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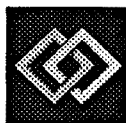
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From The Editor

JAINISM is the oldest and independent religion of the world. However, we find in almost all books as well as texts it was founded by Lord Mahavir or it was founded by Lord Parsvanath.

In reality, Lord Mahavir reorganized it. Some books go further and indicate that Jainism is nothing but a revolt against vediculture. The problem is that we had been taught through books written by foreign scholars (or others influenced by them) who wrote about Indian culture and religion from their own perspective and gave their interpretations.

Really speaking, Jainism is an absolutely independent religion and is older than vedic culture as is documented by several historians.

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Vantage Point

This is going to be a great year - I guarantee.



Sulekh C. Jain, President of JAINA

1993 began about three months ago and all indications are that it is going to be a great and an historical year for the Jain community in North America. JAINA and several Jain centers have planned a lot of programs, celebrations, poojas, youth camps, picnics and workshops, etc. Here is a sampling of some of the major events that will take place this year.

Pratishthas (Installation of Jain idols)

This is a unique year in which five major Pratishthas are planned (an unthinkable thought just a few years ago). Starting with Edmonton-Alberta, Canada on Mahavir Jayanti (birth) Day (April 4), followed by Albany, NY (May 29-30), Chicago, IL (June 24-27), Dallas, Texas (July 9-11) and ending with Ocala, FL (July 23-25), these religious celebrations are going to provide opportunities for spiritual knowledge and upliftment.

7th Biennial JAINA Convention (July 2-4)

Past JAINA Conventions have been where Jains of all ages not only from North America but also from many parts of the world came to debate issues, exchange views and meet friends, relatives, monks and scholars. The next convention in Pittsburgh is going to be bigger, better and is expected to be attended by 6,000 to 7,000 Jains (the largest assembly of Jains outside India). It is going to be a showcase of the Jain community. The Jain Society of Pittsburgh (the host) has been spending a lot of resources of brain-power, manpower and money to make this convention a memorable event. Very elaborate planning and coordination has been going on for one and one-half years. Many dignitaries, scholars, monks, leaders, thinkers, artists, men, women, youth and children from around the world will be participating. In this convention, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The programs will include seminars on wide ranging topics, lectures, plays, religious songs, exhibitions, cultural programs, video shows, releases of new books, audio and video tapes, teaching workshops and demonstration classes. This convention will be a place where the entire Jain community will come together and after the convention will go back home with a message of unity and a feeling of pride of being Jains.

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News and Announcements

Invitation to celebrate 10th anniversary of Jain Center of New Jersey

The Jain Center of New Jersey will be celebrating its tenth anniversary on April 10, with ceremonies to begin April 9 and continuing until April 11, 1993.

The celebration will be held at the Jain Center in Essex Fells and at the Caldwell College in Caldwell, N.J. highlights of the celebration include discourse on Jain religion by scholars from the U.S. as well as India and dance dramas depicting Jain history and principles. The members of the Jain Center of New Jersey will be honored to welcome all Jains to participate in the celebration.

For additional information please contact the following executive committee members: Sanatbhai Jhaveri (201-228-4355), Jayesh F. Sanghvi (201-384-7487) or Vinodbhai C. Shah (914-693-8379).

Greater Boston humming with learning

This center's Pathshala is humming with learning and other activities. They have also added ten new students. It was thought a good idea to let everybody know what is being taught now and about plans for the future.

Level one students are the most energetic children; they get totally submerged into everything presented to them. The emphasis is on memorization of stutis, simple sutras, and the names of 24 tirthankars. In the next few classes, the story of Bagwan Mahavir will be told, and other topics such as the five great vows of Jain monks, five senses,

and three jewels of the Jain religion will be discussed.

Level two students are full of intellectual curiosity and raise appropriate questions during discussions. The group started with memorizing and understanding important stutis and selected gathas from important sutras with regard to Jain philosophy. Five great vows of Jain monks, 21 virtues of shravaks/shravikas, and 18 papa sthanaks have been covered. Presently the group is discussing bahayantar and abhyantar tapas (internal and external activities). The children have also been taught how to do morning paccakkhanas (Namukkarsahim Mutthisaham). Parents, please help your children in observing the simplest tapas at least two times a month. In the next session, the children will be taught simple sutras and will continue with other topics in Jain philosophy.

Level three students have been preparing for the summer JAINA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. Discussion began with various categories in Jainism: Nine Tatvas, five Anuvratas, five senses, ten virtues of a Jain monk, twelve vows of a Layman, five Vows, and six Universal Substances. It has been the group's plan to create a large display of posters and other things explaining these categories at the JAINA Convention. Many thanks to teacher Yogen Jain for his direction and hard work.

Houston celebrates Mahvir Jayanti

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on Sunday, March 28, 1993. Families from Dallas, Lubbock, and Austin areas joined for this celebration.

The Pathshala of the Center has recently acquired a few copies of an excellent book titled, "INTRODUCTION TO JAINISM," written by Dr. Bharat S. Shah. Pathshala teachers are going to use this book as a text book for teaching Jainism in

their pathshala. (See review this issue.)

Metro Washington children's program to be held April 17

A children's program, featuring a musical drama, Ras, Garba, etc. will be held during the Mahavir Jayanti celebration on Saturday, April 17, 1993. Kantilal and Meeta Gangar have kindly agreed to direct the program. Interested children are requested to call Kantilal or Meeta Gangar at (301) 598-3093 for more details.

Prayer book completed

The Jain Society of Rochester (NY) has just finalized a unique prayer book that contains quite a few popular stavans (religious songs) originally composed in Gujarati or Hindi. They have been translated into English and written in phonetic English as well to aid the children who have been brought up in North America. The Center is planning to send a complimentary copy to each Jain Center in the United States and Canada. Please see the current president of your center to review this excellent book. If you wish to have a personal copy, it can be ordered through each center at a nominal cost. For further details, please call Anop Vora, Rochester, NY, (716) 473-9290.

Greater .St. Louis Pathshala to begin

With the intention to foster basic understanding of Jain religion/philosophy and to provide a forum to learn values of Jainism in today's environments, the Jain Center of Greater St. Louis is starting the Pathshala. The details of this program will be announced soon.

Globalization and the Challenge of Ethnic Identity

JAINA is very pleased to announce that Sivaram Srikanth, a doctoral student at the College of Communication at Ohio University, will be presenting a paper titled, "Globalization and the Challenge of Ethnic Identity: A Case Study of the Jains of North America" at the conference on "Migration and Global Change," to be held in Tallinn, Estonia in August of this year. The conference is sponsored by the International Council for Communication and Migration, and UNESCO. This international conference is a follow-up to an earlier conference under UNESCO patronage in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1988. The object of the conference is to bring together scholars and policy makers from around the world to evaluate the influence of the new global migration patterns on states and societies. It is the culmination of a series of conferences and research activities related to migration carried on since 1977, and represents a growing trend in scholarly and policy making circles towards recognizing the rights and value systems of immigrant groups across the world.

The Prime Minister of Estonia, Mr. Maart Laar, will preside over the opening session of this conference. Other participants at the conference will include scholars from Australia, Finland, Japan, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.

Sivaram, who is doing his doctoral work in the area of Jain cultural identity, has been the recipient of a JAINA fellowship for the past two years, and will be taking part in a panel discussion at the seventh JAINA convention in Pittsburgh in July. JAINA takes great pleasure in congratulating Sivaram and wishes him all the best for the Estonian conference.

Jain Center of Central Ohio seeks donations

Raju Telhi has been elected the chairperson of the Program Committee, replacing Asis Jain who had resigned. The center has been working in cooperation with the Bharatiya Temple Society of Central Ohio to

build a new temple on the land already acquired a few months ago. An appeal to make donations is being made through this announcement.

Please send your donation to: Jain Center of Central Ohio, c/o P.O. Box 726, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Your donation is tax-deductible.

World's Religions Conference in Chicago

by Ramesh T. Solanki, Wheaton, IL

The 1993 Parliament of World's Religions Conference will be held in Chicago from August 28 to September 4, 1993. Most of the events of this Parliament will be held at the Palmer House Hotel, 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603.

100 YEARS AFTER - 1993

The centennial Parliament is scheduled for nine days from August 28 to Sept. 5, 1993. It will bring together leaders and representatives of the World's faiths, experts on economic, social, scientific, environmental and political issues, and spiritual pilgrims from all over the globe. The centennial celebrations in 1993 will be a historic event.

Participation by the Jains

Three important events are to take place in Chicago in 1993: (1) Pratishtha Mahotsav of the Jain

Derasar in Chicago, June 1993; (2) Centennial celebrations of the Parliament of World's Religions held in 1893; (3) Launching of the first book of Jain scriptures "Tattvaratha Sutra."

Jain programs at the Parliament include an exhibition that will include: duratran slides with lights and mounted on frames; models of Jain Derasar, an idol of Mahavira, miniature sizes of Jain monks; models of Sametshikhar, Palitana, Girnar, Bahubali, Jalmandir, etc.; Tatva charts; Jain Agams and manuscripts; paintings; and Virchand Raghavji material.

Other programs include: audio/visual show on mahavira, and films on Ahimsa and Jainism; slide shows on Jain artifacts; publication of selected books and speeches of VRG; participation in opening, planary and closing sessions, demonstration with banners, red turbans and silver kalash on head; launching of Tattvaratha Sutra; speeches,

seminars, workshops on Ahimsa, Anekantvad, vegetarianism, environment, meditation, etc.; Jain ritual ceremonies at Jain Derasar, Chicago; youth participation; publication of *Jainism At A Glance* for mass distribution; and others (all suggestions welcome).

Many Jain authors, monks, religious heads, etc. will be attending the Parliament. Acharya Sushil Kumarji, Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanu Ji, Bhattarak-Charukeerthi Ji, Devendra Keerthi Ji, Pujya Dr. Atmanand Soni Ji and other scholars and academicians will present their views on various aspects of Jainism along with religious leaders of other religions.

This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend this historical event. Additional information may be obtained from the following committee members: Dr. Rashmikant D. Gardi (708) 428-4299; Dr. Tansukh J. Salgia (217) 223-7735; Mr. Ramesh T. Solanki (708) 682-0465. (Registration form on page 10.)

Atlanta adopts constitution

On Feb. 7, 1993, The Jain Society of Greater Atlanta approved and adopted a formal constitution.

On Feb. 28, 1993, the following members of the executive committee were elected to serve a one year term: Manhar C. Parekh, President; Santosh Kothari, Vice President; Dinesh Shah, Secretary; Jiten Jain, Treasurer; Punit Shah, Education and Youth Secretary; Sampurnaben Shah and Chetnaben Malbari, Members.

The mailing address of the society is:

The Jain Society of Greater Atlanta, P.O. Box 15126, Atlanta, GA 30333.

Center President Manhar Parekh can be reached at (404) 455-7337.

Shree Kamdar to visit U.S. and Canda

Shree Rajendra Kamdar, a renowned young Jain scholar and orator on Jainism has kindly consented to visit the U.S.A. and Canada during the summer of 1993. He speaks in Gujarati, Hindi, and English. He is actively involved in various educational activities for making young Jains interested in understanding and practicing Jainism.

Exact dates of his visits are being worked out now. Organizations interested in hosting his visit this summer may contact Hasmukh Shah, 1409 Rising Wind Court, Silver Spring, MD 20905, phone (301) 384-1746.



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JAIN MONKS AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Dear Editor,

Dr. S. K. Jain, Editor-in-Chief, Jain Digest raised an issue many talk about in private conversations, but do not have guts to speak out in public. The issue is there and the same needs to be resolved with dignity and honor, as the same is not going to go away. It is, therefore, the responsibility of an apex organization like JAINA to appoint a committee of responsible senior members of the community right away to study the issue in its entirety and present its report at the Convention in Pittsburgh at one of its plenary sessions for a decision.

Most of us have been raised in

a tradition of 'Respect for Knowledge and Character'. Some traditional Jains back home in India opposed our monks' travel abroad. The world has changed a lot in the past over 2500 years and is still changing, we don't know for better or worse. But one thing is certain that Jains have a tremendous responsibility to get its Universal Message of Non-Violence to the wider world where innocent lives have been destroyed or made to suffer through weapons and where destruction of Nature's Balance in Environment continues.

I have a following few humble suggestions to offer for an open community dialog:

1. We abandon all 'Prefixes', such as Acharya, Muni, Guru, Gurudev, His Holiness, etc. for all the monks and spiritual leaders outside India. We only use 'Ji' as a suffix showing respect.

2. There is no free lunch in U.S.A. for any one except for some Jain laymen and Monks. There is a need for change in this lop-sided topsy-turvy situation. We have all suffered begging for donations to give money to the visiting Monks, and others. A requirement of Community service needs to be established for this. Jain laymen will have to pay a price to an extent for their spiritual needs through supporting some. Preaching should be treated as a profession as in other religions like Christianity, Judaism, etc. But our preachers will have to 'practice' as well before they preach. The question is - What do they do during other hours when they are not preaching or conducting a ritual.

3. No Rewards/ Awards, like plaques, etc. be given to monks and spiritual leaders for their services. Some of the so-called Jain laymen leaders themselves have given awards to some monks for their own self aggrandizement. Jain monks are supposed to have renounced the world, and therefore, awards/ rewards are nothing but 'Parigraha'. It is a well known story of calling some one 'Rao Saheb', in expecta-

tion of being called 'Bhau Saheb' in return.

4. No monk should directly or indirectly 'Play Politics of Religion' for satisfying one's own Ego. Some of our monks have openly supported and participated in the dirty political game of religious parties involved in the Ram Janmabhumi Agitation which led to shameful destruction through violence. We are supposed to respect every other faith or belief without participating in any partisan way, including their rituals.

5. No monk or his created organization of which he is the sole arbiter should be given monetary assistance for accumulation of wealth over and above their decent living requirements. Money should be donated only to the public organizations, managed and operated by Jain laymen, and audited regularly.

6. It is difficult for many to observe Celibacy - in thought, words and deeds in this materialistic world. Those who cannot practice should get married and continue to do what they can do best.

Finally, 'A stitch in time will save nine' or else we will also be a part of the story. Let us deal with the issue, fairly and squarely.

*F.J. Dalal
Maryland*

Jain hospitality, or Hospitality network

Dear Editor,

Many human beings are fussy eaters. Some of us are bound by our own likes and dislikes in food due to our upbringing, custom, tradition, religion, palate, or medical (allergic) considerations. One can usually accomodate one's dietary needs when at home or with friends and relatives who know our limitations or preferences.

