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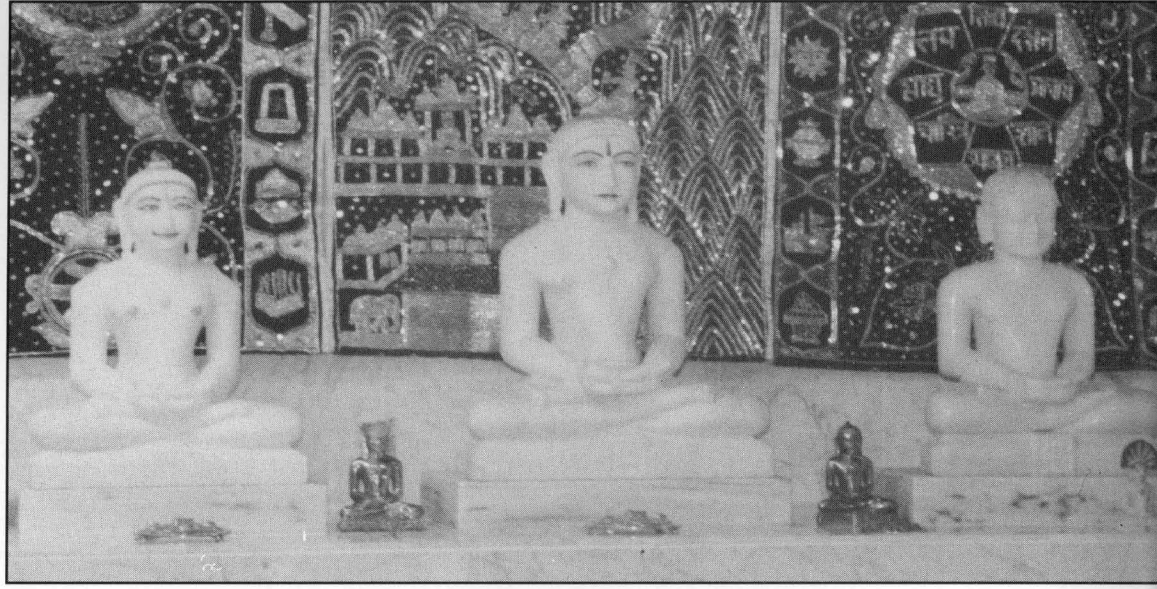
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## JAI JINENDRA

अहो! अहो! श्री सदगुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार  
आ पामर पर प्रभु कर्यो, 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 सह 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  
Acharya Sushil Kumarji and Gurudev Chitrabhanuji,  
in spreading the principles of Jainism  
among all the Jains settled in North America.

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## From the Editor

Jai Jinendra. Jain Digest salutes the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago for hosting the eighth Biennial JAINA Convention.

Headquarters News lists the many accomplishments of the current group of over 200 volunteers, still much more needs to be done. Our best wishes are with the upcoming group of volunteers who will lead the way in the on going process of improving JAINA. Our active participation at all levels will insure a vibrant and forward moving organization.

JAINA is an association of associations. Today there are 50 Jain centers in North America. Their incoming directors are recognized in this issue. We would like to publish a series of articles on the history of many of these centers. The current issue carries the history of the Jain Center of Alberta, Canada. In addition, we would like to write about the venerable Jain institutions throughout the world.

Young Jains of America and Letters to the Editor will appear in the next issue.

Your help is needed in keeping our mailing list up to date. If you have moved, please let us know. Finding that you have moved through the post office costs JAINA additional funds. It means that the magazine is discarded by the post office and you missed out! We must eliminate this waste.

Harshad Shah

## President's Message

JAINA is flying!  
JAINA's sun is rising.  
Do you see the rainbow....?

The Pittsburgh JAINA Convention, where the current executive committee assumed responsibility for guiding JAINA, heralded the arrival of an era of unity, democratization, professionalism and financial stability in our organization.

JAINA is flying and I see the sun rising in the sky over the Jain communities of North America. I see a rainbow, with a spectrum of colors that symbolizes hope for Jains all over the world. Just like these seven colors - red, orange, yellow, green, blue indigo, and violet symbolize many wonderful things, let me share that vision with you-my hopes, wishes and vision for the future.

JAINA providing literature, funds and the manpower to strengthen or start a pathshala in every Jain center.

An ever increasing senior citizens' programs, extending a helping hand to our elders and benefit from their experience.

Increasing the number of temple facilities serving the Jain community.

Moving forward - because of the JAINA Charitable Trust, "A Million by the Millennium" and the many other fund raising programs, JAINA is becoming stronger financially. JAINA is on a solid financial foundation upon which to build for the future.

Building a healthy community through the increased participation of everyone. This can be seen in the involvement of ladies, our children and those people who are Jain by choice.


Welcoming the vital and fresh ideas of the younger generation into JAINA. Last year their convention in Chicago drew over four hundred young adults, gathered to discuss their role in the future of Jainism.

More than 3,000 children and young adults are expected to attend the 1995 - 8th Biennial JAINA Convention.

Increasing the interfaith activities, which nourish tolerance and compassion and develop an understanding of other religions.

By blending this spectrum of ideas we get peace, tranquility and harmony. Through the practice of Ahimsa and Anekantvad in our daily lives we come together and accommodate each others differences in order to build our community's contribution to an important, healthy, understanding and growing aspect of the world community. Jai Jinendra.

Sincerely,



Jagat Jain

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## Accomplishments of the 1993 -1995 Executive Committee

With your assistance and encouragement, the Executive Committee accomplished many things during its tenure from 1993 - 1995:

- developed a cordial relationship with International Mahavir Jain Mission (Siddhachalam) and Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago
- published a special issue of Jain Digest dedicated to Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji
- established the JAINA Charitable Trust which now has 25 trustees and has received over \$125,000 in donations and pledges
- began the Endowment Fund, "A Million by the Millennium" project for the Jain Digest. This Fund increased from \$24,500 to \$45,500 with 210 new Life Members
- established a working Headquarters in Buffalo, NY and a Regional Office in Toronto, Canada
- increased the circulation of Jain Digest from 6,000 to 8,000 issues and began distributing it in Canada, by mail
- adopted a democratic publication policy, improved content, look and general quality of the Jain Digest
- published Jain picture and story books, a set of seven books will be available at the 1995 Convention
- helped sponsor a very successful Youth Convention in Chicago in 1994
- streamlined the tracking of membership dues with invoice procedures
- provided humanitarian services all over the world

- built 55 houses in Latur, Maharashtra for earthquake victims
- raised and donated \$33,000 for educating more than 1,000 orphans, victims of earthquake in Pune, Maharashtra.
- raised and donated funds to help the Rwanda refugees, the victims of the California Earthquake and the Mississippi River flood
- sent medical equipments and used clothing to India
- began the North America Jain Families Assistance Program
- began the Assistance to Indian Charitable Institution Program (ATICIP)

- improved communication among the Jain leaders of North America by publishing the monthly newsletter, Jain Focus
- adopted a Ten Year Plan for the growth of the Jain Community of North America

- established a President's Advisory Council to benefit from the experience of past leaders

- published the Financial Statements from 1989 to 1991 and plan to do the same for 1991 to 1993

- activated following committees:

- Animal Compassion and Vegetarianism
- Environment and Ecology
- Code of Conduct
- Fund Raising (USA)
- Interfaith
- Long Range Planning
- Public Relations
- World Council of Jains (exploration)

- signed a Letter of Understanding with the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago and established a National Convention Planning Board to ensure smooth convention preparations.

- signed an agreement with AT&T, Association Awards Program. Have received over \$1,500 in revenues from AT&T in 9 months with 100 members signed up.

- organized a Center Leadership Effectiveness Workshop in Toronto, Canada

- began an Internship Program at JAINA Headquarters to help and observe JAINA operations and to train future leaders.

- organized Town Hall type meetings in Cherry Hill and Los Angeles.

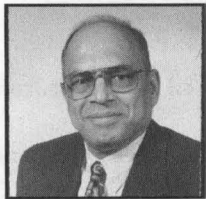
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We received seventy-five (75) valid votes. The results of the voting were as follows:

	Yes	No	Results
Amendment I	53	22	Passed
Amendment II	55	20	Passed
Amendment III	47	28	Not Passed
Amendment IV	55	20	Passed
Amendment V	53	22	Passed

Amendments number I, II, IV, and V were passed and approved because they received a 2/3rds majority. Amendment number III was Not Passed.

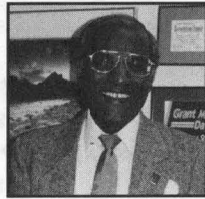
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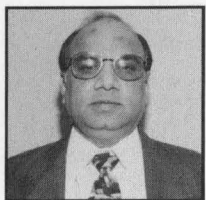
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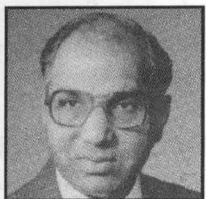
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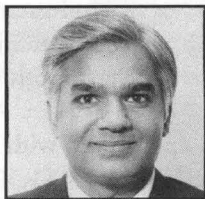
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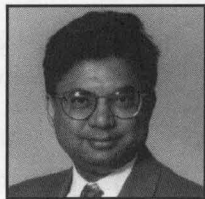
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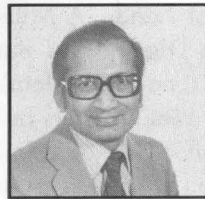
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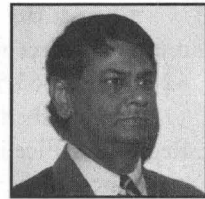
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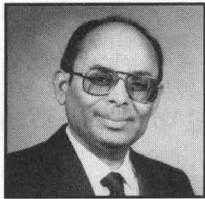
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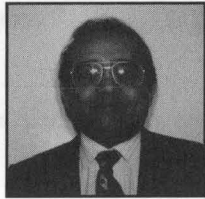
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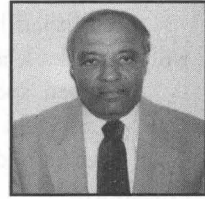
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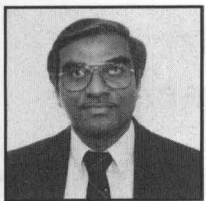
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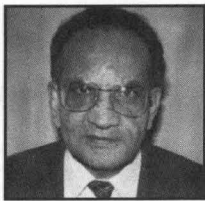
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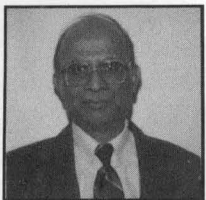
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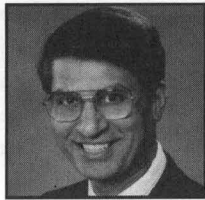
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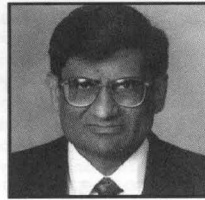
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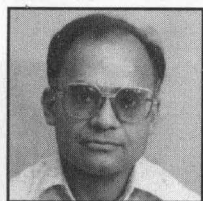
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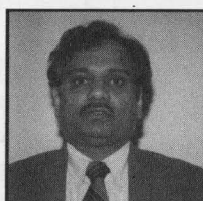
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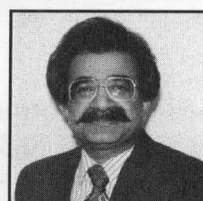
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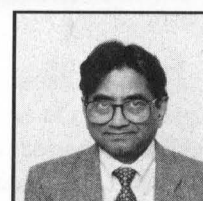
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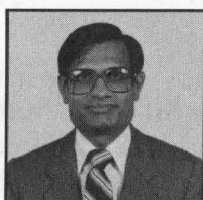
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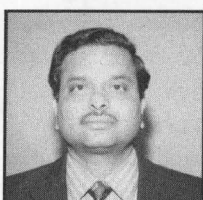
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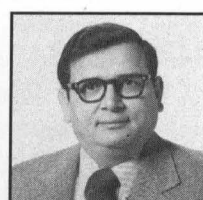
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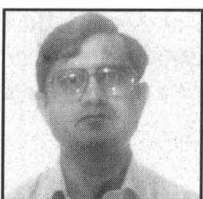
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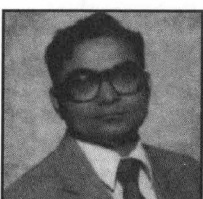
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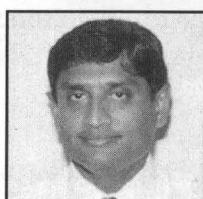
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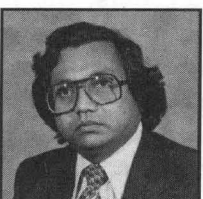
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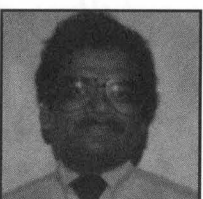
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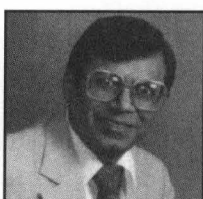
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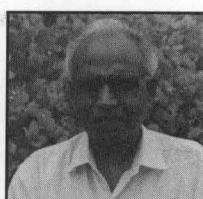
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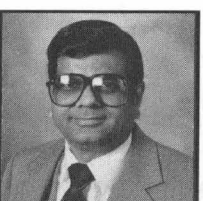
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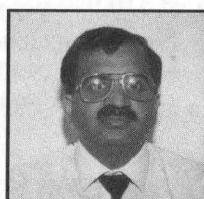
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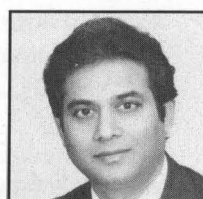
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June, 1995

- 25 Parshvapoojan, performed by Shri Babubhai Kadiwala, Siddhachalam
- 28 - 30 Pratishtha Mahotsav, Jain Temple, Chicago, IL

## July, 1995

- 1 Pratishtha Mahotsav, Jain Temple, Chicago, IL
- 1 - 4 JAINA Convention, Chicago, IL
- 14 Opening of the Jain Art Exhibition  
The Peaceful Liberators: Jain Art from India Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA

## August, 1995

- 13 Pratishtha Day, Siddhachalam
- 23 - 31 Paryushana

## September, 1995

- 1 - 10 Dashlaxana
- 2 - 4 Pratishtha Ceremony, Jain Center of Cincinnati and Dayton
- 15 Deadline for getting your news to the Editor for the September issue of the Jain Digest

## October, 1995

- 1 Kshampana/Ahimsa Day Celebration, Siddhachalam

## November, 1995

- 26 Pratishtha Mahotsav, Jain Society of Houston, TX

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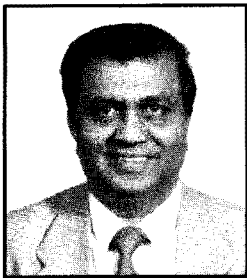
# REGIONAL NEWS

## CANADA

Mahendra Mehta  
Regional Editor

### Cornwall, Ont.

Natubhai Shah of Cornwall has been awarded the Order of Ontario. This is a rare honor reserved for citizens of Ontario who have distinguished themselves in their field of endeavour.



Dr. Natubhai Shah

Natubhai is the first Jain on this select group of twenty-two recipients. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II recognized Dr. Shah's work in founding Child Haven, a non-sectarian agency offering care to orphaned and abandoned children in India. This organization was started by Natubhai and Kulwant Shah and Fred and Bonnie Cappuccino from Maxville, Ontario in 1985.

### Edmonton, AL

Devila Mehta and Jitendra Shah of Edmonton attended the interfaith prayers at the Edmonton City Hall on March 20, 1995 on the issue of eradication of racism.

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated in Edmonton on Sunday, April 16, 1995 at the Hindu Temple. Over 350 people attended the celebrations. The Jain families donated a total of \$350 dollars for the temple.

### Hamilton, Ont.

The Center for Peace Studies instituted The Mahatma Gandhi Annual Ahimsa Lectureship at McMaster University, Hamilton. The 1995 lecture will be delivered by Andrew Ignatieff, an anthropologist-archaeologist who is currently a program manager with UNICEF, Canada. Mr. Ignatieff has twenty years experience dealing with non-violent approaches to trauma healing and community reconciliation programs in Mozambique, Croatia, and Burundi. A fund raising dinner was held at the Sangam Banquet Hall in Mississauga, Ont. on Sunday, June 11, 1995.

For more information call: Rama Singh at 905/525-4471.

### London, Ont.

On March 30, 1995 at Huron College, London, Ont. the Chander Mohan Jain Memorial Lecture was given by Christopher Khapple of the Department of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University on "Non-violence in Jainism and its impact on Asian civilization." This lecture was sponsored by Huron College.

### Ottawa, Ont.

The Jain Society of Ottawa-Carleton celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 8, 1995 at the Hindu Temple of Ottawa. Gita Bhavan in the Hindu Temple was filled to capacity with over 400 Jains and non-Jains. A replica of the Samovsaran was set up on the stage. Many stavans were sung in the evening. Ras and Garba accompanied by music were performed. A short presentation on the basic aspect of Jain tenets was given by Jagmohan Humar. A second presentation on vegetarianism was made by a youth member. The evening was concluded with a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the Jain community.

### Toronto, Ont.

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated at the Jain Center of Toronto on April 16, 1995. The program began with Mahavir Pooja and was followed by Snatra Pooja. The

entertainment program consisted of nine items by younger members of our society. Janak Khendry gave a dance performances entitled *Mahavir Vandana and Tillana*. The celebrations were concluded with ghee boli, aarti, and dinner.

An international conference on *Approaches to Jain Studies: Philosophy, Logic, Rituals and Symbols* was held at the University of Toronto from March 31 - April 2, 1995. The conference was organized by the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Toronto and the International Mahavir Jain Mission, Canada.

Papers were presented by scholars from North America, Europe, Japan, and India on topics as esoteric as "On the Jain notions of *Tiryak-Samanya* and *Urdvata-Samanya*" by Piotr Balcerowicz of the Polish Academy of Sciences to something more current such as "Who is running the Pooja? A Jain Women's Mandal and the Ritual of Performance" by Mary Whitney Kelting of the University of Wisconsin.

Professor Padmanabh Jaini gave a presentation, with slides on "Jaina Monks from Mathura: Their Identification on Kushana Sculpture." There was a dance-drama performance by Janak Khendry on Sthulibhadra and Kosha adapted from a work by Jai Bhikkhu with themes of seduction, love, and spirituality played against the background of the fourth century B.C. empire of Nandas in Magadha. Over 100 guests attended this three-day program.

Shrimad's Anniversary was celebrated at the Jain Center on Saturday April 22, 1995 with bhakti, atmasiddhi and stavan recitings.

On May 8, 1995, a group of 16 seniors and young people from our neighbor the Royal York United Church led by Reverend David McKena visited the Centre and Temple. They were researching different faiths and wanted to learn more about Jainism. They were particularly impressed with five Mahavrats, especially Ahimsa. They asked broad ranging questions about Karma, rebirth, vegetarianism, and how we practice Jainism in our daily life.

We invited our guests to join with us in aarti and welcomed them to browse through the exhibit of books on Jainism in English. Members of the society tried to answer their questions. We discussed how we could initiate a joint project that could benefit our two communities. Our guests thanked us by making a donation to the Society.

Here are some important dates for your calendar. The Society will celebrate Paryushan Mahaparva from August 23 - 30, 1995. Samvatsari Pratikraman on August 30, 1995. Panditji Dhirubhai Mehta will enlighten us on many subjects from Kalpasutra, Tattvarthsutra and other scriptural topics. Dashlakshana Parva from August 30 to September 8, 1995, Dhoop Dashmi on September 4, 1995 and Anant Chaudash on September 8, 1995. For more information please call: 905/827-7494.

The Executive Committee of the Jain Society of Toronto elected G. C. Jain and S. S. Khamesra to be JAINA Directors for the 1995 to 1997 term. The Committee thanked the outgoing directors Ramesh C. Jain and Praful Shah for their services.

## SOUTHEAST REGION

*Surendra Shah,  
Regional Editor*

### Atlanta, GA

The Jain Society of Greater Atlanta celebrated Mahvir Jayanti on April 9, 1995 in Roswell, GA. This year's gathering was the largest ever with 350 people attending. The program was presented by the youth section of the Society.

Pandit Shikharchand Jain from Ahmedabad, India visited in May and gave a scholarly discourse on Bhaktamar Sutra.

Shantilal Muttha of Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, India visited in April and gave a video presentation on the social and educational activities of his organization, which is currently providing aid to the young victims of the recent earthquake in Maharashtra.

Recently the Jain Youth Society of Greater Atlanta hosted the 1st Southeast Regional Jain Youth Conference, "A Leap

## New Orleans, LA Jain Art Exhibition In New Orleans

July 14 to September 17, 1995

The New Orleans Museum of Art, Jain Society of South Louisiana, and the entire Indian Community of New Orleans invite you and your entire family to visit New Orleans during the Jain Art Exhibition to be held in New Orleans this summer. This exhibit will consist of over 150 aesthetically and historically significant pieces of sculpture and art from the past two thousand years and is one of the first of its kind ever held in North America. In addition to the Art exhibition, there will be: Jain Art Symposium which will be attended by world renowned Jain art scholars; weekend cultural programs, lectures, videos on non-violence, yoga and meditation workshops; training sessions on yoga, meditation and relaxation; a focus on non-violence (*Ahimsa*), with an Ahimsa Festival and a declaration of Ahimsa Week in the City of New Orleans.

Field trips to the museum and summer art program for local school children and an Essay and Art contest for young people will be arranged.

### Art Exhibit events:

July 23, 1995 - A lecture on Jain Art by Dr. Janice Leoshko, Professor of Art History at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

September 1 - 4, 1995 - Discourses, yoga and preksha meditation presented by Samanijis Shree Madhur and Charitra Prajnaji. The Samanijis are very well trained in Jain philosophy, yoga and meditation techniques.

September 7, 1995 - A Bharatnatyam Recital by Janak Khendry and his associate. Mr. Khendry is a renowned classical dancer from Toronto who has appeared throughout India and North America on stage and television.

September 8 - 9, 1995 - A Jain Art Symposium which will gather together world renowned scholars of Jainism and Jain art, for the first time.

September 9 - 10, 1995 - Lectures and meditation by Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji, a renowned Jain leader and the founder of the Jain Meditation International Center, New York City.

### Accommodations

Hotel and motel accommodations at reduced rates will be available to all visitors who wish to attend the Jain Art Exhibition. Mention the Jain Art Exhibit for the special rate at the following:

Howard Johnson WestBank  
Sheraton Hotel (Downtown)  
Royal Palms Motel  
Comfort Inn  
Royal Inn

### For More Information

For more information call the New Orleans Museum of Art at 504/488-2631 or Siddharth Bhansali at 504/861-9351 or Santosh Shah at 504/340-4283. Or you may write to the Jain Society of South Louisiana, 3829 Deercreek Lane, Harvey, LA 70058.

of Friendship in the South." Over 110 participants from 10 states heard seminars on the Fundamentals of Jainism and The Phenomenon and the Potential of the Soul." One participant said, "It helped me to understand the relationship between the soul and karma..." The convention was a success and enriched everyone's lives.

#### Augusta, GA

The Jain Community of Augusta, GA has been listening to the taped lectures of Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta at their bi-monthly meetings.

Several young people from the Augusta area attended the regional youth conference in Atlanta.

#### Charlotte, NC

The Jain Study Group of Charlotte celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 16, 1995. Chandrakant Mehta from New Jersey spoke on "*Bhagwan Mahavir Ka Jeevan, Ahimsa and Brahmacharya*." A program of skits and dances performed by the children was the perfect conclusion to the day.

On the eve of Mahavir Jayanti, Mr. Mehta gave a lecture on Lokakash.

#### Fort Myers, FL

The Jain Society of Fort Myers conducted their celebration of Mahavir Jayanti in conjunction with the Jain Society of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast. Families from several of the surrounding Florida communities came to hear Dhiraj Shah of Buffalo, New York. Arihant Jain from Toronto, Ont. performed pooja and the children recited Maitry Bhavana with english translation. The program concluded with a swamivatsalya dinner.

#### Nashville, TN

The Jain Society of Middle Tennessee celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 8, 1995. About 35 families from Nashville and surrounding communities participated in the festivities. Jiten and Niru Shah, Narendra and Hansa Shah and Surendra and Bharati Shah came from Atlanta to participate in the celebration. Jiten Shah gave a musical presentation about the life of Bhagvan Mahaveer. Pramod and Veena Zaveri from Cincinnati presented the plans for Murti Sthapana at the new temple. They invited everyone to join them in the celebration and ceremony.

The Society held its election. All the incumbent officers were re-elected. Mayur Mehta was elected as Youth President. The celebration ended with a delicious dinner.

## NORTHEAST REGION

*Vinay Vakani*  
Regional Editor

#### Albany, NY

Jain Society of Capital District (JSCD) meets once a month for prayers and reading from scriptures, and twice a month for religious classes. JSCD celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday, April 30, 1995 at the Hindu Temple. Kirti Shah and Virendra Shah performed the Panch Kalyanaka, celebrating the Janma Kalyanaka of Bhagwan Mahavir and explained the purpose of the Panch Kalyanaka Pooja.

The celebration continued with a cultural program of Navakar Mantra and religious dances depicting Bhagwan Mahavir's life. Two skits followed that demonstrated how to perform idol worship, various poojas and explained the reasons for these rituals.

Young people participated in this program which concluded with a discourse by Kirti Shah. The event was followed by the traditional Swamivatsalya. Approximately 200 Jains from the Capital District area attended the celebration.

Jain community in the Albany area was shocked by the untimely death of Vinodbhai Shah. The community gathered on April 23, 1995 at the Hindu Temple to pay their respect by observing silence and reciting 12 Navkar Mantras.

For more information about the activities in the Albany, NY area please call Rasik Chudgar at 518/785-7470 or Jagdish Doshi at 518/783-0141.

#### Allentown, PA

The Allentown Jain Temple that is located in the Lehigh Valley has hosted many Jain Sanghs. There are three beautiful Pratimaji of Bhagwan Parshvanath, Bhagwan Mahavir and Bhagwan Rishabhdev in the temple.

Under the guidance of Pravin L. Shah, Swadhyaya is conducted on a regular basis to study the principles and philosophy of Jainism.

The JCA celebrated the Mahavir Jayanti with Panch Kalyanaka Pooja which was performed by Devjibhai Dedhia and a group from Cherry Hill, NJ. This was followed by a discourse on the teachings of Bhagwan Mahavir by Pravin Shah. Sangeeta Shah recited an original stavan on Navkar Mantra.

A special tribute was paid to Vinodbhai Shah remembering his selfless dedication and memorable Bhakti Sangeet and Stavans. The program concluded with the swamivatsalya dinner.

#### Boston, MA

The Jain Center of Boston elected its slate of officers for the coming year. They are: Anil R. Shah, President; Asha Khasgiwala, Vice President; Pradip Gosalia, Secretary; Anil R. Shah, Treasurer and Pankaj Shah, Ratan Singhvi, Rasik Vagadia, Anshuman Gosalia, Shirish Vora, Bharat Shah and Kirtida Kamdar, Members-at-Large.

#### Buffalo, NY

The Jain Society of Buffalo celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on April 23, 1995. Arihant Jain from Toronto, Ont. performed pooja and the children recited Maitry Bhavana with English translation.

#### Essex Fells, NJ

The Jain Center of New Jersey (JCNJ) lost one of its founder member and most enthusiastic supporter, Vinodbhai C. Shah. He was almost always present during the



*Vinodbhai and his wife, Hemabehn*



celebrations organized by the JCNJ. A special tribute was paid to him at a Bhavna, at Siddhachalam on April 22, 1995.

Vinodbhai died on April 16, 1995 in the Westchester County Hospital. The Jain communities throughout the United States were shocked and saddened by his untimely death. He was well known for performing poojas including the Pratishtha rituals at various Jain centers all over North America. He was a founding member of the Jain Center of New Jersey, and was very active in the Jain Center of America - New York and Siddhachalam. He was the Chairman of the Pooja Committee of JAINA.

Vinodbhai was born in 1947 in Ahmedabad, India to a devoted Jain family of Shri Umedchand Master. He attended Jain Pathshala at a very early age. After coming to the United States, he became very active in religious activities and performed his first pooja in 1975. Bhakti Sangeet (*devotional songs*) was his special way of practicing Jainism. He traveled everywhere and any where in North America to perform pooja with his family and musical instruments.

A large gathering of people representing various Jain centers, JAINA, IMJM and other organizations assembled at Siddhachalam on April 22, 1995, to pay tribute to him. The assembly recognized Vinodbhai's selfless service to the Jain community. Many of his favorite devotional songs were sung and the assembly recited twelve Navkar Mantras in deep silence. All prayed that the departed soul have peace.

Vinodbhai is survived by: his wife Hemabehn and their two sons - Amit, 13 and Atit, 10; two brothers Kirti Shah and Virendra Shah in USA, plus three brothers in India.

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The Center elected a new Executive Committee in January, 1995.

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 16, 1995. A program of Snatra Pooja and cultural events highlighted the days events. Over 100 people participated in Ayambil on April 8, 9 and 15, 1995 during Chaitra's Ayambil Oli.

Every other Sunday there are pathshala classes for students ranging in age from 5 to 18. Swadhyaya on Tatvartha Sutra is held twice a month at the Temple and at Piscataway.

A pictorial presentation of Tirth Darshan which includes its history has been prepared and is available for other Jain Centers to use.

For more information please call: 201/226-2539.

### New York, NY

The Jain Center of America (JCA), New York celebrated Bhagawan Mahavir's Janma Kalyanaka on Sunday, April 30, 1995. The celebration began with Snatra Pooja at the Temple in Elmhurst and was followed by a cultural program.

About 200 children and young adults participated in a cultural program that was based on religious stories and included songs and dances. The program was a great success and everyone enjoyed it very much.

During the program, Munishri Roopchandji gave a discourse on Bhagwan Mahavir. About 1,500 people celebrated the event.

The Jain Community of New York was shocked at the passing away of Vinodbhai Shah. The Center expressed its deep sorrow over this loss and the community observed two minutes of silence.

### