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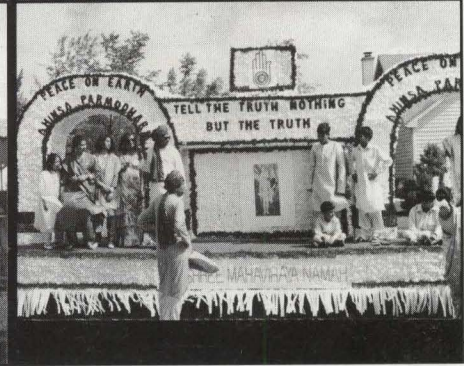
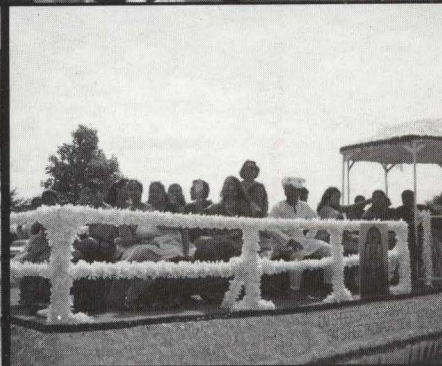
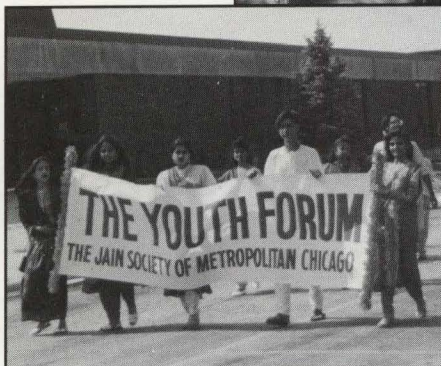
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Jains at White House for signing ceremony of Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993



Rath Yatra during Pratishtha ceremony at Chicago in June 1993.

JAIN TEMPLE, DALLAS, TEXAS



JAI JINENDRA

अहो! अहो! श्री सदगुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार
आ पामर पर प्रभु कयों, अहो! अहो! उपकार (१२४)

Thanks! the Holy True Teacher!
Unfathomable ocean of compassion;
I'm highly obliged; Oh! good Teacher,
The Pupil poor has no expression. (124)

शुं प्रभुचरणकने धरुं? आत्माथी सहु हीन;
ते तो प्रभुअे आपियो, वर्तु चरणाधिन (१२५)

What should I offer to you, Lord?
In soul-comparison all is trifle;
The soul is gifted by the Lord,
I wish to act to your oracle. (125)

- Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra, Srimad Rajchandra -

We dedicate ourselves to ceaseless efforts of
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in spreading the principles of Jainism
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We congratulate the Executive Committee for their devoted service to JAINA.

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From the Editor

Jai Jinendra. I wish to thank Messrs. S.K. Jain and S.A.B. Kumar for their efforts as Chief Editors in nurturing Jain Digest for past nine years. Efforts of the Managing Editorial Board in publishing the current issue is also recognized.

JAINA is becoming a more vibrant organization and the Jain Digest will attempt to capture that spirit and regularly report on activities of Jains, as reported by regions, primarily in North America. Long-range plans are shaping up to put this magazine on a solid financial footing. We are taking advantage of technology to better communicate our ideas and opinions. And talking about opinions, let us have yours in the form of Letters to Editor. Together, we can make this magazine even better and improve the Federation of JAINA.

Harshad M. Shah

President's Message

JAINA Is Ready To Take-Off

It has been over eight months since the Pittsburgh Convention when we assumed responsibility for serving the Jain Community of North America. We started with a 10-year plan of JAINA's activities; establishing cordial relations with Siddhachalam and Jain Sangh of Chicago; opening the JAINA Headquarters with Internship program at Buffalo; institutionalizing JAINA and associating youths and women with the organization. Now, we have been functioning as per our current 2-year plan (see page 15-18). We have started a monthly newsletter - JAINA Focus - for communicating with community leaders whom we also mailed 'JAINA at a Glance' and initiated town hall type meetings with local communities; introduced professionalism through shared decision making, collective leadership, participative management, leadership workshops, invoicing for annual dues and regular publication of accounts; come up with a suggested Code of Conduct for spiritual and community leaders; prepared eight Jain religious books for children (ready to go to press); undertaken several community service projects; associated more youths with JAINA committees and are preparing for JAINA's first Youth

Convention; launched Million by Millennium project for the Jain Digest, and recently opened JAINA's regional office in Toronto, Canada.

Most of the twenty-six committees have been formed and all of them have been functioning at top speed. Currently, plans are underway to establish the JAINA Charitable Trust. Once this trust comes into being, JAINA will take off on its monumental mission of helping 100,000 Jains of North America to become messengers of non-violence and setting an example of unity for the rest of the Jains of the World.

The publication of Jain Digest has been moved to the headquarters at Buffalo. I want to thank on my behalf and on behalf of the Federation of JAINA the two former chief editors of JAIN DIGEST. Mr. S.A.B. Kumar (Chief editor-1985-89) gave birth to the JAIN DIGEST and nurtured it as an infant. Dr. S.K. Jain (Chief editor 1989-93) brought the infant JAIN DIGEST to the present stage of adolescence. The new Chief Editor, Mr. Harshad Shah, I am confident, will protect the adolescent JAIN DIGEST till it attains maturity. I welcome the new editor.

JAI JINENDRA.

Jagat Jain

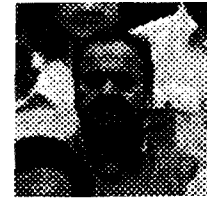
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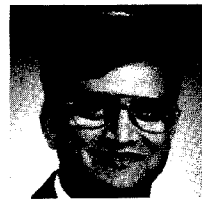
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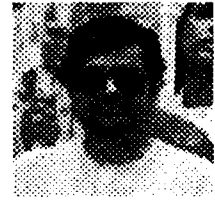
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(ii) donate generously
(iii) share your happy moments by announcing through Jain Digest and making a small donation. Please see page 27 of current issue.

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LONG TERM

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We have recently started this monthly newsletter mainly for administrative purposes only. It is being sent to the members of JAINA committees and its member organizations. Please send your news item by the 10th of the month.

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LETTERS

From the Editor

Our readers are encouraged to send their views on current matters facing the Jain community. We try to publish as much as our space limitations permit. *Jain Digest* reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and space. The views expressed in the letters are those of the authors and do not represent views of JAINA.

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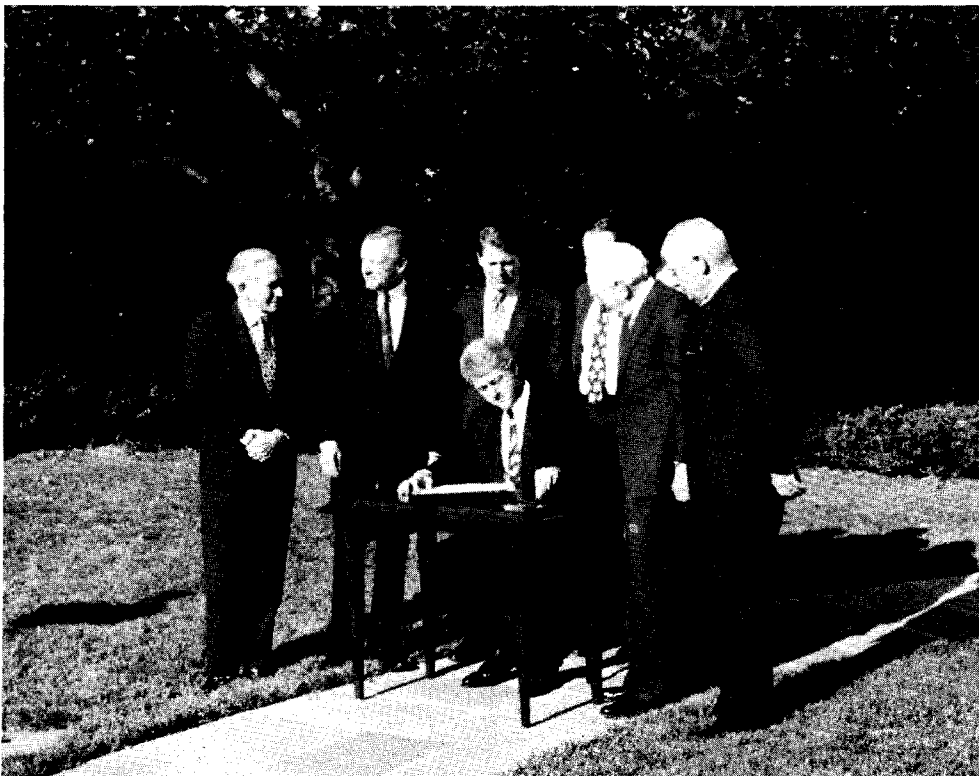
Sixteen Indian Americans were among the 50 representatives of different faiths present when President Bill Clinton signed the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993" at the Rose Garden in the White House on November 16, 1993.

The bill which overturns a 1990 Supreme Court ruling, has been the top legislative priority of a broad coalition of religious groups spanning the theological and political spectrum.

"What this law basically says is that the government should be held to a very high level of proof before it interferes with someone's free exercise of religion," Clinton said.

According to the leader of the broad coalition that fought for the legislation, the Act marks the end of "a steady drumbeat of bad decisions for religion" in the nation's courts. "All told, more than 60 cases have been decided against religious claimants" since a 1990 Supreme Court ruling made it easier for federal and local governments to pass laws that infringe on religion.

The 16 Indian-Americans who were present represented Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Muslim and Christian faiths. The group was coordinated by Mr. Arvind Vora of Long Island. Jains were represented by the following individuals as shown in the picture on the front cover page: Mr. Peter Bheddah of New York (at extreme left), Amrendra Muni of Siddhachalam (behind President Clinton), Mr. Harshad Lakhani of New York (2nd from right), Dr. Dhiraj Shah of Buffalo (4th from right) and Mr. Arvind Vora of Long Island (5th from right).



Signing Ceremony at Rose Garden, White House

INTERNSHIP



Roshan Jain



Mala Shah



Sejal Shah



Neil Bhayani



Neera Jain



Dr. Arun Jain

The National Internship Program at the JAINA Headquarters got off the ground on February 6, 1994. Seven students (five of them are pictured above) have been volunteering a total of three to six hours per month (1 or 2 three hour shifts) on Saturdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. They are responsible to man the office in their respective shifts and are entering and updating information essential for the efficient running of the national organization. Dr. Arun Jain is the Chairman of the program.

**The Eighth
Biennial JAINA
Convention will be
hosted by the Jain
Sangh of New Jersey at
Cherry Hill during the
first week of July 1995.
See details in
forthcoming issues.**

CANADA REGION

*Mahendra Mehta,
Regional Editor*

Edmonton, AB

The community organizes monthly meetings for discussions and puja at Hindu-Jain Centre and celebrate Jain festivals whenever occasion arises. H.H. Bhattarakji Charukeeti of Moodbidri visited Edmonton in the summer and delivered series of lectures on Anekantvad and other Jain principles.

Fredericton, NB

Regular study of Jain scriptures is conducted under the guidance of Professor Jain.

Halifax, NS

The community meets monthly to discuss Jain scriptures and philosophy under the direction of Dr. Navin Mehta and Dr. Nirmal Jain.

Montreal, PQ

The Jain families meet at the homes of the members regularly for puja and discussions. Many young Jains undertook tapascharyas during Paryusan Parva. Muniji Roop Chandji and Manak Muniji visited Montreal in summer and delivered series of lectures and stavans.

Ottawa, ON

Monthly meetings of Jains are held regularly to discuss Jain topics and conduct puja. During Parusana Parva, the son of Mr. Balu Kuria performed eight upavasa (fasts).

St. John's, NF

Weekly meetings take place at the

home of Dr. Subhas Jain and discussions on Jain philosophy are conducted.

Saskatoon, SK

The Jains of Saskatoon meet every month for discussions and puja in the homes of the members. The activities are co-ordinated by Atul Jain.

Toronto, ON

The Jain Society of Toronto celebrated 1993 Diwali with a variety entertainment programme and a dinner. There was an attendance of over 700 Jain members. The Young Jains opened the celebrations with classical dance and "Mangalacharan". A humorous short play entitled "Aaj ki Ramayan" written and produced by Young Jains captivated the audience. A number of Jain youths presented other classical and popular dances and Raas and Garba. The highlight of the day, however, was a lecture on "Jain Relevance Today" by Dr. Michael Tobias of Santa Monica, CA. Dr. Tobias, who has formally adopted Jain way of life, is a former professor at Dartmouth College, and has written, directed and produced more than 70 films including one entitled "AHIMSA- NON VIOLENCE". He is also an author of 20 books. Dr. Bruce Costain (Balbhadra) conducted Jain classes for children and adults at the Jain Centre regularly in 1993. The classes were well attended and much appreciated.

Vancouver, BC

Diwali celebrations were attended by many Jains in Greater Vancouver area. During summer, Panditji Dharam Chand Shastri performed pujas and gave a series of lectures on interesting Jain topics.

Winnipeg, MB

The Jain families meet regularly at different Jain homes and discuss Jain topics of mutual interest and celebrate Jain festivals under the direction of Dr. N. Jain.

MIDWEST REGION

*Manubhai Doshi
Regional Editor*

Chicago, IL

After Paryusana, the Society observed Dash Laxana Parva from September 20 to 29 during which every day there were Puja, religious discourse and Bhavana.

On October 3rd the Society observed Ahimsa day. Vegetarian food was served on that day in a Chicago shelter home. Consequent upon the earthquake in Maharashtra, the Society started voluntary fund collection for relief work there. A fund raising program was also organized for the purpose and a check of \$11000 was sent to Diwaliben Mehta Charitable Trust, Bombay through JAINA.

Since JAINA had organized shipment of usable clothes to India, the Society had conducted a drive for collection of clothes. Those who could make shipment directly to Baltimore were advised to do so. Those who could not do so, were asked to bring their clothes to Jain Center. 35 parcels of such clothes were shipped to Baltimore in time for shipment of the container to India.

Mahavir Nirvan day was celebrated on November 13 with due seriousness. Chanting of Mahavirswamipargatay Namah and Gautamswamisarvajay Namah was undertaken by the participants.

Election of the Society had been postponed till six months after completion of Pratishtha by a special General Body meeting. Since the Pratishtha celebration was completed in June, it was decided to hold election of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee in December. This work was assigned to an independent election panel. The panel fixed Dec 5 93 as the date of election. Sealed nominations were invited for the purpose and five of the candidates were returned unopposed. Election for the remaining 9 seats was held on the scheduled date from 12 noon to 4.00 P.M. and the results were declared at

6.00 P.M. Following is the list of the new office bearers.

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Harshad Shah	Committee Mem.

Snatra Puja, Digambar Puja and Dev Vandan are held in the temple on every Sunday.

The Society hosted the Jain delegates of the Parliament of World Religions on 29th August. they were taken round the Center and were apprised about the activities of the Society. The invitees were much impressed and gave expression of their feelings during the talks that followed. Prominent among the speakers were Shri Atmanandji, Shri Chitrabhanuji, Muni Jinchandraji, Dr. L.N. Singhvi and Dr. Kumarpal Desai. Jinchandraji rightly castigated the people concerned for not including the recitation of Navakarmantra at the inauguration of the Parliament when other religion got the opportunity to recite their prayers.

This was followed by the unveiling of the statue of Virchand Gandhi who attended the first Parliament in 1893 as the representative of Jains. The statue was sent by the people of Mahuva, the native place of Shri Gandhi. First Shri Ramesh Solanki gave a brief account of the life of Shri Gandhi. Thereafter the statue was unveiled by Sarvashri Ravindra Kobawala, Bipin Parikh and Kishore Shah.

This was followed by performance of Nem-Rejul dance drama directed by Dr. Megha Doshi. It was the superb performance close to the professional one. Every one was pleased with the performance and highly appreciated it.

Detroit, MI

Jain Society of Greater Detroit is pleased to announce net collection of \$46,000 at their fourth annual fund raising dinner which was held on February 5, 1994, at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Michigan. Temple project is expected to be completed by the end of 1994 and 'Murti Prtishtha' will hopefully be completed in 1995. Thanks to all society members who helped to make this event successful.

NORTHEAST REGION

*Vinay Vakani,
Regional Editor*

Albany, NY

Jain Society of Capital District will celebrate Mahavir Jayanti and the first anniversary of Mahavir Pratishtha on Saturday, May 7, 1994. There will be Panch Kalyanak Pooja, Bhavana and children's program, followed by the traditional Swamivatsalya. For further information, contact Mr. Rasik Chudgar at (518) 785-7470. The Society members continues to meet on second Sunday of every month at the temple for prayers, discussions on Jainism, and children's study classes.

Boston, MA

Jain Center of Greater Boston celebrated the Diwali in traditional manner.

Jain Center of Greater Boston is pleased to announce the results of 1993 essay competition. Prizes are awarded to all participants. Group A: Ages 10 and under - First Place: Shardule Shah, MA; Second Place: Sumeet Bankar, NC; Third Place: Sameer Shah, IL. Group B: Ages 11-14 years - First Place: Shrenik Shah, MA; Second Place: Pooja Kapadia, MO; Third Place: Sweta Shah, LA. Ages 15 and Up - First Place: Veeral Shah, MA; Second Place: Reshama Modi, MI; Third Place: Sandeep Punater, OH.

Cherry Hill, NJ

Jain Sangh of South Jersey (JSSJ) which serves the tristate area of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware celebrated the

Diwali Holidays with Snatra Pooja on Diwali and Mangalik Vanchan on New Year's Day. JSSJ holds Swadhyaya meetings and Bhavana (recital of Jain hymns) on first Friday of every month, with area Jain families getting together to discuss the Jain precepts and philosophy. In addition during the month of January, Mr. T.U. Mehta, a noted Indian jurist and Jain scholar, gave discourses on Jain Philosophy.

Mr. Suresh Doshi a long time member of the South Jersey Jain community reported that JSSJ is excited about hosting the 1995 JAINA Convention, and they are at present looking for appropriate convention facilities that will accommodate a large turnout expected at this convention.

Essex Fells, NJ

Jain Center of New Jersey celebrated the Diwali Holiday with traditional Snatra Pooja and Mangalik Vanchan with a large turnout of area Jains. Jayesh Sanghavi reports that JCNJ is planning a magnificent Mahavir Jayanti celebration on April 24, 1994. For further details, please contact 201-226-2549.

New York, NY

Diwali and New Year's Day were celebrated by the Jain Center of America beginning with continuous Navkar Mantra Jaap (recitation) on November 12 and 13, 1993. On November 14, 1993, New Year's Day began with Manglik Vanchan, followed by Snatra Pooja sponsored by the Vakani Family. Refreshment was served after the Pooja, providing opportunity for all to exchange the New Year's greetings.

Jain Center of America will celebrate the Mahavir Jayanti on April 24, 1994, with traditional Pooja in the morning and cultural program in the afternoon that will be followed by a community dinner.

Jain community of New York City was shocked by the broad daylight murder of one of its members, in the midtown Manhattan. Mr. Pravin Shah was apparently a victim of robbery and shooting at his news-stand on one of the busiest streets near the Pennsylvania Station in Manhattan. Jain community was grief stricken for loss of one of its members and expressed its outrage against such violence urging the Authorities to swiftly apprehend

the individual responsible for such a horrible crime. The Shah Family-Bhupendra, Pravin, Narendra and Bharat- have been associated with the Jain Center of America for many years. Mr. Pravin Shah is survived by his wife Chandanbehn, and four daughters, Pragna, Daksha, Smita and Manisha, and their spouses.

Storrs, CT

Jain Center of Greater Hartford celebrated the Diwali/New Year on November 14, 1993 at the Storrs Campus of the University of Connecticut (UCONN). The celebration included reading of passages from Tattvartha Sutra and Samayasara, Snatra and Mahavir Pooja, and recitation of Nirvana Kanda. It was attended by over 100 persons, including the students from UCONN and the nearby Provident College along with families from Connecticut and nearby New England States. The celebration concluded with Aarti and Mangal Divo, and was followed by a community dinner. JCGH is planning the celebration of Mahavir Jayanti in April 1994 at the Storrs Campus.

Washington, D.C.

Acharya Sushil Kumarji and Amrendra Muniji visited the Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington (JSMW), on October 29 & 30, 1993, and their discourses and meditation sessions were attended by many members. New Year's day was celebrated with the recital of the Nav Smaran at the Jain Center. Approximately 125 members participated in the celebration of Diwali and the arrival of the New Year. On November 25, Thanksgiving Day, about 25 members observed the Ayambil at the Jain Center.

JSMW held its Annual General Body Meeting on Saturday, December 4, 1993 and elected the following new Officers of the Society:

President, Pravin Dand
Vice President, Arvind Shah
Secretary, Manu G. Shah
Treasurer, Yogendra Sheth
Chairman
Board of Trustees, Kanu Doshi

JSMW has organized Pathshala to conduct classes for religious education on every second and fourth Sunday of the

month. Over 60 children and 40 adults attend the classes regularly. Mr. Pravin Dand indicated that Jain religion education is one of the most important activity that JSMW has organized on a continuous basis.

SOUTHEAST REGION

*Surendra Shah,
Regional Editor*

Atlanta, GA

The Jain Society of Greater Atlanta begins 1994 with a new set of officers, among them President Narendra Maniar. The group, consists of about 80 families. Plans for the new year include celebrations of various festivals and a lecture series. Mr. Maniar's phone number is 404-923-1517.

Clarksville, TN

The Jain Society of Middle Tennessee, based in Clarksville, has been active with celebrations of Swamivatsalya, Ahimsa Day, and Shrimad Rajchandra Janma Jayanti. Upcoming events are focused on sending a youth delegation to Chicago for the JAINA Youth Conference. As a sign of changing times, the group now has an electronic mail account on Internet (IN%MEHTAP@lynx.apsu.edu or IN%MEHTAP@apsu.bitnet). The president of the Jain Society of Middle Tennessee is Pravin Mehta (615-648-9535).

Memphis, TN

The Jain Society of Memphis is active in studying "Chhadhala." Currently, they are meeting three times a month. The president is Dr. Prashant Palvia (901-756-6626).

Miami, FL

Jain Center of South Florida in Miami has now registered as non-profit organization and is the newest member of JAINA. The Community is raising funds to build temple (Derasar). Kan and Malti Mehta donated 1/2 of land for this purpose. Over fifteen families have donated or pledged \$5000 or more. Also about 350 people participated in "Bhavana" with Bhanu Vora and party. Bhavana was sponsored by Manoj and Urvashi Sanghavi. Many people including Lata Vakil,

Bhupendra and Ketan Shah, and Bipin Pujara contributed their services and 18 families contributed \$100 or more.

Raleigh, NC

Shri Virchand R. Gandhi's Family Support Fund, started by Jain Study Center of North Carolina, has collected \$3,262 as of March 10, 1994. The money (Rs. \$100,000) has been deposited with Vishal Trust of Bombay, India. The contributors will receive V.R. Gandhi's books as a token of appreciation for their generous support.

SOUTHWEST REGION

*Jadavji Kenia,
Regional Editor*

Dallas, TX

The Second Annual Southern Region Youth Convention organized by the Jain Youth Group of North Texas and sponsored by the Jain Society of North Texas was held during Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 26-28, 1993). In spite of the unexpected ice storm, approximately 60 youths from Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, Austin, Waco, Tulsa and Albuquerque attended the convention. Shardaben (Susan) Segall, a licensed professional counselor and a meditation and yoga teacher was invited to the convention to help conduct exercises on meditation and yoga. Shardaben has practiced Jainism for the last 18 years and has learned meditation techniques under the guidance of Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji.

A few highlights of the convention were the interesting discussions, "Where is Jainism going?" and "The Generation Gap". Several skits emphasizing Jain values were performed by the youth. Other highlights of the convention were self-improvement exercises conducted by Shardaben. All the youths participated very enthusiastically in these activities.

The convention provided a forum for religious education, sharing of youth concerns, exchange of ideas and experiences, support, fun and overall strong bond of friendship. As usual, parting was painful; teary good-byes filled the air but with a feeling of a rewarding experience.

Houston, TX

Jain Society of Houston has passed a difficult milestone in their goals of renovation and expansion of their Jain Center. The final expansion plan includes approximately 4,800 sq.ft. of built facility. The bids for the expansion/renovation project have been evaluated and the builder has been selected. Drafting of the final contract is under way.

Jain Society has mailed a check of \$3,000 to JAINA for the earthquake relief fund. This is in addition to the amounts donated by members directly to JAINA or to the other non-profit organizations.

The format of the Swadhyaya program is being altered on an experimental basis. Instead of listening to a cassette every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., one of the members will prepare on a given subject, present it to the group and then lead a discussion. Members are encouraged to volunteer to study for and lead Swadhyaya program, participate and help make it a success.

Phoenix, AZ

The Jain center of Greater Phoenix, Arizona consists of about forty families. About half of them reside in the North Valley and the other half in the East Valley. Due to the great distance between the two valleys the families are not able to get together very often. Instead they both have their own gatherings. The North Valley group has been having Swadhyaya on Thursday nights for two hours. Adults read and discuss Tattvarth Sutra. They also conduct Pathshala for the youths on Sundays. The Pathshala is divided into three classes: the small group (ages 8 and under), the middle group (ages 9 to 14), and the older group (ages 15 and up). The East Valley group also conducts Pathshala and their curriculum consists of teachings on the Jain philosophies.