But in a society where meat, fish, and fowl are staple parts of the diet, vegetarians find it most difficult to find suitable meals once out-

side their homes or away from their vegetarian friends and relatives.

When traveling, Jains encounter serious difficulties to locate suitable eating places. This difficulty, I believe, can be solved if Jains across North America would set up a network of families who would be willing to host a traveling Jain for a few days.

Would such a system work? A friend of mine with whom I shared this proposal expressed doubts about its feasibility. He gave several reasons: (1) In many families, husband and wife both work; they may not have the time or inclination to entertain strangers after a hard day's work, (2) many Jains are professionals—engineers, doctors, professors, dentists, lawyers, accountants—some of whom are very status-conscious; they may not want to invite Jains from other walks of life into their houses, and (3) other Jains may not consider this proposal attractive because they have nothing to gain.

These may be valid reasons or objections for refusing to participate in a Jain Hospitality Network. But life is full of risks; without risks there are no rewards. By giving respect to a traveling Jain who is not a relative or friend, one may find a friendship or relationship.

I believe this splendid idea is worth exploring.

Sushil Jain
Windsor, Ontario

Jains should inspire World

Dear Editor,

Browsing recently through some choice Jain literature and lore at the residence of Dr. Narpat S. Jain and Mrs. Vasundhara Jain in Pittsburgh, I had the good fortune of reading and rereading the excellent speeches on Jainism, delivered at the Parliament/Congress of World Religions held at Chicago a century ago.

These addresses beautifully and lucidly explain the philosophy, spiritual practices, and contributions of

the vibrant Jain community through the ages as detailed in the next paragraph.

In the context of India's vast and richly complex heritage, the Jain doctrines of Ahimsa (noninjury to all beings), compassion, tolerance, respect for all religions, nirvana, moksha (salvation/soteriology), many-sidedness (anekantavada/syadvada); and above all the "three jewels": right faith, right knowledge, and right conduct all stand out as messages and beacons of "sweetness and light" for all the peoples of the world, everywhere, for all times.

Dr. Mohan Lal Sharma
Slippery Rock, PA

Jain Digest—is it ego-satisfying?

Dear Editor:

I am a regular reader of the Jain Digest. I find it very interesting. However, it is regrettable that, on occasion, it seems to satisfy egos of certain individuals by publicizing their achievements beyond reasonable length.

For example, in your previous issue I was amazed to see so many pages depicting the Chairman of World Community Services. I find this simply egotistic.

M. Shah
Queens, NY

(Editor's note: I appreciate your concern. Please be assured we are very much restrained in portraying any individual since the person may not feel comfortable. If anything like the example you state has happened, it was unintentional and I bear all responsibility.)



Profile of the Institute of Jainology

by Nemu Chanderia, UK

The philosophy of the Institute of Jainology (IOJ) is to create an awareness for Jainism in the world

and to forge unity of Jains on the basis of enlightened understanding of their invaluable heritage.

The Institute was founded in 1986 as a registered charitable institution. It invited suggestions from leading Jains, scholars, and well-wishers of Jainology towards its growth and propagation of Jainism in the interest of religion, Jains, and humanity. All activities of the Institute are funded by donations.

The Institute launched series of lectures by Dr. Kumarpal Desai, an eminent scholar, propagating the tenets of Ahimsa and Anekantvad. It also published news-letters. During this period the Oshwal and Navnat Vanik Association of the UK had approached HRH Prince Phillip to get Jainism included into the network of International Sacred Literature Trust for the translation of the scriptures of the world's major religions into English. Eventually, these two organizations, in association with India's Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Samiti (under the proposed parent-body Jain Sacred Literature Trust), submitted "Jain Declaration on Nature" at the Buckingham Palace, London, in the presence of eminent Jains from all over the world.

To commence the work on the translation of "Tattvartha Sutra" and implement other programs, it was agreed that the activities of the proposed Jain Sacred Literature Trust be merged with the Institute of Jainology. It set an excellent example of unity and the beginnings of a new era of cooperation between Jain organizations and individuals. The Institute has since been restructured to include on its Board of Trustees, Jains from the United Kingdom, Europe, North America, Asia, and Africa. It is truly international in its character to forge good relations, not only with sister Jain organizations, but also with other religious faiths and people of the world.

The "Jain Declaration of Nature," drafted by Dr. L.M. Singhvi in association with other learned scholars, is in demand in different lan-

guages as well. The translation of the "Tattvartha Sutra" is progressing well and is scheduled for release in August, 1993.

Pandit Dhirubhai Mehta, who even teaches Jain Sadhu/Sadhvis the basic principles and practices of Jainism, had a very successful session in 1992 in the UK. It will be repeated in 1993. His audio tapes are in great demand.

The Institute organized an Environment Day involving youths and many prominent speakers. It hosted a lecture honoring the visiting Governor of Maharashtra, Shree Subramaniam, the former Vice President of India Shree Hidayatullah, and S. Ramakrishna of Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay. It organized a one day "Shibir" planned by youths of Oshwal and Navnat Vanik Associations and Young Jains. Eminent scholars like Prof. Padmanabh Jaini from the U.S.A., Dr. Nathmal Tatia from India, Vinod Kapashi, Kerry Brown, and Atul Shah from the UK gave discourses to over 400 youths on application of the principles of Jainism in day to day life. It has initiated a "Jain Education Board" for preparation of syllabus and text books for teaching of Jainism at primary and secondary school levels. The Institute prepared a presentation on Doordarshan, Delhi, a special video on the life of Mahavira in English, Hindi, and Gujarati. The video is being distributed throughout the world.

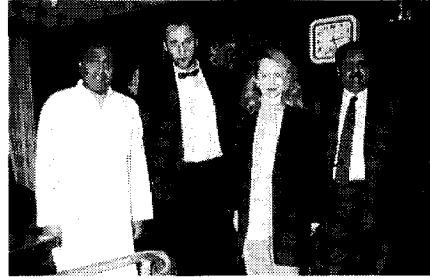
To encourage attempts at protecting the environment for all beings, the Institute is considering establishing a Jain Environment Award and putting Jain principles into practice in today's world.

The Institute has undertaken bibliography work of the manuscripts of Jainism in the British and other libraries outside India. It is considering the collection of research data, books, and works on Jainism currently in process.

The Institute has established a liaison office at Ahmedabad for effective coordination and publication

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Michael Tobias promotes Jainism and ecology



Left to Right: India's Minister Kamal Nath, Dr. Michael Tobias, Jane M. Tobias, Rajiv P. Jain. Photo by Robert Radin

Dr. Michael Tobias and Jane Morrison Tobias spent February and part of March in China, Indonesia and India promoting Jainism and ecology. They met with the Ministers of Environment and Population in all three countries along with hundreds of scientists and activists and religious leaders. In addition, Dr. Tobias discussed the basic tenets of Lord Mahvir with Chinese ecologists, Indonesian Islamic ulamas and a variety of social planners.

In New Delhi, Dr. Tobias was hosted by Mr. R.P. Jain, India Coordinator for Promotion of Jainism Abroad. It was Mr. R.P. Jain who arranged for the introduction to the present and former Ministers of Environment and Forests, as well as to many others.

"Ahimsa - Non-Violence" available on video

Ahimsa - Non-Violence, by Dr. Michael Tobias on Pal and Seacm VHS cassettes edition is available from World Media Sales Doetinchempad 27 1324 JW Almere The Netherlands, Tel: (031) 3240 35034, Fax: (031) 3240 30066, Attn: Mr. Ger Visser.

The video portrays Jain philosophies, rituals, art, customs, business practices, etc.

Pratishthas - Albany, Chicago, Dallas

Albany to celebrate Pratishtha Mahotsav

It is with great pleasure that we, the members of the Jain Society of the Capital District, Albany, New York, announce the celebration of Pratishtha Mahotsav for the Pratimaji of Tirthankar Mahavir in the Hindu Temple at 450 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudonville, NY on May 29 -30.

We would be delighted to receive as many of your members who can join us in the celebration. We are planning two days of full events to include discourses from spiritual leaders as well as educational and cultural programs.

The Prathistha will be guided by Gurudev Chitrabhanu.

Arrangements can be made to secure accomodation for all who wish to participate in the celebration. Please contact Dulichand Shah (518/869-0281) or Pramod Shah (518/756-6861) for further details.

We look forward to seeing many of your members at this occasion.

Murti Sthapna in Dallas

The Jain Society of North Texas is pleased to announce the Murti Sthapna and opening of the expanded Jain center during the weekend of July 9-11. Shri Chitrabhanuji and Bhattaraka Charukeerthi of Moodbidri have graciously accepted to attend this ceremony, and to counsel the society in conducting the overall affairs.

The society, with your advance notification, will be pleased to facilitate your stay and travel in the Dallas area during these three days of festivities.

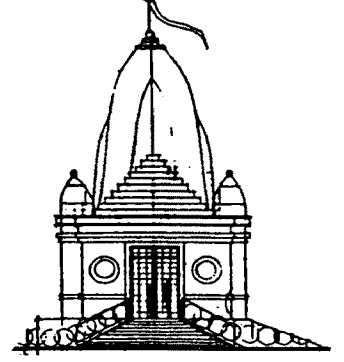
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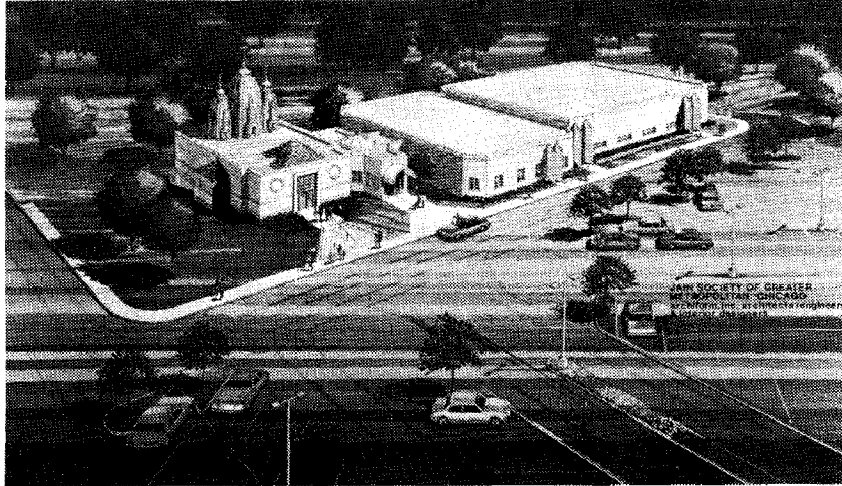
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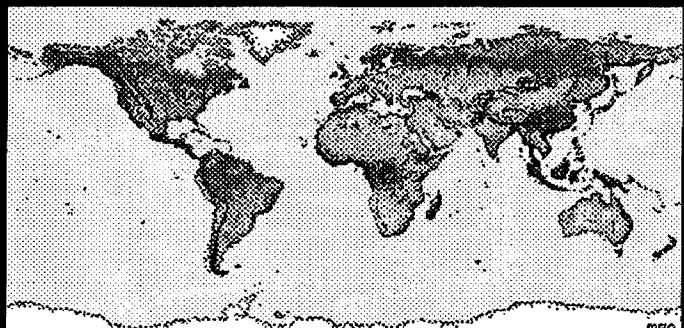
The Institute has become a cosponsor, under the banner of "THE JAINS," at the Parliament of the World's Religions Centennial Celebrations to be held at Chicago in August 1993. It is joining hands with JAINA and the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago to create a greater unity amongst different Jain sects and organizations all over the world. An exhibition of Jain art and artifacts to be held in the U.S.A. and the UK in 1994/1995 with the assistance of the Indian Government and museums and private collections around the world is under consideration.

To enable the Institute to effectively continue its various programs for a better world environment according to Jain philosophy and active promotion of Jain cardinal principles of AHIMSA, ANEKANTVAD, and its concern for ENVIRONMENT, it needs both material and moral support from all Jains and Jain organization. It also seeks sponsor's help to cover the cost of printing and forwarding one issue of "AHIMSA" by donating \$2,000. All contributions shall be acknowledged in its newsletters with a total circulation of 7,000 copies in the UK, Europe, Africa, North America and India.

Jain Temple Pledge

from India Abroad, Jan. 22, 1993

(New Delhi) A delegation of Jains met the Pakistan high Commissioner last week to convey the community's anxiety over the de-



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struction of a Jain temple in Lahore.

The High Commissioner assured the delegation that the temple would be rebuilt, as already announced by Pakistan Prime Minister Nawas Sharif. The temple was destroyed along with dozens of churches and Hindu temples in the wake of the Ayodhya incident.

News from the U.K.

Jain syllabus prepared

IOJ has now prepared a simple draft of a text book to teach Jainism in the community schools. At a meeting of the Jain Education Board, it was decided to commence the courses on an experimental basis, beginning January 1993. A final text will be published in July 1993 after suggestions and comments from teachers and parents are taken into consideration.

New Jainism course

DE Montfort University of Leicester, through the efforts of the Jain Academy, will offer a degree course on Jainism in the Arts and Humanities Department of the University.

Jains make appeal

At the request of Shree Atma Vallabh Jain Smarak Shikshan Nidhi of Delhi, IOJ and JAINA in the U.S.A. have appealed to the Australian government to restrain from slaughtering kangaroos to control the population.

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The Jain BBS is operational since Feb 15, 1993. With the use of home computer and modem to dial 1-919-469-0207 at any time, interested user can obtain a wealth of information free of cost. The Jain religion data base will be available more widely through telnet/internet electronic network systems throughout the world.

The information available in the Jain BBS can be copied onto your computer, printed on your printer, and distributed freely for noncommercial purposes without any cost to you.

Progress Report:

The first phase of the Jain BBS was completed on Feb 15, 1993. You can access Jain BBS by dialing 1-919-469-0207 (24 hours a day / 7 days a week).

Within the first two weeks, about 25 people from fifteen different states dialed into Jain BBS. 80% of them were youths and young adults.

At present the following information is available in the BBS:

a. Jain Education material for youths: There are thirteen chapters covering important topics of Jain religion.

b. Human virtues: There are thirty two chapters in this section. Each chapter defines one virtue and its importance. At the end of each chapter few stories related to each virtue is given.

c. Comparative religions: An essay on Shikhhism written by Jigar

Shah, Clarksville, TN.

d. Catalog of Jain religion books (partial list).

Activity in progress to be completed by May 31, 93:

a. A summary of Jain Agam literature and Jain sects.

b. English Pratikraman.

c. Youth essays (winner essays of past 7 years of essay competition of Jain Center of Boston)

d. Shri V. R. Gandhi's Jain literature. (V. R. Gandhi was the first Jain who attended World religion parliament conference 100 years ago (1893) at Chicago and stayed in USA for more than two years to spread Jainism in USA.

e. Marriage information service data (F.J. Dalal)

f. Detailed schedules of 7th Biennial Jaina convention activities

g. Detailed schedules of Parliament of World Religion Conference

h. Temple openings and Pratistha ceremonial programs of various Jain temples at Chicago, Detroit, Dallas TX, Cherry Hill NJ, and other centers.

i. Complete Jain Digest issue

j. Access of Jain BBS through Telnet/Internet services.

Installation of Jain BBS at other Jain Centers:

Jain BBS committee will provide the complete BBS software and data to any center if interested to establish electronic BBS for their community. This will save long distance telephone charges of the local community which occurs when dialing into North Carolina Jain BBS. The following are the major terms and conditions:

a. Center should have a dedicated computer and associated hardware compatible to the North Carolina system (e.g PC 386 m/c, Tape backup unit, 80 Meg HD, OS2/DOS5.0)

b. Dedicated telephone line

c. Jain BBS should be available to common public without any charge, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

d. No commercial use of the

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e. \$50.00 registration fee to Jain Study Center of North Carolina to cover the cost of tapes, postages, telephones, misc etc.

f. Software registration fee paid directly to the software company within 60 days after installation of the system.

g. An interface person which has enough computer knowledge. Please contact any of the committee members if you are interested in the installation of the Jain BBS system.

Long Term Activity:

The following information will be available within next one year.: History of Jainism; Jain Sacred Literature (Agam and Non-Agam); Jain Geography; Jain Sects; A list of commonly asked questions and answers on Jainism; Scholarly Articles covering all aspects of modern time issues such as, Ecology, Animal cruelty, Vegetarianism, Population Growth, Violence, Abortion, Role of Women in society, etc.; Jain Rituals (Samayak, Pratikaman, Puja etc.). This includes step by step procedures for the performance of many rituals and their meanings.; Life of all the Tirthankaras, and other monks and scholars.; Collection of Jain moral stories.; Collection of Stavans and Bhajans.; Information on Jain temples and pilgrimage places within and outside India.; Essays written by youths of North America.; Articles on comparative studies of other religions.; Rare authentic books on Jainism. (Entire books will be available on-line); A catalogue of Jain books, and magazines consisting of information such as title, author, translator, publisher, language, etc.; Jain Calendar of all Jain sects.; A catalogue of audio and video cassettes.; Listing of Jain Societies and temples outside India.; List of scholars and summaries of their works.; A dictionary of Jain words and phrases.; Currently the entire BBS will have all the material in English. In the future we will include materials of different Indian languages such as Hindi, Gujarati, Ardhamagdi etc.

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Book Reviews

To Light One Candle: A Book of Universal Prayers

by C. Rosenfield, P. Chitrabhanu
Review by Manubhai Bhatt,
Columbus, Ohio

(Telegraph review) A recently published book containing universal prayers and mantras from different religions, including Jainism. This is an excellent example of what all great prophets have said, namely following the path of righteousness, forgiving ourselves and others, realizing the Self, and offering blessings and peace to the world.

These are universal prayers, stanzas and mantras: the words which have been revered for thousands of years assacred because they were uttered by saintly individuals

in the fullness of self-realization or God-consciousness. Universal in spirit, these prayers remind us that "EKAM SAT VIPRA BAHUDHA VADANTI" (Rig Veda) or *Truth is one, expressed in many different ways.*

The sounds of a mantra have the power to harmonize and heal the body and mind. In the audio cassette accompanying the book, Acharya Roop Verma's beautiful singing of mantras teaches us accurate pronunciation of each mantra. This feature and the very simple language of the book make this book and cassette unit extremely useful not only for adults but also for transmitting this great heritage to our children.

This is a good collection for your personal library. For those who wish to order now, or for more information, they may contact the author, Clare Rosenfield, 4 Grasshill Road, Hartsdale, NY 10530, Tel: (914)

761-7682 or Jain Meditation International Center at (212) 362-6483.

An Introduction to Jainism

by Bharat S. Shah, M.D.

price: \$15

Publisher: Setubandh Publications, 1 Lawson Lane, Great Neck, NY 11023

(Telegraph review) A simple introduction to Jainism (in English), especially for the new generation of Jains, written in a clear and friendly style, full of explanations, and a gradual stepwise development of the functional principles of this great religion...." From the publisher's ordering information.

(Editor's note: I, personally, believe that this book should be illuminating for most of us who want to learn about Jainism. It is an excellent textbook for a pathshala.)

The Jains

by Paul Dundas

reviewed by Nemu Chanderia, UK

Paul Dundas interprets the Jain religion as a historical, evolving phenomenon and a mode of life which provides a coherent and satisfying world view of its followers. He demonstrates the complex and multidimensional nature of Jainism, traces its evolution, and assesses its principal doctrinal and sectarian characteristics, giving special attention to Jain attitudes toward scripture, and the role of ritual and sacred places. The book will be of special interest to students and teachers of religion. Paul Dundas is a lecturer in Sanskrit at the University of Edinburgh, UK.

Available from Routledge, 11 New Fetter Lane, London ECLP or 29 West 35th Street, New York, NY 10001.

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The Jain BBS committee will welcome any material on Jainism that you would like to be included in the BBS. The sky is the limit. Please do not send copy right material without obtaining the proper permission. We could use your help in the areas of data collection, management, computer data entry, editing the articles (spell and grammar checking) etc.

If you have any suggestions, any questions, or would like to get further information on the Jain BBS, please contact any of the committee members or write into Jain BBS. This is the most ambitious project our center has ever launched. The committee members are working hard to meet the schedule date. We need your cooperation and full hearten support.

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Recent Deaths

Dr. Daulat S. Kothari

from India Abroad, Feb. 2, 1993

Dr. Daulat S. Kothari, an eminent scientist, educator and Jain scholar died on Feb. 4 at the age of 87. Dr. Kothari was a true Jain who practised Jainism in his daily life. He was a leader of our community and guided us all through his life.

Kothari was noted for his work on statistical thermo-dynamics, white dwarf stars and the theory of pressure ionization.

He was a chairman of the University Grants Commission for many years.

The Federation of JAINA joins his family members, relatives and friends in expressing their condolences and pray for his soul to rest in peace.

Journalist Akshay K. Jain

from India Abroad, March 3, 1993

Veteran journalist Akshay Kumar Jain, who gave 50 years of his life to furthering the cause of Hindi journalism, died Feb. 25.

Jain was the former chief editor of *Navabharat Times* and for three decades had been an advisor to the Union Public Service Commission which receives officials into government service. He was president of Bhartendu Harishchandra Puraskar Samiti of the Publications of the Indian government and a member of the Delhi Hindi Academy.

Mr. Jain was a recognized and well-respected leader of Jain community in India.

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Youth Corner

A NEED FOR 'YOUNG JAINS INTERNATIONAL' (YJI)

by F.J. Dalal

The Universal 'Message of Non-violence' by Mahavir was for the entire humanity, not for a chosen few in India or Indians. It was not meant for circulation within the four walls of Jain Temples and Halls.

THE GOAL:

The time has come to transfer the stewardship of promoting Jain Philosophy and Principles from traditional, dogmatic, and ritualistic leadership living in the past to the futuristic rationalist caring and committed young practicing (not preaching) visionaries. In the fast changing world, the exhausted force of so-called Jain leaders giving lip sympa-

thy and shedding crocodile tears for the future of culture, religion, and the upcoming generation is a 'continuing journey in futility.'

The 'Jain way of life' can be lived in all spheres of socio-economic-political activities. National and International disputes can be resolved by Negotiations, not through violence, terrorism, and wars. Science and Technology are compatible with nature's balance and healthy environment. All living species including human, bird, animal, fish, etc. must be considered sacred. Safer and carefree existence can be regained by eliminating all harmful weapons and cruelty towards weaker lives. Vegetarianism is healthy for body and mind and can eliminate the man-made curse of hunger in the civilized (?) society.

ORGANIZATION:

1. Young Jain International will be a Federation of affiliated units. Major metropolitan areas will be the potential units, e.g. London, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Toronto,

Bombay, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Nairobi, Singapore, etc. YJI's head quarters will be in London.

2. All young adults above 18 can be the members by paying the annual subscription of \$10 or its equivalent.

3. The present quarterly 'Young Jains' will be the worldwide communication link.

4. YJI will have an International Convention of Representatives every even year.

5. A YJI 'Ad Hoc' committee be formed at the JAINA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA., U.S.A. for organizing units around the world, drafting Constitution, and deciding the venue and agenda of the First World Jain Youth Convention in 1994.

ACTIVITIES:

1. YJI and its affiliated units shall not duplicate any activity of the existing Jain organization in the area. Wherever possible, the activities should be coordinated and conducted jointly.

2. Outreach program will be the main thrust. It will actively participate and work with local organizations of vegetarians, environmentalists, humanists, pacifists, and others with similar objectives.

3. YJI will join with other organizations in lobbying for changes leading to the non-violent peaceful existence for each living being.

CONCLUSION:

The ideas and suggestions from all concerned can be thoroughly discussed and a historic decision can be taken to promote a dynamic worldwide organization of Jain Young Adults. I will be glad to assist in every manner possible, if a concerted initiative is taken by the core youth group at the JAINA convention including the representatives of Young Jains of U.K.

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Parliament of World's Religions (August 28-Sept. 5)

First Parliament of World's Religions was held at Chicago in 1893.

In the history of the world, it was the first meeting of the representations of major religions as equals without regard to demographics. One-hundred years ago, Jainism was represented by Mr. V.R. Gandhi.

This year, again, Jains the world over are joining the major world religions in the celebration of this historic even in Chicago.

A wide variety of programs have been planned including the participation of Jain leaders, monks and scholars, exhibitions, screening of videos and films, seminars and workshops, etc.

One-hundred years ago, against many odds, one lonely Jain,

Mr. V.R. Gandhi, presented Jainism and its philosophy to the world community. Now, 50,000 V.R. Gandhi's (there are roughly 50,000 Jains in North America) make their home here. So our participation in this event has to be of a scale and grandeur benefiting our population here.

As you can see, much is going to happen this year. This is just a glimpse. Details of many of these events have been, are being and will be published in the *Jain Digest*.

Many people, centers and organizations are working hard to make these celebrations meaningful, enjoyable and beneficial. Let us all mark our calendars, take time off and bring family, friends and relatives to these events.

No matter how hard we work, it is your vote and your presence that will count. I guarantee you, you will benefit and have lots of fun. This is going to be a great and memorable year.

Jai Jinendra

Youth Summer Camp
August 13-15
St. Louis - Wyman campsite
Call Dinesh Shah at
(314) 537-2643 for info.

Matrimonials

Rules for Matrimonial Advertisements:

Please address all matrimonial matters to F.J. Dalal, 9001 Goodluck Road, Lanham, MD 20706; Phone: (301) 577-5215. The following guidelines must be observed:

I. Those who wish to register with Marriage Information Service (MIS):

1. MIS has two forms - 'Personal Data' and 'Additional Information' which must be filled out completely by the candidate. The registrant must mail the two completed forms with a check of \$ 15.00 payable to F. J. Dalal and enclose a recent photo duly signed by the candidate on the back.

2. MIS will draft an ad for the registrant for publishing once in the Jain Digest. Registrants may wish to draft the ads themselves, which may be no more than 30 words. MIS reserves the right to edit such ads.

3. Responses to MIS ads with the bio-data and a picture must be put in a sealed, stamped envelop with the candidate's return address on the top left corner, and the MIS reference number at the bottom left corner. Space for the address must be kept blank. This envelope, then, should be put in a larger envelope with the candidate's return address on the top left corner and be mailed to F. J. Dalal.

4. On receipt of the above, MIS will put the address on the inner envelope and mail it to the candidate.

5. MIS will not be responsible for responses which do not follow the above procedure.

II. Those who do not wish to register with MIS, should draft their own ad, with address and/or phone number, which may be no more than 30 words, for publication in the Jain Digest. Please send your ad, along with a check for \$ 15.00 to F. J.

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MALE

AM19: Parents invite responses for their well settled US citizen son, BSEE, MBA, born Mar. 67, 5'11". Contact Dr. Dugarat (301) 916-5145.

AM59: Sister invites responses from educated, vegetarian girls for brother, 28, 5'3 1/2", Chartered Accountant in Chandigarh, India. Students, citizens welcome. Contact Mrs. Jain, 147-11B Roosevelt Ave., Flushing, NY 11354. Call: (718) 961-7223.

M158: Gujarati boy from IL, 5'5", 130 lbs., born July 68, BSEE, MBA (6/93), well employed, invites responses from vegetarian professional girls. (708) 640-7724.

M237: Gujarati parents invite responses with returnable photo from professional vegetarian girls for handsome, social son, 25, 6'0", completing M.D. in May 94. Call: (716) 477-1396.

M243: Gujarati son working in family business, from IL 5'10", 160 lbs., born Dec. 68, BS (Finance), doing CPA, seeks responses from graduate vegetarian girls. Call: (708) 724-5376.

M244: US raised Gujarati vegetarian, born May 65, 6'1", 175 lbs., athletic & social, active in community, well employed EE, double Masters, pursuing Ph.D., seeks responses from caring, educated females. Call: (301) 577-5215.

M251: Responses invited from Gujarati vegetarian girls with Indian culture, for handsome boy, born Nov. 64, 5'10", B.Com. Call: (201) 348-4454.

M252: Gujarati vegetarian diamond business owner from NY, born July '64, 5'7", 135 lbs., B.Com., invites responses from educated girls from respectable families. Wife expired May 92, leaving baby girl born Feb. 92. Call: (718) 279-0029.

M253: Responses welcome with a returnable photo from Gujarati educated good looking girls for a handsome family oriented vegetarian, born April 62, 5'9", B.Com. Call: (714) 821-3957.

M254: Gujarati vegetarian boy from MD, 5'11", 165 lbs., born Feb. 68, BSEE, well employed, invites responses from educated girls. Call: (301) 948-2978.

M256: Uncle invites responses for Gujarati vegetarian nephew, born June 65, 5'9", good looking, doing MS (Mech.) from well educated, cultured girls. Contact: 26 Carleton, D.D.O. H9A 2J1, Canada. Call: (514) 683-9613 or (714) 951-3830.

M259: Sister invites responses for Gujarati vegetarian boy, 5'6", 125 lbs., born Feb. 68, MS (Chem. Engg.), employed, on student visa, from resident educated girls. Call: (602) 831-8552.

FEMALE

AF60: Gujarati parents invite responses

from US trained physicians, from their vegetarian beautiful daughter, born Sep. 67, 5'5", 110 lbs., US born and educated, MD. Contact: 8338 Phoebe St., Kalamazoo, MI 49002. (616) 375-7034.

AF61: Digamber Jain parents from Delhi, India, invite suitable responses from US residents, for their beautiful daughter, M.A., 5'4", born Aug. 66, employed, husband recently died in auto accident, have a one year old son. Uncle well settled in USA. Call: (301) 262-5463.

AF62: Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated professionals for their Canadian born, slim, beautiful, intelligent, vegetarian daughter, 24, 5'5", B.Sc. (Pharmacy).

F139: Gujarati parents seek responses from well educated, vegetarian professionals for their M.S., 23, 5'2", slim, beautiful, daughter with blend of east/west. Call: (412) 833-5108.

F145: Gujarati vegetarian girl, 5'2", 100 lbs., born Sep. 66, completing M.S. (4/93), employed, invites responses from professionals. Call: (502) 451-6001.

F184: Gujarati parents from NYC invite responses from US raised, well educated boys from respectable families for their pretty, fair, slim, US citizen, vegetarian daughter, born May 68, 5'4", 110 lbs., US educated, B.A., J.D. (5/93). Call: (212) 671-8012.

F188: Hindi speaking parents invite responses from medical students/doctors or professionals for their US born Aug. 67, 5'7", vegetarian, slim, beautiful, daughter, M.D. (6/94). Contact: 615 Trailmore Pl., Roswell, GA 30076. (404) 992-0105.

F248: Gujarati parents from CA invite responses from suitable vegetarian boys for their daughter, 5'7", 130 lbs., born Oct. 68, employed, doing B.S. Call: (714) 871-6428.

F250: Gujarati brother from TX, invites responses from educated vegetarian boys for his medical technologist sister 5'2", 165 lbs., B.S. (Micro-biology), employed. Call: (713) 277-5170.

F255: Gujarati vegetarian girl from MD, 5'4", 111 lbs., born Aug. 69, BSEE, well employed, invites responses from professionals. Call: (301) 948-2978.

F257: Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated, professional boys for attractive US citizen daughter born Sep. 70, 5'4", Registered Pharmacist with a blend of East/ West values.

F258: Gujarati parents invite correspondence from vegetarian professionals with returnable photo for slim, pretty, attractive daughter, born Aug. 71, 5'6", B.A. (Business).

••••Jain parents invite correspondence from highly educated, pure-vegetarian professionals for their US-educated physician daughter doing residency, 28 years old, 5'3", fair, US citizen. Send bio-data to 9831 Tall Timber, Cincinnati, OH 45241 or call (513) 777-1554.

••••Jain parents invite responses for their vegetarian, 22 year old daughter, 5'5", fair skin, B.S. (Honors) in Accounting, U.K.

citizen. Please write to 4 Whitchurch Close, Edgware, Middlesex, HA86PE, U.K. or call (081) 952-5757.

NOTES: Please read the following carefully:

1. All those MIS registrants, who wish to get *Jain Digest*, please contact Dr. S.K. Jain, Editor, directly at 3 Ransom Rd., Athens, OH 45701, U.S.A. (614) 592-1660.

2. All checks regarding 'Matrimonial' in *Jain Digest* must be written in favor of 'F.J. Dalal' only. Please do not write **anything** else on the 'Memo' / 'For' line of the check.

3. Effective Jan. 93 issue of *Jain Digest*, all MIS/matrimonial ads give telephone numbers of the candidates. Those who do not want their telephone numbers to appear in the ad., must specifically advise Mr. F.J. Dalal.

4. On the suggestion by Mr. Pravin Shah, the Chairman and General Editor of the Jain Education Bulletin Board Committee, MIS is considering to put the entire MIS information published in *Jain Digest* on computer based Jain Bulletin Board System (BBS). MIS invites specific comments and suggestions from the registered candidates in the matter.

5. **Seventh JAINA Convention:** MIS is planning a 'Get-to-gather' of young adult candidates and an 'International Seminar on Marriage' in Pittsburgh, PA during

July 2-4, 1993. Those who are interested to participate in the seminar are requested to contact Mr. F.J. Dalal. Please make plans to attend this convention with copies of your well drafted biodata and good full figure pictures. Please do not miss this great Biennial opportunity.

6. Even now, many candidates and/or parents, do not care to inform MIS when their matrimonials get settled. When shall we learn to be courteous to call or drop a line and encourage voluntary community service work?

7. **Married/Engaged:** F024, AF46, F053, M166, M190, M195, F198, M215.



Letter To Jain Youths

Dear Jain Youths:

As you read *Jain Digest* you must be aware of the JAINA Convention at Pittsburgh from July 2-4. I am requesting all you to participate in the Convention. You are the future leaders of this community and I am positive that you will preserve Jainism in the years to come.

M. Shah
Queens, NY

Young Jains Of America Regional Coordinators Sought

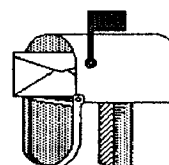
Young Jains of America - A Youth Organization - is divided into six regions. During the Convention, we would like to select two regional coordinators for each region. If you are willing to take leadership roles, you must attend the Convention. If you cannot attend the convention but would like to be a regional coordinator, then contact me.

I request all Jain Centers to encourage their youth to attend perhaps by subsidizing their travel and other expenses.

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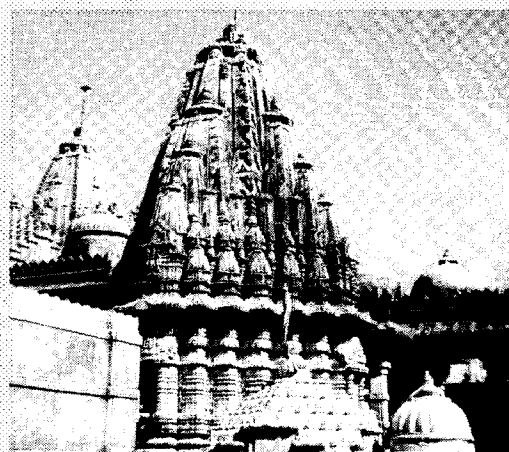
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Dhiraj H Shah, MD
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From The Editor - con't. from page 1

The reader may for example refer to a beautifully written book, *Jainism - The oldest Living Religion*, by Dr. Jyoti P. Jain, P.V. Research Institute, I.T.I. Road, Varanasi-5, India, second edition.

Jainism is found to have existed throughout the prehistoric and historical times under different names - beginning with the Rishab sect, to various other names until Jain or Jina religion.

Jainism is not the religion of any one particular community. it is indeed universal.

May I suggest that some of our scholars may take the lead to present the history of Jainism in our forthcoming convention at Pittsburgh. Perhaps by presenting poster sessions - presented through posters in assigned rooms at the convention as may be mandated by time limitations - on various activities, we can be better educated.

JAINA CONVENTION NEWS

Exhibits at Convention will win prize

JAINA is planning to give a prize to the best display/exhibition at the JAINA Convention in Pittsburgh.

Jain Center of Greater Boston has already announced that they will be presenting a unique exhibition titled "Jain Experience" at Pittsburgh.

All Jain centers in North America are urged to organize exhibitions depicting a theme or showing activities of their Jain centers.

JAINA Executive Committee Elections – Nominations Invited

The JAINA Executive Committee elections will be held at the next JAINA Convention in Pittsburgh, July 2-4, 1993. The positions open are that of the President, First Vice President, six Regional Vice Presidents (one from each region: Canada, West U.S., Southwest U.S., Southeast U.S., Midwest U.S. and North-

east U.S.), Secretary and Treasurer. The term is for two years.

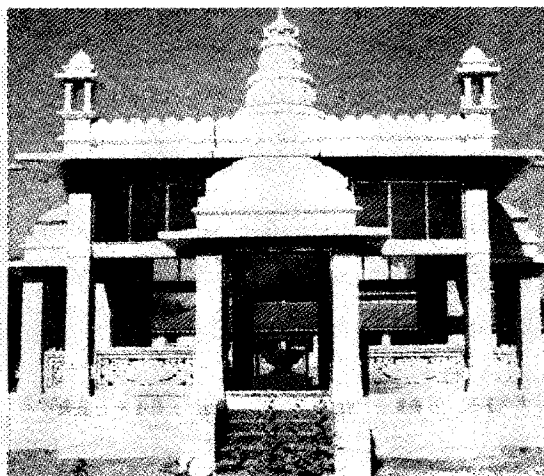
To be eligible, a candidate must be a practicing Jain, of good moral character and a director of JAINA (to be appointed by a member Jain center or society) at the time of the convention. Nominations for the JAINA Executive Committee should be sent to Chairman of JAINA Nomination/Election Committee, Dr. Vinay K. Jain, 83 Fuller Brook Rd., Wellesley, MA 02181. Tel: (617) 237-5997; FAX: (617) 235-2531)

JAINA welcomes our newest member centers

JAINA is pleased to welcome three new members, Jain Center of Edmonton, Alberta; Jain Center of Augusta, GA; and Jain Center of Hartford, CT.

The number of memberships is now 56. It is indeed a pride for all centers to work together towards achieving our common goals to spread the principles of Jainism in the years to come.

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GOALS

- Interaction between the Jain Communities
- Awakening of youth to gain a better understanding of the Jain religion
- To fulfill the demands of future Jain Communities
- Spreading the principles of Jainism
- Promoting a Jain way of life in modern times
- An gain an understanding of the history and future of Jainism

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Jaina Convention will be an excellent opportunity for the youths to gain an understanding and an appreciation for the Jain religion and culture. The 3-day conference will be an event where youths can actively participate in discussions, debates, and workshops.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Chief Guest - Shree Sunderlal Patwa (former Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh) - India
- Keynote Speaker - Dr. Kumarpal Desai of Ahmedabad
- Monks/Nuns - Acharya Shree Sushilkumarji, Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji
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- Special Guests - Jerry Brown (former Governor of California), Tom Hayden (California state senator)
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and many other invited guests.

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Yoga and Meditation Classes
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Contribution of Shree V.R. Gandhi to Jainism
Are Jains Really Hindus? Some Parallels and Some Differences between Jain and Hindu Philosophy
Art and Symbolism in Jain Ritual
Ahimsa (non-violence)
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Jain manuscripts in the Spencer Collection of the New York Library
Jain Philosophy
Cultural Program - Bhaktigeet, Dances, Dramas, & Skits from youth of various Jain Centers
Religious Prayers
Jain Marriage - Past, Present, & Future
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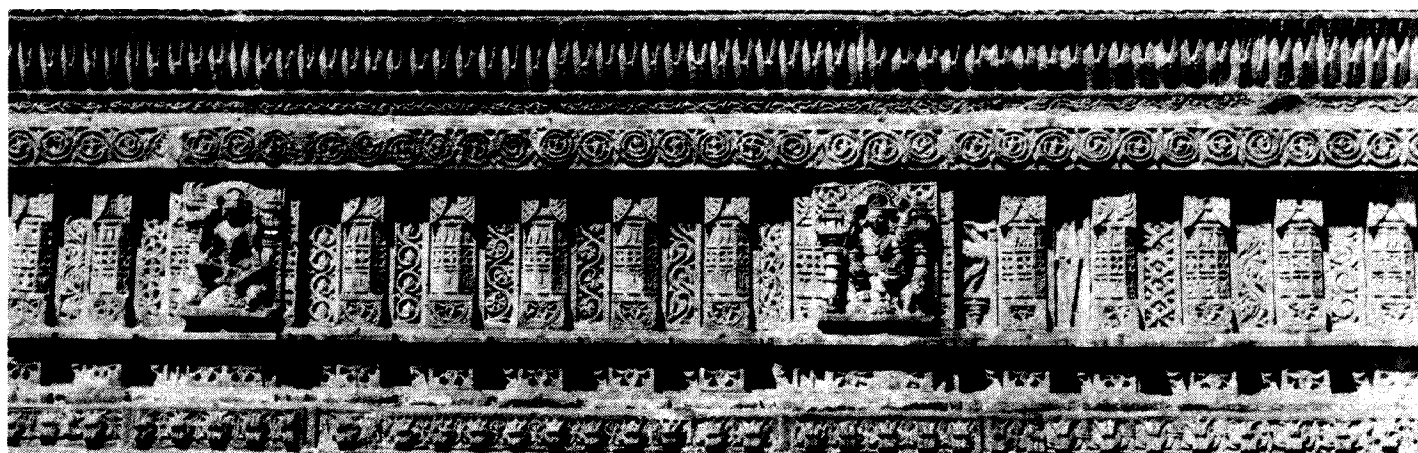
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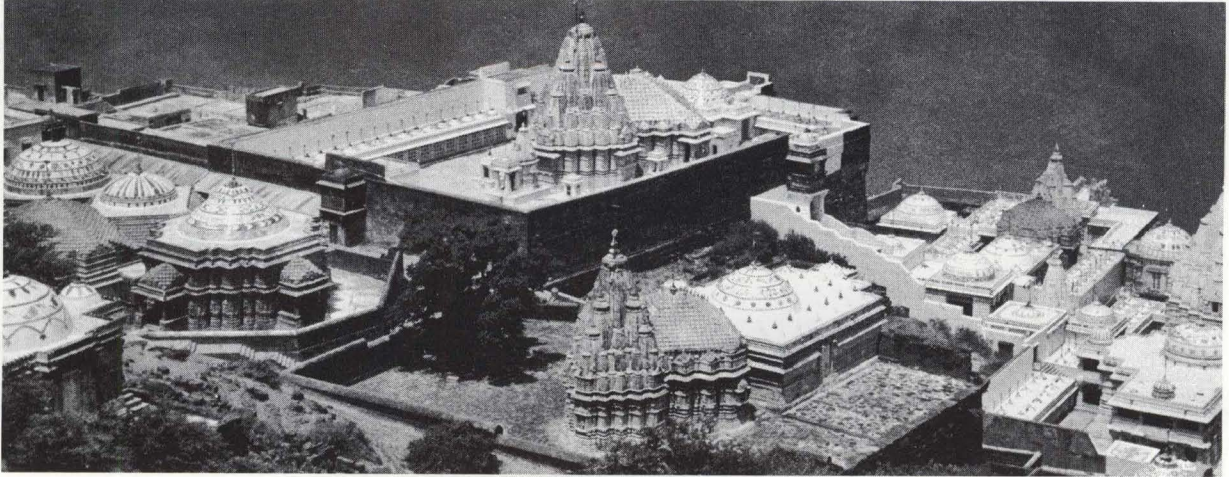
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