group of North Texas

Job well-done

Dear Editor:

I am very happy to learn through the columns of the *Jain Digest* that you are doing excellent work to unite Jains of the U.S. and Canada and keep the Jain religion and heritage alive. I received your magazine from my daughter and express deep appreciation of your work.

I want to do something such that I can be of some service to Jain youngsters of North America. That is to the aspiring Jain youth willing to become doctors, dentists and engineers. I can arrange for seats in

Karnataka in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore. The professional, medical, dental and engineering colleges are approved by state and central governments and a good number of students who have passed from these institutions are doing very well in North America.

Surendra Jain

Jayanagar, Bangalore 650 041 India

Video on Bhagwan Mahavira

The Institute of Jainology, U.K., has produced a 40 minute color video on Bhagwan Mahavira.

The production is based on the unique art work of Mr. Gokuldas Kapadia, a renowned artist of the classical style. To portray the meaning of the life of Mahavira, he studied The Kalpasutra and Jain Scriptures with a number of Jain monks at Junagadh for over 10 years.

This video cassette is available free of cost but IOJ gratefully acknowledges donations. These NTSC & PAL System video cassettes are now available in Gujarati and Hindi. It will be ready in English in a few weeks.

Write the JAINA Library, c/o Dr. Prem Gada, 4410 50th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79414. Phone 1-800-99-JAINA. Or write Institute of Jainology, c/o Keshav Chandaria, 6 Lansing Square, Suite 123, Willowdale, Ontario M2J 1T5, Canada. Phone (416) 494-7772.

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Support group for Jain women forming

With the migration of Jains to North America, the adoption of a western lifestyle, while keeping intact their faith, the Jain community has come a long way. This holds especially true of Jain women. Where in India, one's emotional support stemmed from one's extended family, few of us are lucky enough to have all of them here. Accordingly, it is necessary for Jain women to look to each other for support in our endeavors and beliefs. At this point, with the help of JAINA through the *Jain Digest*, we can develop a mutual system for spiritual and moral support. We require a profile of all those interested in participating in such a network. This will enable us to bring our community together and strengthen internal communications. Please fill out the following profile and submit to the address below.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

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Deepawali, The Nirvan Day of Lord Mahavir- Oct. 25

by Manubhai Doshi M.A., Chicago, IL

Lord Mahavir attained Nirvan in 527 B.C. That means that He gained salvation 2,519 years back. Since then, we have been celebrating the day of His Nirvan as Diwali or Deepawali, the festival of lights. Salvation is the ultimate liberation from the cycle of birth and death. Thereby the soul stays in eternal peace and perfect happiness forever. We find all around that people have been yearning to gain happiness, but hardly anyone obtains it. Questions may therefore arise how anyone can gain unending happiness. Our search for happiness does not succeed because we are haunted by the desires that happen to be unending. It is the human nature that when one achieves what one was longing for, new desires arise that demand fulfillment. After carefully examining this aspect of human nature, Lord Mahavir arrived at the truth underlying the entire existence. He has therefore laid down that the path of gaining lasting happiness is the path of "desirelessness". It lies in pursuing the truth of Self to the exclusion of worldly situations.

Lord Mahavir was born in a royal family and had all the worldly comforts and amenities at His command. He however noticed that the life does end and is subject to old age and disease; that physical comforts are ephemeral and do not last forever. He also could notice the human nature of yearning for what he does not have. He was intent upon seeking the real happiness that stays. Therefore, at the young age of 30, He left the worldly life and spent more than 12 years in spiritual pursuit. During that period, he observed acute austerities and faced all sorts of adversities and distress. We get highly impressed and marvel at His capacity to stay without food for months together and to face the acute physical pain. With a view to follow Him, some devotees try to renounce the worldly life and/or fast for days and sometimes for weeks together. Do we, however, try to realize what was the source of His extraordinary capabilities? What was He doing during that long period of spiritual pursuit? Did he spend most of the time in sleep or reading scriptures or something like that?