During the Paryushan, six people completed the traditional eight day fast (Atthai). These forty-eight fasts were matched, rather exceeded by the others doing either one, two or three days of fasting. There was thus a total of 104 days of fasting done by about 20 families.

The Jain Center of Greater Phoenix also proudly notes the ongoing Varshitap by Mrs. Ushma Bavisi and by Mrs.

Shantaben Gosalia who have already completed nine months. Both of them have planned their Parnu during the first week of May. Furthermore, the Jain Center is planning to celebrate Mahavir Jayanti on April 24, 1994.

Tulsa, OK

Tulsa Jain Sangh got an inspiration to have their own mandir after attending the Murti Sthapana Mahotsav in Dallas and within two short months celebrated their own Murti Sthapana in Tulsa on September 4-5, 1993. It is housed in a temporary facility of 1200 sq.ft. given by Mukesh Shah until the Sangh decides to build or buy a separate one.

The ceremony was graced by Shri Jin Chandra Vijayji (Tripudi Bandhu) and attended by many devotees including a bus load of people from Dallas accompanied by two samnji. The ceremony began with a lunch on 4th, followed by a Rath Yatra bringing Murtis of Mul Nayak Tirthankar Bhagwan Mahavir, Tirthankar Bhagwan Parshvanath and Namokar Mantra Shila. A highly decorated open van was used for this purpose. Murtis were taken inside while the devotees chanted Mangal songs and Stavans. Atmosphere was really enhanced by sweet musical voice of Shri Vinodbhai Shah from New York area. Eighteen Abhishek and other pujas and ghee bolis were performed in the preparation for the big occasion next day. Following a delicious dinner, there was a lecture by one of the Samaniji and then a cultural program presented by youths and children. One of the dramas dealt with Tirthankar Bhagwan Mahavir's life and teachings. The whole day was full of joy and devotion.

Next day started with getting the bedi ready with water cleansed and purified with mantras. Panch Kalyanak and other pujas were performed preparing murtis for their Pratishtha and at exactly 12:39 p.m., the auspicious time of Vijay Muhurt, they were installed on the same Bedi. The feeling of divine presence swept through many minds as the festivities continued. Shri Jin Chandra Vijayji gave a brief lecture on Jainism before breaking for lunch. All in all a small Jain community took on a huge task and carried it out very successfully.

WEST REGION

Chandrakant Parekh
Regional Editor

Los Angeles, CA

Jain Center has elected a new committee which includes Hasendra Shah, President; Virendra Shah, Vice President; Kishor Sanghvi, Secretary; Dinesh Shah, Treasurer; and Nitin Shah, Public Relations.

Under the direction of two teachers, Girish Shah and Dr. Balbhadra, 63 children ranging in age from 8 to 16 years participated in the Jain Center Youth Council (JCYC) winter camp organized over the Thanksgiving weekend (November 25-28) at Lutheran Church Campsite in Lake Arrowhead. The chief guest at the camp was Dr. Balbhadra (Bruce Costain) from Toronto, Canada. The course material, distributed to the camp participants in the form of a workbook, was prepared by Dr. Balbhadra. The theme of the camp was *Think Jain* and its primary goal was to give our children the basic knowledge and experience of Jainism, and to do so in an enjoyable and challenging manner. The approach was based on *Samayika* (soul purification) program which included mantras, meditation, and philosophy. The instructions centered around five topics - *Atma* (eternal and indestructible soul); and four guiding principles for daily living - *Ahimsa* (non-harming in thought, word, and deed), *Anekantavada* (accepting and respecting different points-of-view), *Aparigraha* (not acquiring or accumulating more than one needs), and *Karma* (understanding the consequences of one's actions in thought, word, and deed effecting one's future). The children conducted and presented a samayika program and a talent show which included dances, Jain rhymes, Jain rap, and several skits on non-violence, vegetarianism, say no to drugs, and other social issues. To assess the understanding and effectiveness of the course material, the children were required to complete a test on the last day of the camp. High test scores achieved by majority of the students attest to the success of the camp. It is interesting to note that

by being away from the family as well as by avoiding such distracting influences as TV and video games, the children were able to learn and grasp an impressive amount of religious knowledge in such a short time. Ten students were recognized for achieving the highest scores in three different age groups. In addition to the classroom studies, the children were allowed ample free time to enjoy the surroundings of the campsite, to go on hiking, as well as to make new friends and develop fellowships among the participants.

JAYA, Jain Association of Young Adults, has been formed to coordinate social and religious activities, as well as to share experience and knowledge of mutual interest between young adults of age 18 and over. Kalyanji Mota (714) 527-2836 is coordinating the formation effort.

In November 1994, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art will present a landmark exhibition, *The Peaceful Liberators: Jain Art from India*, which will illustrate the Jain principles, teachings, mythology, and cosmology. The exhibition will include educational and community outreach programs, and will travel to Fort Worth, New Orleans and London.

Jain Center donated over \$7,000 to the Maharastra Earthquake Relief Fund through JAINA. Donations to help the victims of the devastating earthquake which struck the Los Angeles area on January 17 can be sent to JAINA or the Southern California Jain Center. For further information please contact Hasendra Shah (310) 404-2851.

San Diego, CA

Jain Society has elected new committee directors which include Praful Doshi, Deepak Kothari, Manoj Maniar, Rohit Saraiya, and Kamlesh Shah. Jayshri Shah and Sudha Vora have been elected to the food committee.

With an objective of preserving and passing on our Jain heritage to the younger generation, the Jain Society has initiated swadhiya for adults and pathshala for children. Kokila Doshi led a swadhiya session on *Samayika - Importance of Sambhav*. Deepak Kothari led a discussion on *Pratikraman and Twelve Vratas*. The first pathshala, organized for two age groups, was well attended.

San Francisco, CA

One more chapter was written in the history of Jain Center of Northern California when it organized a five-months visit by Saman Stithprajna and Saman Shrutprajna to the Bay area. The visit from May 21 to November 20, 1993, the longest stay of any Jain scholar in North America, was a phenomenal success. During their stay, Samans carried out a three dimensional program of *Anuvrat* (minor vows pertaining to common people), *Preksha Dhyam* (meditation technique), and *Jivan Vigyan* (science of living) initiated by Acharya Shri Tulsi from Ladnun, Rajasthan, India.

Upon their arrival, Samans participated in many programs and activities including lectures on Jain philosophy, Preksha Dhyam classes, camps, picnic with religious discourses, and celebration of Puryushan Purve and Mahavir Nirvana. In addition, Saman Stithprajnaji delivered lectures at various universities and organizations where the audience was mainly non-Jains and Americans.

Shri Acharya Tulsi's successor designate, Yuvacharya Mahaprajnaji, developed Preksha Dhyam meditation technique after intense study of books on Jainism and conducting experiments on himself for over two decades. Preksha Dhyam improves and enhances physical, social, mental, emotional, intellectual, occupational and spiritual health, and with regular practice, can open the door of moksha.

Several teachers who had been previously trained by Samans, trained 35 new students for the "train-the-trainer" course on Preksha Dhyam meditation. The training course on advanced Preksha Dhyam techniques was offered for the first time outside of India. Preksha Dhyam classes in Hindi, Gujarati and English are now being conducted throughout the Bay area.

Over 60 lectures delivered by the Samans covered a wide spectrum of subjects including Navkar Mantra, Nav Tatava, Karmavad, Science of Living, Anuvrat and others. Saman Shri Stithprajna would begin a session with a prayer, ten minutes of meditation, and a geetika, followed by a 90-minutes lecture on the main topic. The lecture material was well organized. Saman is a lively orator and uses humor, appropriate examples, scientific basis, and common sense Jain philosophy to explain and

simplify the subject matter. The lectures have been recorded on audio tapes.

About 45 people attended a three-day Preksha Dhyam camp organized at Sands Motel in Dunnigan, Ca. About 500 people attended a picnic which included Preksha Dhyam meditation, yogic exercises, and lectures by Samans and Kiranbhai Parekh.

During their entire stay, the Samans were able to keep the interest and spirit of the whole community alive and vibrant. Their visit provided a continuous opportunity to learn, to understand, to practice and to realize the benefits of Jainism. Everyone was very impressed by their in-depth knowledge, vinay, vivek, humor and never tiring attitude. The feedback and testimonials received from the attendees regarding the beneficial changes in their lifestyles attest to the success of the event. Behavior modification including positive attitude, and improved moral, social and occupational conduct, are some of the benefits cited by the participants.

To keep the spirit of Acharya Shri Tulsi's Anuvrat movement alive, everyone present on the last day of Saman's lecture took anuvrat for one year. Examples include weekly fasting, observing a period of silence during the day, quitting bad habits, giving up one's favorite food, and others. For further information, please contact Harilal Shah (510-487 9380).



Jain Center of Northern California



Jain Center of So. California
1993 Winter Camp

OTHER ORGANIZATION NEWS

Jain Meditation International Centre, Canada. President Mrs. Irena Upenieks delivered a talk entitled "Spiritual Transformation of Consciousness of a Lay Person" at the Parliament Of The World Religions held in Chicago Il.

S.S.Jain Foundation of Canada serves vegetarian meals freshly prepared on premises every Saturday to all Canadians without charge to promote Jain values of ahimsa(non-violence) and dan(sharing). The foundation collects funds on behalf of JAINA in Canada for JAINA's various activities.

The Jain Social Group of Toronto, a very active organisation under the direction of Dr.Atul Tolia arranges between 6-8 functions each year to promote friendship and social interaction amongst the members. The executive of JSJG organized a successful stage production in conjunction with another Indian organisation in Toronto, SANGHMITRA, a daughter's guide to the path of Buddha for her father Emperor Ashoka. The event was a total success.

Brahmi Society, published a special commemorative issue of Jinmanjari on Gommata Mahamastakabhiseka.

International Mahavir Jain Mission, Canada under the direction of Dr.Harish Jain and his executive organised a very successful Jain summer camp at Niagara Falls, On. IMJM is also very active in promoting Jain teachings by organizing annual lectures at University of Toronto.

The "**Roop Lal Jain Education Society**" has set up an Endowment Fund at University of Toronto for an annual presentation of lectures, research papers etc on Jainism by eminent scholars for the benefit of students and staff at the University and interested Jains at large. The 1993 presentation was entitled "ADAPTABILITY: JAIN STRATEGY FOR SURVIVAL AND GROWTH" by Dr.

Olle Quvarstrom. The arrangements for 1994 presentation are at hand and the title will be announced shortly.

Jain Study Circle (NEW YORK) held its Quarterly Meeting on December 12, 1993 at the residence of Naresh and Meena Shah in Garden City Park, New York. The topic of discussion at this meeting was RITUALS-WHY DO THEM AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN TO ME? JSC is contemplating to publish "Studies in Jainism Reader II" as one of its future projects.

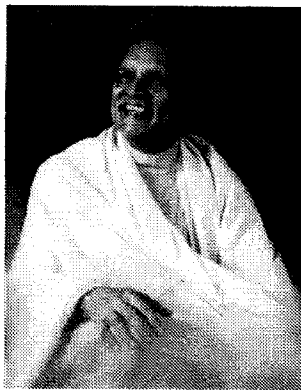
Jain Social Group (Los Angeles) will celebrate its 10th anniversary this year and has elected a new committee which includes Mahipal Shah, President; Pradip Shah, Vice President; Dhiren Mehta, Secretary; Ramesh Parikh, Treasurer; and Harshida Vasa, Public Relations. The Social Group arranges various programs during the year including a medical camp, which is organized in coordination with the Jain Center.

Shree Mahavir Jain Chairitable Foundation of LA is involved in many

charitable activities such as bird feeding, free duplication service of audio cassettes of religious nature, and free consultation on medicare, social security, immigration, and legal issues to seniors and disabled. Anyone willing to contribute, please mail your check payable to above foundation at 901 West 1st St., Apt. 909, Santa Ana, CA 92703. Mr. Navalbhai Shah is the president of this foundation.

International Mahavir Jain Mission of U.S.A. announced their program for 1994 at SIDDHACHALAM.

1. MAHAVIR JAYANTI, May 1
2. SIDDHACHALAM ANNIVERSARY and GURUJI'S Birthday June 19
3. Annual FAMILY CAMP, July 10-16
4. PRATISHTHA ANNIVERSARY, August 21
5. PARYUSHAN PARV, September 2-9
6. DAY OF UNIVERSAL FORGIVENESS and DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE, October 2. This would be a joint event by all JAIN CENTERS of N.Y., N.J., C.T., P.A. ETC. For the past two years this is being celebrated as an Annual event at SIDDHACHALAM.



Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanu



Acharya Shree Sushilkumarji

Jain Meditation International Center of U.S.A.

Gurudev Chitrabhanu's - Weekend Schedule '94

APRIL

- 16-Columbus, OH: Sailesh Parekh, 614/863-5436
- 23-Boston-MA: Harendra Shah, 508/393-9361
- 30-Long Island, NY: Praful/Sudha Lakhani 212/362-6483

MAY

- 7-Pittsburgh, PA: Dr Surendra Sethi, 412/283-8841
- 14-Whitmore Lake, MI: Chetana-Cathy Florida 313/449-2101
- 21-Washington, DC: Kamlesh Shah, 301/353-0481

JUNE

- 5-Long Island, NY: Rashmi/Vasant-Rose & Wm. Gunter, 516/671-8468
- 18-25-Los Angeles, CA: Hasendra Shah, 310/404-2851
- San Diego, CA: Narendra Sheth, 619/693-8272, Praful Doshi, 619/679-7645
- San Francisco, CA: New Dimensions Radio
- Memphis, TN: Madan Birla, 901/754-8168

NY Schedule, 1994

TIME	6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Meditation, Conversation, etc. 7:15 p.m. talk by Gurudev
PLACE	Doral Inn, Manhattan 49th Street & Lexington (across from the Waldorf)
Wednesdays	
March	30
April	6, 13, 20, 27
May	5, 11, 18, 25

Weekend Consultations

By appointment for Out-of-Towners - April 9 - 10

COMMITTEE NEWS

Manoj Dharamsi, Associate Editor

ANIMAL RIGHTS & VEGETARIANISM COMMITTEE

Narendra Sheth, Chair

This committee has been formed with following members. It is noteworthy, that the majority of these members are young energetic Jains! If you are interested in the activities listed below, please call Narendra Sheth to join at the earliest, especially if you are from the southeast area of the United States.

1. Narendra Sheth (San Diego, CA) (619) 693-8272 Chair
2. Saurabh Dalal (Washington, DC)
3. Chandubhai Morabia (Windsor, ONT)
4. Sandeep Punater (Dayton/Cincinnati, OH)
5. Jayshree Ranka (Pittsburgh, PA)
6. Maulin Shah (Los Angeles, CA)
7. Mona Shah (Boston, MA)
8. Tej Sheth (Toronto, ONT)
9. Surendra Singhvi (Dayton/Cincinnati, OH)
10. Shaina Varia (Dallas, TX)

Also included in this committee are some Liaison members from a few non-Jain organizations:

1. Jay Dinshah (American Vegan Society)
2. Brian Graff (North American Vegetarian Society)
3. Tracy Reinan (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals)
4. Joanne Stepaniak (Author on Vegan Cookbooks)
5. Debra Wasserman (Vegetarian Resource Group)

The objectives of the Committee are to promote vegetarianism to the highest level of Jainism; to promote awareness among Jains, about the abuse being made to the animals in North America; to establish contacts and to support all non-Jain organizations promoting animals rights and true vegetarianism; to collect/prepare and provide informative pamphlets regarding these issues; to persuade the processed food manufacturers into more vegetarian and less animal oriented food business; to culminate this into promoting a logo for 100% pure vegetarian foods and legally

enforcing it; to seek and enhance legislative support for animal rights and vegetarian causes; etc.

Information packages which were developed for the Vegetarian Fair in San Diego in October 1993, will be made available for distribution to anyone interested in similar activities.

Also, the script of the related seminar at Pittsburgh Convention, "Ahimsa in Daily Life", will soon be ready for publication and distribution. A sponsor (or some sponsors) will be needed to pay approximately \$3,000 for this project. If you feel like helping, please call Narendra Sheth.



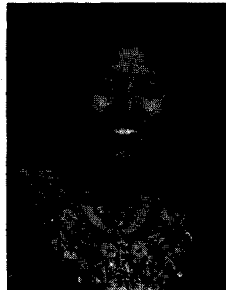
Tej Sheth



Sandeep Punater



Mona Shah



Shaina Varia

MAHAVIR JAYANTI & THE GREAT AMERICAN MEATOUT DAY

Farm Animals Reform Movement will celebrate The Great American Meatout Day on first day of spring. We will join the, in our own way. For us, the closest big Jain event to that is Mahavir Jayanti. It will be celebrated in April by most of the Jain Centers. Many Jains will come out to the temples. The AR&V Committee Members will take that opportunity to get some message out to the Jains at that time.

We will set up some small exhibitions with a few posters and a table of handouts to give to interested people in and around the Jain community. We will also offer the centers to buy books and videos on these subjects for their libraries. We are preparing a list of all such reference material that each Jain Center should consider buying.

We will like each Jain Center to provide a small budget for such projects, in the range of \$100 to \$1,000 for this year, depending upon the size of the Center. Many of our center assets, now a days, run into several hundred thousand dollars, so relatively this is a small amount to ask for. Considering the fact that animal compassion and vegetarianism is a very fundamental principle of Jainism, and that we have done practically nothing for it until now in America, even though we have been here for over two decades, this is only a modest request.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Premchand Gada, Chair

Jain education material from JAINA Education Committee is available for pre-school and elementary school children upto age 11. The following volumes are available:

1. Stories
2. Coloring Books
3. Dot-to-Dot books
4. Plays and Dialogues
5. Pictorial Alphabets w/descriptions
6. Fourteen Dreams w/pictures & descriptions
7. Lessons for pre-schoolers
8. Lessons for elementary students

For more information please contact Dr. Prem Gada at 1-800-99JAINA (i.e. 1-800-995-2462).

We are ready to print this material in a finished book form and would like to start a fund drive. For 1000 copies of each of the above 8 volumes, the expenses are expected to be in the range of \$30,000. Please send your donations to:

JAINA Education Committee 4410 50th Street Lubbock, TX 79414

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Nancy Jain, Chair

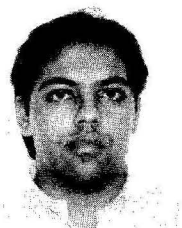
Over two-hundred million people around the world will celebrate Earth Day 1994. Earth Day commemorates individual environment awareness and action. Each one of us has the power to make a positive environmental change a reality. Every time a tree is planted or a stream is cleaned, whenever an individual makes the effort to change to a more cruelty-free life-style, each time a child learns to care for the environment or a business implements a new way to conserve energy and resources: these are all occasions to celebrate.

The Environment & Ecology Committee invite all Jain Centers to show their commitment to the preservation of Nature by planting a tree in their community on International Earth Day, April 22nd. All those interested in organizing this event, please contact Nancy Jain (416) 447-1223, Sheila Kuriya (416) 323-0410 or Paren Makim at (416) 282-6951.

Participating organizations are encouraged to take pictures of the 'Tree-Planting' ceremonies in their neighborhoods. We would like to compile these pictures in a publication to capture the 'International' Jain spirit.



Dr. Sheila Kuriya



Paren Makim

JAIN BULLETIN BOARD SERVICE COMMITTEE

Pravin Shah, Chair

NEW SERVICES AVAILABLE BY JBBS

- Installation of new software to make it easy for uploading and downloading information
- Information on Jain pilgrimage places
- Jaina at a Glance - Executive Committee, Chairperson and members societies information of Federation of Jaina
- Book - Tatvarth Sutra - By Pt. Sukhalalji - K.K. Dixit (English Translation)
- Several important Jain articles.

March 1994

SCHOLARS VISITATION COMMITTEE

Nirmal Dosi, Chairman

The following scholars are visiting North America during 1994:

1. Dr. Shikhar Chandra Jain-April 14 - June 15
2. Dr. Jitendra Shah-July - October. He will be at Orlando, FL during Pavyushan.
3. Charukeertiji Bhattacharjji
4. Shree Rajendra Kamdar - Summer
5. Shree Dhirubhai Pandit - Summer

Please contact the following for information about their program:

Nirmal Dosi - (908) 390-0296

Naresh Shah - (516) 741-9269

Vimal Begwani - (908) 615-0347

Hasmukh M. Shah - (301) 384-1746

Pravin Shah - (919) 469-0956

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Chair

FEDERATION OF JAINA SENDS USED CLOTHES TO INDIA



The Federation of JAINA has sent 44,000 pounds of used clothes, collected from many Jain Centers of North America, to India for free distribution to the poor and needy people, regardless of race, religion, color and creed.

The clothes will be distributed throughout India by Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust, Bombay. A container of 40' x 8' x 8' has already reached Bombay and distribution of clothes already started.

Shipping cost to India for this cause was borne by Bhadrash Dhila of Exports of International Appliances, Silver Spring, Md., as well as Hansa & Bachubhai Ajmera of Sam & Raj Enterprises of Langley Park, Md.

If you need further information, please call Dr. Dhiraj Shah at (716) 773-1314 (H) or (716) 285-8438 (O).

JAIN DIGEST

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JAINA HELPS VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE

The World Community Service of JAINA has raised more than \$76,000 to help the victims of a devastating earthquake which caused the loss of 30,000 lives and destroyed 52 villages of Latur and Osmanabad districts of Southeast Maharashtra.

Members of the World Community Service visited both districts personally during December 6 to 9, 1993. The visit was organized by Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust, Bombay. The chairman of the World Community Service of JAINA was accompanied by Mr. P.C. Jain, Chief Executive Officer of the Trust.

The group visited about 28 villages in Latur and Osmanabad districts affected by the earthquake. After travelling through the region and spending a lot of time with the victims of the earthquake, one can see the fear still written on the faces of the survivors. Aftershocks and tremors continue

to plague the people. Our group also felt the tremors on the 8th of December while spending time with the survivors in their temporary shelters.

The State Government and voluntary organizations performed magnificently at the onset of the disaster offering immediate and intermediate relief under the most difficult circumstances. Now, almost everyone has pulled out except for a few dedicated voluntary organizations. Meetings were held with these voluntary organizations on the site as well as in Bombay. These organizations included Rotary International, Lions Club International, Swaminarayan and many others. After talking to all of these groups, JAINA has decided to join hands with the Lions Club International.

The Lions Club has adopted a village Kawatha, Umergaon Taluka, Osmanabad District. It is located 45 miles south of

Latur. JAINA will contribute 50% of the cost of the Primary School. This will amount to US \$17,500. The school will be named 'Kawatha Primary School' donated by 'Federation of JAINA.' JAINA will also contribute 50% of the cost of 50 houses. The standard house size will be 250 sq. ft. The cost of construction will approximately be US \$42,500. The cluster of these 40 houses will be named 'Jain Nagar' donated by 'Federation of JAINA.'

JAINA would like to thank the more than 300 individual donors for their generous contribution. JAINA would also like to thank Jain Centers of Boston, Buffalo, Charlotte, Chicago, Columbus, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Raleigh, St. Louis and San Francisco for their generous contribution for this noble endeavor.



Feeding the young victims of earthquake was one of the immediate help provided by JAINA. Dr. Dhiraj Shah is serving the food.



Destroyed water tank by earthquake at village Kawatha.



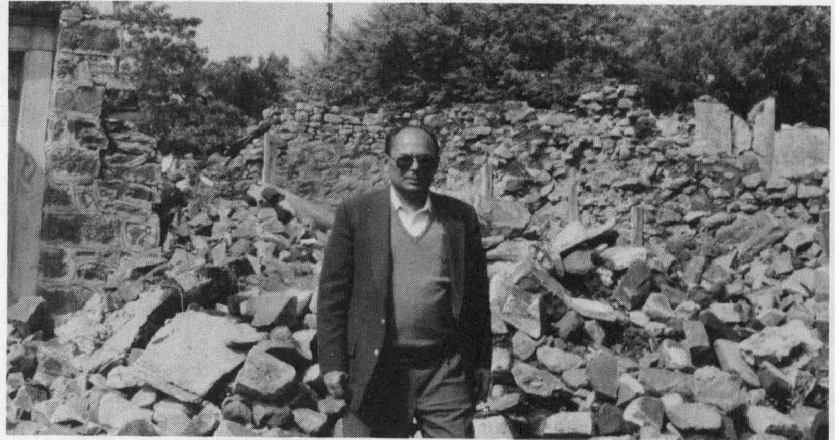
Scene of destruction by earthquake at village Kawatha.

JAINA HELPS VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE



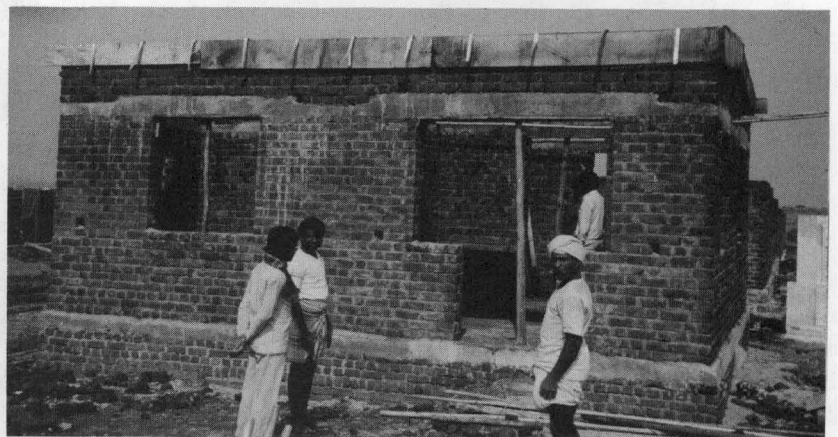
Dr. Gopal of Lions Club with victims of Earthquake at village Kawatha.

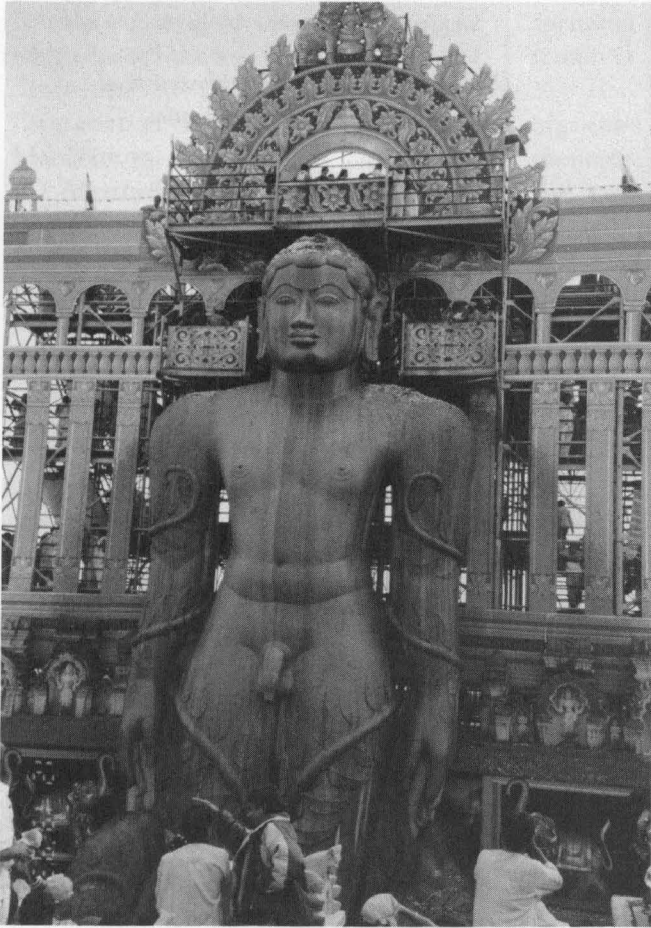
Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Chairman of World Community Services of JAINA personally going around the destroyed village of Kawatha where JAINA is going to build a primary school and 'JAIN NAGAR'.



Lion, Dr. Gopal and Dr. Dhiraj Shah of JAINA with other Lion members and victims of earthquake at village Kawatha.

Model of a new house taking shape at village Kawatha.





MAHAMASTAKABHISHEKA

The Grand Spectacle of 'Mahamastakabhisheka', the ritualistic head Anointing ceremony of Gomateshwara, has been an integral part of the composite Indian tradition for the past 1,000 years. The once-in-12 years ceremony was performed on December 19, 1993 at Shravanabelagola, Karnataka, India where the majestic 58-foot statue of Lord Bahubali stands in all its splendor atop the Vindhyagiri Hills. The statue represents Bahubali, the younger son of Rishabh (Adinatha) - the first of the twenty-four Jain Tirthankaras. Dozens of Jains from North America participated in the grand ceremony.

TATVASUTRA IN ENGLISH

Tatvasutra, translated in English by Dr. Nathmal Tatia with the advise of Dr. Padmanabh Jaini and Kumarpal Desai, sponsored by Institute of Jainology, U.K., Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Samiti (India), and Jains all over the world will be launched in May 1994 by His Royal Prince Philip (President of International Sacred Literature Trust and Worldwide Fund for Nature).

MEDICAL CAMP

Jain Center of Southern California co-sponsored ongoing medical camp by Bidada Sarvodaya Trust from January 5 - January 19, 1994. Dr. Manibhai Mehta, along with Ramesh Shah, Vijay Chheda, Popat Savla, and Navin Gangar, coordinated the fund-raising and collected about \$40,000 for this noble cause. Drs. Ashish Mehta and Manibhai Mehta also collected ophthalmologic and urologic supplies worth \$20,000 and donated for use in this camp. Total of about 16,000 patients were examined and about 520 surgeries were done including 425 eye operations. The camp was attended by Vijay Chheda, Madhuben Chheda, Dr. Manibhai Mehta, Savitaben Mehta, Dr. Ashish Manibhai Mehta, Minesh Mehta, Ramesh Shah, Dr. Tarla, and Dr. Pravin Kapadia from Southern California. Many others from U.S.A. attended the camp, including JAINA secretary, Rameshbhai Shah and Dr. Jayaben Shah from Cleveland, OH. Also Tushar Mehta of Toronto, Ont. and Purvi Shah of North Carolina participated. The entire effort was led by Dr. Manibhai Mehta of L.A. First Vice President of JAINA.



Patients in line for check up after Cataract surgery at two day camp. Co-sponsored by Jain Center of Southern California.



Dr. Ashish Mehta, M.D. examining an eye patient at camp. January 1994. Co-sponsored by Jain Center of Southern California.

JAINA'S TWO YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (1993 - 1995)

(These four pages have been sponsored by the Long-Range Planning Committee)

As we look back at the inception of Jaina in 1981, and where it stands today; we can say very proudly that we have come a long way, but we have a long way to go.

If you have ever seen Arnold Schwarzenagar in a movie you have seen the muscles that won him all of the body building competitions, you have seen the physical power and mental toughness. You knew as soon as you saw him that it took years to develop all that power. What is more important, is that it started out with a plan. To reach his full potential he created a plan and stuck to it and that's how he became so powerful. We at Jaina want to do the same thing.

I am pleased to report that we are in the process of finalizing our long-range plan for the coming 10 years (1993-2003). We have formed a committee which has a representative from each corner of North America. We sought your input in our last Jain Digest for our ten year plan. I want to thank those who have already shared their views with us; and I request those of you who are thinking of doing so to please forward your comments at your earliest.

We JAINS in North America are at cross roads in our life. The 1st generation which is

well established and financially secure is graying. The youth are growing up. We have tried to provide a place not only to hang our hats but also a place where our youth can mingle by building Temples and Cultural Centers throughout North America. As we look at the year 2003 and beyond we must ask ourself where we want to be in the next 10 years.

The style and substance of the long range plan will include:

- A. Analysis of where we are today
- B. Dreaming up dreams together as to where we want to be in year 2003
- C. How we are going to make those dreams a reality.

We are going to have specific goals with various objectives which will delineate how and when we are going to achieve those objectives and the method by which we will measure the results.

All the strategic and long range plans are not etched in stone; this is an ongoing process. If you do come up with any ideas, I would encourage you to share with any one of us the committee members, listed below.

The newly elected Executive Committee which took over in July, 1993 under the strong leadership of Dr. Jagat Jain has already

produced some positive results. We have achieved few of these things that are articulated in our short-term plan (1993-2003) such as:

1. Establishment of JAINA Headquarters in Buffalo, New York with internship program for H.S. children and regional office in Toronto.
2. Planned Youth Convention in Chicago, July, 1994.
3. Campaign to enlist new life members.
4. Delegating the responsibility to various office bearers and the chairpersons of various committees.
5. Publication of monthly newsletter "Jaina Focus"
6. Plan to establish Jaina Charitable Trust
7. Preparation of Code of Conduct for Jain Spiritual and Community Leaders
8. Celebration of Universal forgiveness at six regions.
9. Preparation of a set of 8 books on Jain Religion for children
10. Undertaking 4 projects under World Community Service
11. Participation in Parliament of Worlds Religions
12. Forging cordial relations with Jain Centers and Siddhachalam/Touching the Centers.

GOAL #1. To support and enhance religious and cultural knowledge of 'JAINS' in North America.

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
1.1 Publication and distribution of entry level Jain religious book in English.	JAINA Executive Committee Various Jain Centers and their delegates Library and Education Committee	Will assimilate already available material Will develop books with scholar's help and prepare a realistic budget to produce them along with the resource	On going	Published book will be mailed to everybody who is on the mailing list of Jaina
1.2 Translation, explanation of Jain Poojas' in English	JAINAS Executive Committee Various Jain Centes and their delegates Pooja Committee	Will assimilate already available material Will develop a book and a realistic budget to produce them, will solicit scholar's help and develop a plan to raise necessary money	On going	Published book will be mailed to everybody who is on the mailing list of Jaina
1.3 Encourage participation by all Jain Centers for JAINA bulletin Board Services.	Regional Vice-President of Jaina, Presidents of various Jain Centers	JAINA to send out detailed procedure and expected expenditure to all Jain Centers	On going	At least four Jain Centers on-line for bulletin board Services by June, 1995

TWO YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (1993 - 1995)

Goal #1 - Continued

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
1.4 Production and distribution of Jaina Calendar every year.	JAINAS Executive Committee Public Relations Committee	Will develop a calendar depicting a Jain Temple	On going	Every year every member of each Jain Society should receive a calendar
1.5 Translation, production and distribution of book that deals with cultural rituals; such as Jain marriage ceremonies, last rites, etc.	JAINAS Executive Committee Education Committee	Collect culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate literature on various rituals	By Dec.1994	Published pamphlets will be mailed to everybody who is on the mailing list of Jaina
1.6 Invitations to spiritual leaders and scholars	Under the direct supervision of JAINA's Executive Committee - responsibility rests with Scholar Visitation Committee	Scholar visitation committee to seek input from various Jain Centers as to their specific needs, time table of needs, etc.	On going	Number of scholars, spiritual leaders visiting various Jain Centers
1.7 Facilitate development of Temple-Project in every town or city that Jain families live in.	Leader of Jain Local Community Jaina Temple guidelines Committee	Letter of encouragement to centers Sharing the information from centers that have success from completing the project	On going	Constitution of at least one Jain Temple each year
1.8 Organizing Universal Forgiveness Day after Paryushan/Das Lakshan Parv annually at six regional locations. Transmit the event at Siddhachalam by TV to all centers.	Jaina Executive Committee Jain Centers	Identify six locations: publicize this information	On going	Number of Regional Celebrations

GOAL #2. Involvement and active participation of Jain Youths at every level - locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, - in religious, social and cultural activities.

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
2.1 Development of Youth wing at every Jain Center as well as at regional and national level	All Jain Centers JAINA Executive Committee Young Jains of America Committee	By inviting youths to participate in developing various activities - cultural, social and religious planning, fund-raising	On going	At least ten youth wings at ten Jain Centers not having youth wings
2.2 Youth convention - for, by and of the youths.	Young Jains of America Committee Encouragement by each center for such activities JAINA Executive Committee	Giving the responsibility to the youths for planning and implementing such activities	National and international youth conventions Youth program at the Jaina convention-1995 Youth convention 1994	At least two regional conventions and one national exclusively for youths by May, 1995
2.3 Increased communication between youth and adults	Young Jains of America JAINA Executive Committee All Jain Centers	By writing articles in Jain Digest By developing special book on topics of interest for youths By having a separate youth section edited by a youth editor in Jain Digest By having a separate section for youths in Jaina Focus	On going	Number of activities and publication plans by youth by June, 1995 Achieved Achieved

TWO YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (1993 - 1995)

GOAL #3. To exchange understanding of Jain Religion with other faiths.

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
3.1 To continue the interfaith dialogue started before and during the parliament of world religion in 1993	Interfaith Committee of Jaina Various Jain Centers JAINA Executive Committee	By attending meetings and making presentations at activities of Interfaith organizations like NCCJ	On going	At least ten presentations made to other religious organizations
3.2 National and regional celebration of Ahimsa Day	Various Jain Centers JAINA Executive Committee By student association of various universities Ahimsa Day Celebration Committee	Inviting Jains and Non-Jains to the celebration By publishing the pamphlets on non-violence as it relates to the Jainism	Every year on Sunday close to Gandhi's birthday	Number of Jain Centers and student associations at various universities
3.3 Getting involved in animal rights and vegetarianism activities sponsored by local associations in U.S.A.	All Jain Centers Animal Rights and Vegetarisaism Committee	Attending the meetings by various animal rights groups	On going	Should at least attend four to five meetings in a given year
3.4 Getting involved in ecology environmental activities	All Jain Centers Ecology and Environmental Committee	Organizing Earth Day Planting Trees Arousing awareness through printed material	On going	Planting a tree at each center

GOAL #4. To provide community service.

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
4.1 Helping the poor, homeless, sick and victims of natural disaster	All Jain Centers World Community Service Committee JAINA Executive Committee	By establishing drives for used clothes By having medical camp By establishing scholarships and other funds for other charitable activities	On going	At least to have three such events

GOAL #5. To provide better and long lasting organizational structure to Jaina which will help focus on: 1) professionalism, 2) effective communication, and 3) participative management at all levels of Jaina.

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
5.1 Establish Jaina headquarters	President of Jaina and JAINA Executive Committee	President of Jaina to start the dialogue with various Jain Centers to achieve this objective	On going for permanent location	Achieved
5.2 Establish regional office in Canada as well as other parts of the United States	Various Jain Centers JAINA Executive Committee Regional V.P.	Seek input from Jaina's membership at large by publishing the request for their input in Jain Digest	On going	Establish at least two regional offices of Jaina per year. Canada office established
5.3 Develop Ten year plan and divide it into 5 two-year plans for five presidential terms	Chairperson of long-range planning committee Jaina Executive Committee	Circulate draft plan in the community to get input.	On going	Publication of the short-term plan in March '94 Jain Digest Publish long-term plan, distribute to all who are on Jaina's mailing list by summer of 1994.

TWO YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (1993 - 1995)

Goal #5 - Continued

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
5.4 Initiate publication of a monthly newsletter for administrative purposes	President of Jaina Editor Jaina Focus	Publication of Jaina Focus on a monthly basis	On going	Achieved
5.5 Arrange workshops on leadership development at centers, regional and national levels	President and Secretary of Jaina in cooperation with local center presidents and outside voluntary professionals	By scheduling workshops By providing educational literature on leadership development By publishing articles in Jain Digest for the same	On going	At least have four leadership development workshops in a given year having at least one article in Jain Digest. One workshop already organized in Toronto.
5.6 Organize Town Hall type meetings between local Jain Centers and Jaina Ex. Com.	Jaina Executive Committee Local Jain Centers	One day, half day workshops	On going	At least four such meetings in a given year. Two already held at Cherry Hill and Toronto
5.7 Rewriting Jaina at a Glance for better understanding of JAINA	President and Executive Committee of JAINA	Update the present one by including inf., re., President's and Centers Preparing a pictorial version	December, 1994 July, 1994	Achieved To be mailed to all JAINA leaders.

GOAL #6. Achieving financial stability for Jaina.

OBJECTIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	METHODOLOGY	TIME FRAME	MEASUREMENT
6.1 Set up annual budget for Jaina's operation	Jaina Executive Committee Chair persons of the various committees and Treasurer of JAINA	Establish July 1 - June 30th as a financial year Prepare the detailed budget for Jain Digest and Jaina Focus Prepare detailed budget for Jaina's administrative office which should be inclusive of paid administrative assistant to Jaina's President and other related expenses Have all the chairpersons of various committees prepare a detailed budget for their committees activities on a yearly basis	On going	Having an approved budget by Jain's Executive Committee in June for the fiscal year to begin in July 1. The budget should include sources of expense and revenue. It should be a balanced budget.
6.2 Establish Jain Digest Endowment Fund	Jaina Executive Committee Presidents, Jain Centers Directors - Jaina Fund-Raising Committees Long-Range Planning Committee	Enroll 2,000 life members of U.S. \$101 each	By May, 1995	Monthly summary for each region-center
6.3 Establish Jaina Charitable Trust	Jain Executive Committee Fund-Raising Committees Long-Range Planning Committee	Contact donors in the community Appeal through Jain Digest	By May, 1995	20 trustees of different types

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YOUNG JAINS OF AMERICA COMMITTEE - FRESH IDEAS

Samir S. Mehta, Associate Editor - Youths

A New Beginning: Young Jains of America

The idea of forming an umbrella youth organization was spearheaded in 1989 at the 5th JAINA convention in Toronto, Canada. In the 6th JAINA convention in Stanford, CA, a group of dedicated youths started Young Jains of America (the youth wing of JAINA). They divided the country into 6 regions and appointed 12 regional coordinators. At the 7th JAINA convention in Pittsburgh, PA, an impromptu YJA meeting was held which was attended by approximately 50 youths. A majority of the youths felt that the JAINA convention, due to its format, was not conducive to hold youth meetings and get serious work done.

Therefore, it was decided to hold a YJA Youth Leadership Conference in Chicago on August 7-8, 1993. The delegation consisted of Dr. Urmila Talsania, the JAINA -JYA Committee Chair, ten youths from around the country and five youths from Metropolitan Chicago. The main purpose of this delegation was to formalize YJA and provide clear goals and purpose for the committee and formulate a good action plan.

The two days of the conference were indeed very productive and many solid decisions were made. Young Jains of America will aspire to continue to impart the Jain heritage to the next generations. Its main function shall be to raise awareness of Jain ideals and principles amongst the youths. This

will be accomplished through various activities which encompass the spiritual, religious, cultural and social aspects of the Jain heritage. YJA will incorporate existing local youth groups under its umbrella, and also help form new local youth groups and foster them.

The delegation selected a Transition Executive Board to run the committee. This Transition Executive Board then had its first official meeting during January 7-9, 1994 in Houston, Texas. The meeting itself had ten Board members present along with three invited guest youths. More concrete plans were made for the upcoming JAINA-YJA Convention in July 1994. Also the Transition Executive Board has set for itself modest goals for the upcoming year. The Executive Board will also be involved in establishing sound communication channels with various youth groups.

The next generation of Jains are faced with unique problems and challenges. They have different needs than the first generation. For the most part these needs are only partially addressed by the larger Jain community. Herein lies the main challenge and the activating YJA. As a youth group, it is suited to clearly define the problems of the youths, address their needs, and provide solutions.

Since the last two JAINA conventions, communication has increased amongst the youths from different regions. The youths are eager to move beyond the parochial interests that plague some of the first generation Jains. They are eager to see how religion can play a greater role in their lives.

They are also eager to develop a sense of unity which is not confined to the immediate Jain community. There is a sense of urgency, and many believe that Jainism will die out in the twenty-first century due to the fact that the youth are not taking an active role in their community. We need to and we want to change these notions. For these and many more reasons, the time is right to put YJA on a firm footing and develop it into such a group which will cater to the needs of the second generation Jains. We hear the constant fears of our parents and we are responding.

We urge all the Jain centers to forward the names of local youths to us and encourage youth activity within their community. All the youths and youth leaders may contact Seema Jain (708-653-0308) or Aashish Vaidya (713-498-8416) if they have any ideas, comments, and concerns that they would like to share.

Young Jains of America's Youth Convention

Young Jains of America cordially invites you to attend the first biennial YJA convention which will be held July 1-4, 1994, in Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of this event is to explore Jain ideas, values, and beliefs within a community of Jain youth. This is an excellent opportunity to address the unique problems that our generation faces. We are hopeful that events like this one will Jainism to con-

tinue to grow into the next century. Our main goal is to provide a unique medium in which Jain youths will be able to achieve a greater insight into our vast culture and religion. We are organizing a program that will be geared towards young adults, allowing us to discuss religious topics together in groups. The theme for this convention is "*Religion and Culture: Learning for Tomorrow*." There will be several seminars that will address topics such as: Jainism's Influence on Western Thought, Jain Art and Architecture, Practical and Social Aspects of Ahimsa, Jain Principles in Decision Making, Ethics/Morals; Do we need to compromise our values, and many more. Key-note speakers will include Acharya Sushil Muniji, Gurudev Chitrabhanu, and Balbadra. They will be present to answer questions and address the different concerns of the youth. Also, optional trips to the Jain Temple in Chicago will be arranged. Finally, this convention will provide a forum that will allow youths from all over the nation to meet and share their ideas as a group. The Convention is open to all youths ages 14-29. Registration forms are available by contacting your local YJA youth contact. The cost of the Convention is as follows:

\$145-post-marked on or before April 1, 1994

\$160-post-marked between April 2 and May 1, 1994 (both days inclusive)*

\$300-post-marked after May 1, 1994*

**Subject to availability*

The costs include three nights of accommodation at the Convention Center, transportation to and from the airport, all meals and snacks, any supplies needed, use of all recreational facilities, and of course, a great educational learning experience!!

YJA CONVENTION ESSAYS

At the First Biennial YJA Convention, which will be held during July 1-4, 1994, a convention souvenir guide will be published and issued to all participants. In the convention souvenir guide, there will be a section on essays and articles that will be written mainly by Jain youths. The purpose of this section is to present a youth voice on the many themes and issues that relate to our religion, culture, and society. Plans are being made on having at least 9 to 10 essays featured in the convention souvenir guide. With this in mind, we ask that youths from around North America respond and address in any form they deem appropriate to the following questions/topics. They are as follows: (1) "Religion and Culture: Learning for Tomorrow" (the theme for the convention), (2) How must we assert our unique identity and heritage as Jain youths in North America (as compared to other religious youth organizations)? (3) What resources and methodology can we use to learn about and practice Jainism? (4) In a society of great directionlessness, how

does Jainism guide us through social and personal problems? (5) Why is it important for North American Jain youths in particular to preserve Jain culture? (6) Where are Jain principles applied outside of Jainism, and what can we learn from these application? (7) How can we apply Jain ethical principles in our professional and business dealings? (8) Are certain careers "untouchable" for Jains, or can we be more innovative in our approaches to various careers? (9) In what ways can Jains individually and collectively serve their local communities? (10) How "practical" is Ahimsa in our lifestyle and in making our livelihood? Comment on the excuses of convenience and social acceptance. (11) Must we adapt Jainism to modern society, or can we live it in a more pure form and still "make it" in society? (12) In light of how other religious/cultural youth organizations function and behave, what must YJA strive to achieve and work to avoid? (13) What must be done to preserve Jainism for the future? (14) What and how can Jains contribute to the animal rights and ecological movements? (15) Why Jainism?

These questions are open-ended, and the writers may respond as they wish. The only criteria that have been set are as follows: (a) The author must be between the ages of 14 and 29, inclusive. The most insightful and thought-out essays will be published. The deadline for the essays is May 15, 1994. Please postmark them to Chirag Sandesara at 2010 Midwest Club, Oakbrook, Illinois 60521 or call him at (708) 323-0000.



INTERNATIONAL YOUNG JAINS CONFERENCE AND EXCHANGE

The International Young Jains Conference will be held July 22-24, 1994 and the Exchange will be held during July 22-29, 1994 in London, England. This event is being held by Young Jains of United Kingdom. The Conference is for all Jains aged 18-35, while the Exchange (including the Conference) is for 15 committed and accomplished North American Jains aged 18-35. The theme for this event is to take "*Jainism into the 21st Century*."

The goal of the Conference is to create an international network of Jain leaders who will take the message of Jainism into the 21st century. The Conference will bring together 300 Jain youth from England, North America, Africa, and India. The Conference will include workshops, seminars, and discussions as well as some fun activities. Exchange delegates will go on a retreat after the Conference until July 29th to Lake District for further activities. Each participant of the Conference will have to arrange their own transportation to and from London. All food, lodging, and transportation from London will be

arranged, including the assignment of host families. A reasonable charge for Conference registration will apply to all participants. There will be attempts for fund-raising.

An ad-hoc selection committee of nine Jains has been established by JAINA/YJA. The Exchange delegates will be selected based upon applicant-provided information against specific criteria developed by the committee. Those interested in participating for the Exchange may get an application by calling the below number. Those that want to attend the Conference may get a registration form from the below address. That address is: Saurabh Dalal, 9001 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD 20706 [phone number (301) 577-5215]. All Conference registration forms should be postmarked by May 15, 1994.

YOUNG JAINS OF AMERICA KICK- OFF DAY

Young Jains of America would like to proudly announce the first "YJA Kick-off Day" during the months of March and April. During these months, each center will be encouraged to set aside a Sunday for the "YJA Kick-off Day." The day will have a variety of activities from Jain games to open forum discussions for the youth and adults to participate in. During the day's activities, more information will be given out concerning YJA, its purpose, its goals, and its activities.

It is very important that these youth events occur around the country as to get youth more actively involved in their religion and culture. Without youth taking an active role in Jainism, our religion may indeed see its end in North America soon. The "YJA Kick-off Day" will provide each Jain Center an excellent opportunity for communication channels to open between youth and adults. It should lay a concrete foundation for youth to begin working with their parents on issues concerning both parties. We have accomplished a lot since our first arrival on the North American continent. But let us not waste the efforts of the adults by stopping here. Until the youth carry on the torch of Jainism in the next century, the efforts and ideals of the older generation shall go unrewarded.

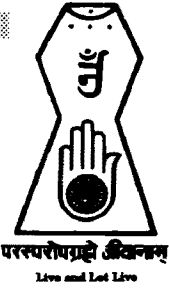
Included in the fun-filled day will be activities that shall allow not only the youth, but also the adults to participate. These activities will allow both generations to have a little fun while learning a little bit about Jainism. The activities include playing Jain games and having open forum-type discussions about various Jain topics.

Each Jain Society President has already received more details about "YJA Kick-off Day" from the Co-Chairpersons of Young Jains of America. We hope that this event was a big success in all communities around North America. Feedback from this event will be published in the next issue of *Jain Digest*.

Federation of JAINA

Young Jains of America Committee

1993 - 1994 Membership Form



Please complete the following membership form if you are within the ages of 14-29 and are interested in joining YJA - Young Jains of America. Send the completed forms to: Anil Jain, Director of Membership - YJA, 758 Brookside Circle, Elmira, NY 14903.

Member I.D. (Zone - Number; YJA use only): _____

General Information:

Today's Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____

Current Electronic Mail Address (if applicable): _____

Home Telephone Number: () _____ Home Fax Number: () _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): ____/____/____ Jain Ctr. Affiliation: _____

Married? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Spouse's Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____ & _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) of Spouse: ____/____/____

High School Information:

Check if currently a high school student ☐

High School Name: _____ Class of: _____

College Information:

Check if currently a college student ☐

University/College: _____ Class of: _____

Most Recent (or current) Degree/Major: _____

Previous Degrees/Majors and/or Schools Attended: _____

Current College Address: _____

Valid Until: _____

Current College Telephone Number (if applicable): () _____

Young Professional Information:

Profession (list primary field(s)): _____

Employer/Company: _____

Position/Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Bus. Telephone Number: () _____ Bus. Fax Number: () _____

I do *not* want:

☐ Any of this information published in an upcoming YJA directory.

☐ My home ☐ college ☐ business phone number(s) published.

MATRIMONIALS

Hasmukh Shah, Associate Editor

RULES FOR MATRIMONIAL SERVICE

Please address all matrimonial matters to Hasmukh M. Shah, 1409 Rising Wind Court, Silver Spring, MD 20905. Phone: (301)384-1746. The following guidelines must be observed:

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 only. The registrant must mail the two completed forms with a check of \$25.00 payable to **HASMUKH M. SHAH** and enclose a recent photo duly signed by the candidate on the back.

2. MIS will draft an ad for the registrant for publishing **only 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 envelop, then, should be put in a larger envelop with the candidate's name and return address on the top left corner and be mailed to Hasmukh M. Shah.

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

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

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.

MALE

AM75: Gujarati parents invite responses for their vegetarian, non-smoker, non-alcoholic, handsome son, 5'7", 170 lbs, MBA (Business), from graduate, beautiful girls, preferably Gujarati jain. Call: Kishor (508)686-3875.

AM80: Brother invite responses for his well employed brother, M.S.(Polymer), born Aug 66, 5'6", 140 lbs. Call: (412)486-0269 or mail bio-data to: 413-D Glen Malcom Dr, Glenshaw, PA-15116.

AM82: Correspondence invited for handsome, Gujarati Jain, born May 65, 6'0", 150 lbs, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineer, from educated attractive girls of cultured family. Call: (214)987-3444.

AM84: Gujarati parents invite responses for good looking son, born Nov 67, 5'8", 165 lbs, B.S.(EE), M.B.A.candidate, employed, from pretty, well educated girls. Call: (808)538-6202.

AM86: Gujarati vegetarian boy from FL, born June 68, 5'6", 130 lbs, B.S.(MIS), H-1 visa, well employed, invite responses from suitable resident girls. Call: (904)258-2841.

AM88: Gujarati vegetarian, born Dec 54, 5'5", 133 lbs, from CA, well settled in diamond business, invite responses from suitable cultured, family oriented females. Call: (310)453-1480.

AM89: Physician uncle invite responses for good looking nephew, born July 69, B.Com., 5'6", 145 lbs, well employed in Bombay, from suitable US resident girls. Call: (717)288-3903.

AM91: Gujarati parents invite responses for their well educated (M.Sc.), handsome son in Bombay, born Nov. 68, 5'8", 150 lbs, Contact: 5518 Briarwood Forest Dr, Houston, TX 77088 or call (713)445-1482.

AM92: Gujarati parents from MA, invite responses for their well employed son, born Aug.68, 5'6", 165 lbs, B.S.(EE), pursuing M.S.(EE), from graduate girls. Call: (508)251-7353.

AM95: Gujarati parents invite responses from educated, attractive, cultured girls, for their US raised, US citizen

son, born Dec 67, 5'5", M.S.(Elect Engg), excellent job. Reply with biodata and photo.

AM96: Gujarati uncle invite responses for handsome, gentle, well mannered nephew in Bombay, born Feb 70, 5'8", B.E.(Mech Engg), educated in english school, from US citizen girls. No bars. Call:(810)651-7403.

M199: Gujarati parents invite responses for well settled/employed engineer, good looking, US citizen son, born March 67, 5'11", 160 lbs, B.S.(Mech.Engg), pursuing M.S., from educated, cultured girls. Call: (517)792-9539.

M237: Gujarati parents invite correspondence from beautiful girls for their very handsome, social son, US born, April 68, 6'0", M.D.(1994).

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

M284: Brother invite responses for his handsome, science graduate brother, well settled in PA, born Feb 66, 5'7", 158 lbs, from pretty, cultured girls. Call: (717)283-3610.

M298: Uncle invite responses for vegetarian, handsome, nephew, B.E.(Computer Sc & Engg), well employed in Baroda, born June 71, 5'10", 165 lbs, from well educated, cultured US resident girls. Call: (708)640-7724.

M300: Hindi speaking parents from NJ invite responses for their handsome, vegetarian, US born son, Feb 70, 5'11", 170 lbs, B.S.(EE), M.S.(Inf NW), well employed, from cultured, educated Hindi/ Gujarati girls. Call: (201)387-2616.

M301: US raised, handsome, Gujarati, vegetarian, born Feb 68, 6'1", 171 lbs, M.S.(Comp Sc), well employed, likes sports, travel, culture, invite responses from kind, educated females. Call: (908)855-0093.

M303: Gujarati parents invite responses for very handsome, vegetarian, intelligent, creative, outgoing son, born March 66, 5'10", 160 lbs, M.S.(Engg), well employed, from educated, cultured

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girls. Call: (708)953-2612.

M304: Gujarati parents invite responses for US born son, Aug 70, 6'1", 135 lbs, B.S.(Chem Engg), pursuing M.S., vegetarian, social, well employed R & D Engineer, from educated, cultured girls. Call: (206)772-1804.

M305: Hindi speaking, very handsome, vegetarian, well employed engineer, born Dec 68, 5'6", 142 lbs, B.Tech., M.S.(Env Engg), hailing from a respectable family invite responses from educated, charming, cultured Hindi/ Gujarati girls. Call: (216)322-9744.

M307: Gujarati parents invite responses for vegetarian, US citizen son, born April 61, 5'8", 140 lbs, M.S.(Electronics), M.B.A., well employed engineer, from educated, cultured girls.

M309: Gujarati uncle invite responses for good looking, well settled, nephew in NJ, born May 63, 5'3", 165 lbs, B.Com., from suitable, cultured girls. Call: (201)458-0261.

M310: Gujarati uncle invite responses for good looking, well settled, nephew in NJ, born May 63, 5'3", 163 lbs, B.Com., from suitable, cultured girls. Call: (201)458-0261.

FEMALE

AF69: Gujarati parents invite responses with returnable photo from educated professionals for their very beautiful, intelligent, US raised, vegetarian daughter, born April 68, M.B.A. June 1994.

AF74: Gujarati parents from IL invite responses from professionals for their very beautiful, charming and intelligent daughter, born Jan 71, 5'5", B.S. (Chem) 1994.

AF81: Gujarati parents invite responses for US born, vegetarian daughter, Aug 73, 5'3", 125 lbs, B.S.(Political Science/ Psychology) Dec 1994, from medical or professionals. Call: (504)468-8888.

AF87: Jain punjabi parents seek responses for vegetarian, US born, Dec 70, 5'2", petit daughter doing M.B.A.-Fin, working as Auditor, from US born, non medical professional boys. Reply: PO Box 159, Flushing, NY 11367.

AF90: Gujarati parents invite responses

with photo and biodata for beautiful, slim, vegetarian, US born and educated pharmacist daughter, born Oct 69, 5'6", from tall, handsome, vegetarian medical Doctors / Students.

AF93: Gujarati parents from N.Y. invite responses for their US born, 22 years, beautiful, outgoing, intelligent licensed pharmacist daughter, from handsome, US raised professionals under age 26. Call: (212)776-5521.

AF94: Gujarati vegetarian, born Dec 64, 5'1", double M.S. (Biochem & Food Sc), employed, pursuing Ph.D., invite responses from professionals. Brief marriage Contact: (513)434-7740.

F188: Hindi speaking oswal parents from Atlanta, invite responses from medical students/Doctors or professionals for their US born Aug 67, 5'7", 120 lbs, vegetarian, beautiful, daughter, M.D.(6/94). Call: (404)992-0105.

F265: Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated professionals for their canadian born, vegetarian, slim, beautiful, intelligent daughter, born Feb 69, 5'5", B.Sc.(Pharmacy).

F296: Hindi speaking parents invite responses from professionals for their beautiful, charming, vegetarian daughter, born March 68, 5'0", 92 lbs, B.S.(Biology). Call: (909)594-5438.

F297: Parents invite responses from vegetarian professionals for their daughter, born March 68, US citizen, B.A.(Business). Call: Sheila (310)402-1535 or (310)865-0857.

F299: Gujarati, vegetarian, charming, well educated lady (widow, issueless), born Dec 48, 5'2" (looks younger), own business in US, hailing from reputed, religious, noble, cultured family, invite responses from suitable candidates having high morals.

F302: Gujarati parents invite responses for their beautiful, charming, US born daughter, Aug 70, 5'6", 112 lbs, B.S.(Business), gainfully employed, from graduate, cultured, suitable boys.

F307: Gujarati parents invite responses for vegetarian, charming, US citizen daughter, born Nov 65, 5'1, 107 lbs, M.D., doing fellowship, from Medical students/ Doctors or professionals.

F309: Gujarati parents invite responses from medical or other professionals, for their pretty daughter, born Aug 66, 5'4", 120 lbs, M.B.A. (5/94), pursuing M.S.(Textile Mktg). Call: (215)438-3839.

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PENNSYLVANIA: 226 Kasliwala Ravindra-Manju; 227 SETHI Surendra-Hira. Butler; 228 MITHANI Navnit-Aarsha. Philadelphia; 229 JAIN Mohan-Mohini. Allentown; 230 SHAH Ramesh-Jyoti. Kingston

RHODE ISLAND: 231 TUMKUR Nag Kumar-Usha. N. Providence

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WISCONSIN: 238 SHETH Pravin-Kunjata. Hales Corners

WEST VIRGINIA: 239 DEDHIA Harak-Anuja. Morgantown

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240 CHANDARIA, Nemu Middlesex, England; 241 SHAH Mahavir N. Paintsville, KY; 242 JAIN Samaj c/o Jitendra Shah, 232 Hyman Drive. Quebec; 243 SHAH Amrut-Chandra, 2300 Calle Melena, Fullerton, CA; 244 SHAH Chandravadan-Hansa, 35 Baker Avenue, Dover NJ; 245 SHAH Ashok-Nirmala, 5508 W. Main, Morton Grove, NJ; 246 JAIN Cokulchandra-Mohini, A230 Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP, India; 247 JAIN Vidya Sagar-Kanta, 221 Siegfried, Williamsville, NY.

Life Members Enrolled During 1989-1993

The above list does not include names of life members enrolled during 1989-93. A new list incorporating the names of life members enrolled during that period is under preparation and will be published in the future. In the meantime, we are adding the names of the following members who contacted us after the above list was mailed to Community leaders along with the letter regarding launching the **Million by Millennium** Program for Jain Digest in December 1993.

1. Ravinder & Usha Jain, Bedford, TX; 2. Sri & Usha Jain, Rochester, NY; 3. Surender & Pravesh Jain, Athens, OH; 4. Surendra Jain, Bluefield, VA; 5. Vijay Phade, Bluefield, VA; 6. Natvar & Devindra Sheth, Chicago, IL; 7. Krit & Urmila Talsania, Chicago, IL.

1994 Life Members After Launching The Million by Millennium Project

TORONTO

1. Ramesh & Asha Jain 2. Lax & Vanita Nagda 3. Shan & Sushma Jain 4. Gyan & Kanchan Jain 5. Om & Trishla Jain 6. Naresh & Urmila Jain 7. Milan & Smita Shah 8. Anil & Samita Voran 9. Pramod & Savita Jain 10. Dinish & Chitra Jain 11. Talak & Ranjan Doshi USA

CHICAGO

12. Rashmikant & Chandrika Gardi 13. Prabodh & Hemlata Vaidya 14. Ravindra & Pallavi Kobawala 15. Bipin & Rekha Parikh 16. Kishore & Rashmi Shah 17. Keerti & Hansa Shah 18. Kishore & Bharti

Shah 19. Samprati & Hansa Shah 20.
Dipak & Priti Shah 21. Harshad & Vaso
Shah 22. Sanjay & Purvy Shah 23. Arvind
& Kaplana Shah

WASHINGTON, DC

24. Atul & Aruna Shah

BUFFALO

25. Suresh & Meena Shah 26. Kaushik &
Geeta Shah 27. Hemant & Hansa Bhayani
28. Harshad & Bharati Shah

SYRACUSE

29. Jitu & Manda Turakhia 30. Mansukh
Bhai Shah

ROCHESTER

31. Anup & Renuka Vora 32. Ramik & Ila
Vora

BOSTON

33. Mukund & Dhira Mehta

NEW YORK

34. Chaman & Usha Jain 35. Sanjay &
Renu Pandya 36. Pinel Impex Corp. 37.
Data Conversion, Inc. 38. Y & Tyotsna
Bhandari 39. Gems Trading Co.

DALLAS

40. Kantilal & Nilamben Desai
41. Dharendra & Sushma Shah 42. Manoj
& Dakesh Shah 43. Pradip & Beena Shah
44. Nikin & Ranjan Mehta 45. Natvar &
Usha Shah 46. Sudhir & Sadhna Mehta
47. Balchandra & Veena Daulat 48. Janak
& Dina Daulat 49. Praduman & Laxmi
Zaveri 50. Kirit & Pramila Daftary 51.
Gautam & Sweta Daftary 52. Jay and
Bhanu Shah 53. Jitendra & Dakesha
Ghelani 54. Sharad & Jayshree Parekh 55.
Shantilal & Minaxi Shah 56. Praful &
Vidyut Mehta 57. Jintendra & Aruna
Ravani 58. Hansa Varia

LOS ANGELES

59. Chandrakant & Hasmita Parekh 60.
Surji & Urmila Mehta

SAN FRANCISCO

61. Harilal & Jyoti Shah 62. Jyotsna
Thakkar

EVERETT, WA

63. Kasturi Jain

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SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We all visit circus, zoo and sea world for fun.

We think, that it is also educational for our children.

But have we ever considered, what the animals behind the bars feel like?

WHAT IF IT WERE YOU?

Would you like a lifetime of confinement in a room, without ever having done any crime?

Would you like to perform abnormal acts, for the fear of being whipped by your trainer?

We also buy pets for company. Aren't they cute and beautiful? But again, is it their natural life?

Is there any advocate for these poor, voiceless animals?

Yes, we, all the Jains, the followers of Mahavir Bhagwan, are here to protect the animals.

We should not use animals for our entertainment. We should not patronize those theme parks.

We should not buy cage pets, such as birds, fish and hamsters, either.

Find out how the animals are trained. Learn how the confined animals have stress, and filthy and unhealthy environment. They die early, because of us.

ANIMALS ARE NOT OURS FOR ENTERTAINMENT!

By Narendra Sheth - Animal Rights and Vegetarianism Committee

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEDERATION OF JAIN ASSOCIATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA STATEMENTS OF REVENUE COLLECTED AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992 PREPARED BY ARTHUR ELWOOD AND COL, CHARTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
<u>Revenues Collected</u>		
Donations and Contributions	7,065	174,098
Interest Income	0	<u>1,766</u>
<u>Total Revenues Collected</u>	7,065	175,864
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Grants and Allocations (Note 3)		
Shri Jivdaya Mandal		1,500
Mundara Panjarapole		1,500
Shri Anjar Panjarapole		1,500
Shri Bhuj Panjarapole		4,000
Shri Kutch Mandvi Panjarapole and Gaushala		4,000
Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust		4,000
The Divine Life Society		2,002
Shri Bidada Sarvoday Trust		75,000
Shri Bahubali Vidyapith		7,500
Jain Vishva Bharati		2,796
Shrivram Srikandath		<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total Grants and Allocations</u>		104,798
Printing and Publications		28,143
Telephone	472	3,425
Postage and Shipping	75	400
Conferences, Conventions and Meetings		1,533
Travel	624	7,336
Membership Fees		50
Depreciation	30	60
Bank Charges		158
Prizes		152
Fees		75
Miscellaneous	50	<u>1,777</u>
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	1,251	147,907
Excess of Revenues Over Disbursements (See Notes to Financial Statements)	\$5,814	\$27,957

BALANCE SHEETS - DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1992

<u>Assets</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
Cash, Savings and Temporary Cash Investments (Note 2)	47,157	75,174
Fixed Assets:		
Equipment	597	597
(Less) Accumulate Depreciation	(30)	(90)
Net Fixed Assets	567	507
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$47,724</u>	<u>\$75,681</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>		
Liabilities	0	0
Fund Balance	47,724	75,681
<u>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</u> (See Notes to Financial Statements)	<u>\$47,724</u>	<u>\$75,681</u>

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992

Cash Flows Provided By:	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
<u>Operating Activities</u>		
Excess Revenues over Disbursements	5,814	27,957
Depreciation	<u>30</u>	<u>60</u>
Net Increase in Cash	5,844	28,017
Cash Beginning of Period	<u>41,313</u>	<u>47,157</u>
Cash End of Period (See Notes to Financial Statements)	<u>\$47,157</u>	<u>\$75,174</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CON'T.)

FEDERATION OF JAIN ASSOCIATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - DECEMBER 31, 1991 AND 1992**

1. **Significant Accounting Policies:** The Association maintains its books and records on a cash basis for financial reporting and tax reporting purposes. Revenue is recognized when received rather than earned and expenditures are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the Balance Sheets and Statements of Revenues Collected and Disbursements are not in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Income Taxes: No Provision for income taxes is required as the Association is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Depreciation: Depreciation of Fixed Assets is recorded on a straight line bases over the asset useful life.

Organization: Federation of Jain Associations in North America is the umbrella organization for over 50 individual Jain centers and societies that have been established all over North America to preserve, practice and promote the principles of nonviolence (AHIMSA) and relativism (ANEKANT)—the twin pillars of the philosophy of Jainism. The fundamental premise of Jainism is that relativism and nonviolence in thought, speech and action form the foundations of civilized society and can contribute to the establishment of world peace and a human order based on dignity and respect for every individual being.

2. **Cash, Savings and Temporary Cash Investments:** At December 31, 1991 and 1992 Cash, Savings and Temporary Cash Investments were comprised of the following:

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
Equibank (Pittsburgh)	\$ 6,327	\$45,531
Shearson Lehman Brothers	34,986	23,956
Hamilton Federal Savings and Loan (New York)	<u>5,844</u>	<u>5,687</u>
	\$47,157	\$75,174

3. Grants and Allocations:

1992 Grants

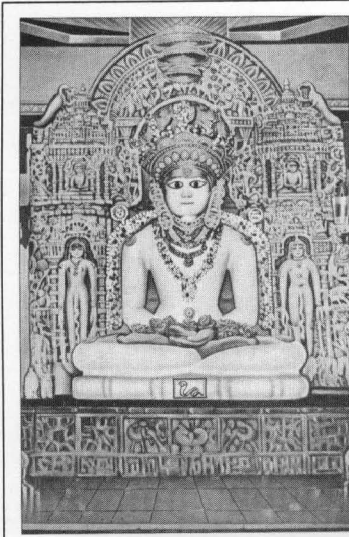
A. Shri Jivdaya Mandal, Rahpar, Kutch, Gujarat, India. It is a tax exempt organization and provides free food and shelter for animals.	\$ 1,500
B. Mundra Panjarapole, Mundra, Kutch, Gujarat, India. It is a tax exempt organization and provides free food and shelter for animals.	1,500
C. Shri Anjar Panjarapole, Anjar, Kutch, Gujarat, India. It is a tax exempt organization and provides free food and shelter for animals.	1,500
D. Shri Bhuj Panjarapole, 410 Anand Building, 82/84 Kazi Sayed Street, Bombay, India 40000, It is a tax exempt organization and provides free food and shelter for animals.	4,000
E. Shri Kutch Mandvi Panjarapole and Gaushala, 507 Veena Chambers, Clive Road, Cross Lane 4, Danabunder, Bombay, India. It is a tax exempt organization and provides free food and shelter for animals.	4,000
F. Diwaliben Mahanlal Mehta Charitable Trust, Khatau Mention, Oomer Park, 95-K, Bhulabhai Desai Road, Bombay, India 4000036. It is a tax exempt organization. Its objective is to provide free education, medical and social services. It also helps the victims of natural calamities. This grant was used to provide blankets for about 10,000 earthquake victims.	4,000
G. The Diving Life Society, P.O. Shivanandnager, Dist. Tehri-Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh, India 249192. It is a tax exempt organization. This grant was used to provide blankets for earthquake victims.	2,002
H. Shri Bidada Sarvodaya Trust, c/o Laxmichand V. Rambhia, Plot #62 Dattashram, Sir Bhalchandra Road, Road #2, Dadar, Bombay, India 400014. It is a tax exempt organization that provides free medical services to the community. It also arranges for medical services to the community. It also arranges for medical camps in India in which physicians (specialists in various medical fields) from USA participate to provide free medical treatment. This grant was used for such a camp.	75,000
I. Shri Bahubali Vidyapit, P.O. Bahubali, Dist. Kolhapoor, Maharashtra, India 416110. It is a tax exempt school which provides free education to the resident students. It runs a medical clinic which provides free medical services to the area residents.	7,500
J. Jain Vishva Bharati, P.O. Ladnu, Rajasthan, India 341306. It is a tax exempt school which provides free education Jainism and related research facilities	2,796
K. Shivram Srikandath, Ohio University, OH. A scholarship was given to Shivram Srikandath for his Ph.D. in Jainism.	1,000
Total Grants and Allocations	\$104,798

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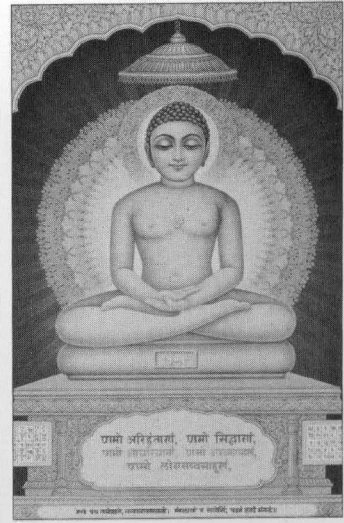
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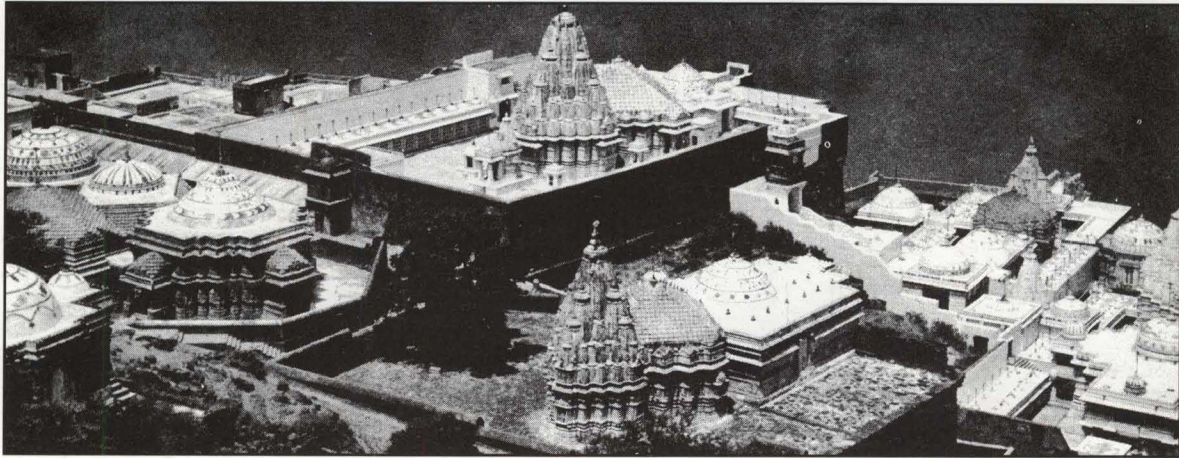


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