During most of the period of His spiritual pursuit Lord Mahavir stayed in Kausagga or Kayotsarga. This term literally means giving the body. His sole objective was to realize the everlasting peace and tranquility inherent within

oneself. For this purpose, He stayed in total concentration and meditation. The concentration and meditation made Him oblivious of the physical needs. He did not fast for the sake of fasting, but His concentration did not keep Him aware of the appetites. His absorption in the nature of the soul did not permit any concern for what was happening to the body. He could therefore face, with equanimity, the unbearable pain inflicted upon him.

During the last fifty years, mankind has gained physical comforts undreamt of by the earlier generations. They, however, do not experience higher level of happiness. On the contrary, we have been witnessing a higher level of agitation, uneasiness, etc. This is mainly because we do not realize that happiness is a state of mind. In search of happiness, we therefore continue to hanker for more and more physical comforts. Paradoxically enough, with all the amenities and physical comforts, mankind has been currently living under heavy stress. Everyone wants to gain peace and tranquility, but no one gains that. Can the life of the Lord offer any lesson?



Lord Mahavir

Ample evidence is now available to show that peace and tranquility can be obtained by concentration and meditation. Our Samayika is the practice of equanimity. It is a powerful tool and our religious books have rightly emphasized its importance. They have gone to the extent of stating that one single Samayika can help in averting the life in hell. It is meant for maintaining balance of mind that can lead to true happiness. Kausagga, which is a part of Samayika, is an exercise in concentration that is highly necessary for attaining peace and tranquility.

The beneficial results of Samayika are not forthcoming because we happen to undertake it lightly. It is a powerful tool of attaining peace and tranquility.

We may celebrate the ensuing Nirvan day of the Lord with usual lights, etc. Let us, however, think of the dawning of the light within ourselves. For this purpose, let us decide on the eve of that occasion to regularly practice true Samayika and gain peace and tranquility. Thereby, we can show to others that Jainism is not simply a bundle of mechanical rituals. It has a noble mission and a technique to make everyone happy. That would be a most fitting tribute to Lord Mahavir.

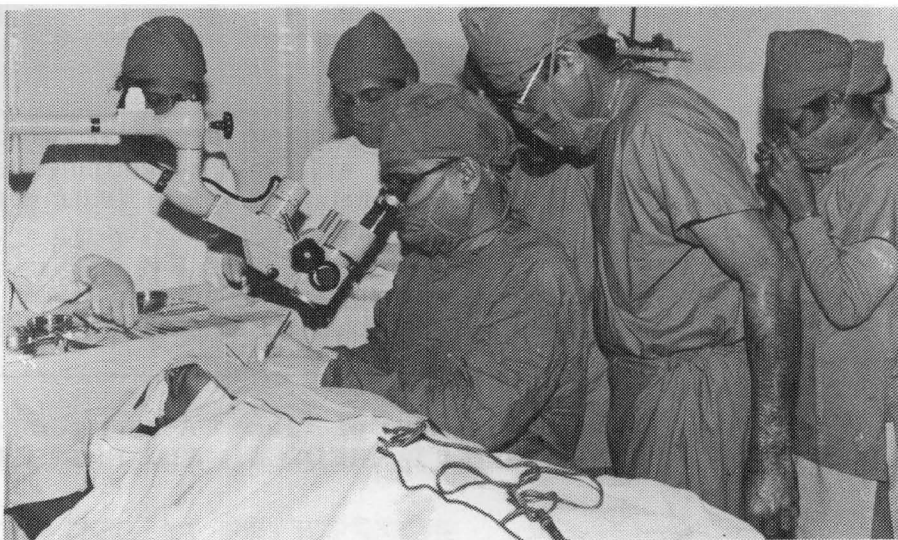


CARDIAC

Ramji Velji (age-14) operated for open heart surgery for valve replacement in 1991 at KEM Hospital, Bombay.

ENT

Micro surgery being performed at Bidada during camp by Dr. K L.Shah (KEM), and Dr. Dhaval Dhruv (Seattle, WA)The camp was attended by Dr. Chandravadan Haria (ENT Surgeon-Cleveland OH)



PLASTIC SURGERY

Mariaben Ali was first examined in 1989 at the age of 18 for gas deformity. After 4 successive operations at Bombay, jaw is rebuilt. She is married happily. She may undergo one more operation at a later date.

POLIO

Polio patients waiting for examination at Bidada Hospital during camp.





CARDIAC

Mahasatiji Shradhabai a cardiac patient examined at Bidada and operated for open heart surgery at Nanavati Hospital in March 1992 by Dr. Hisikar.

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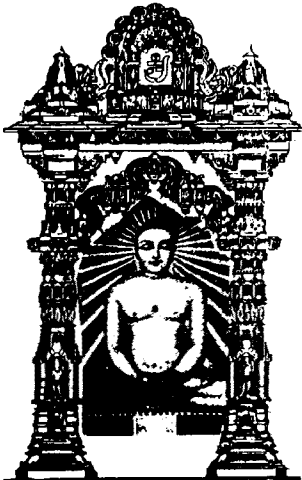
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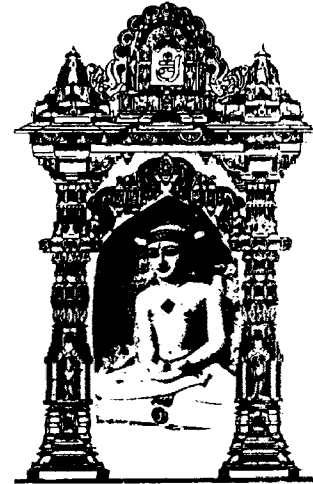
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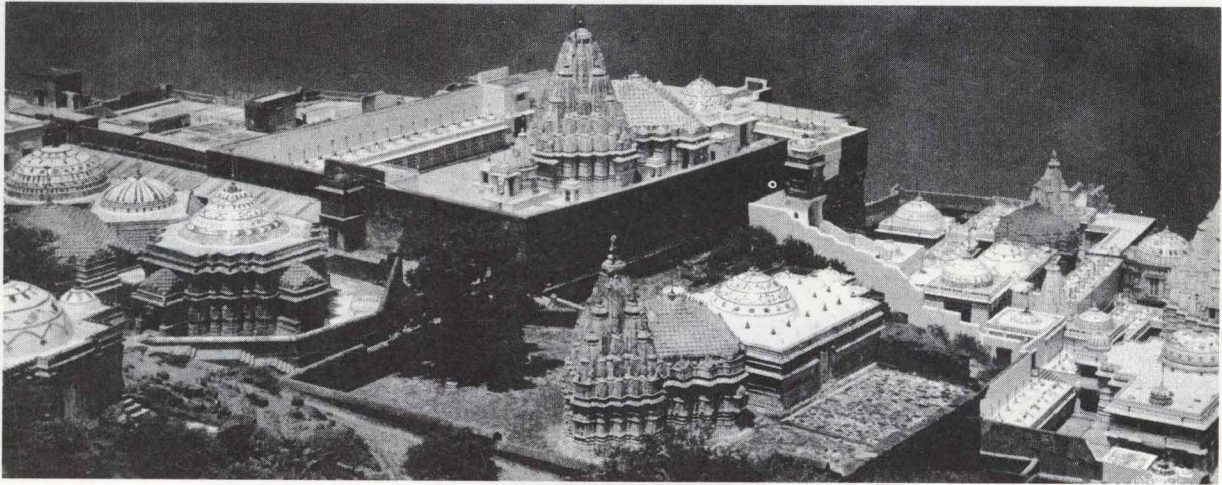


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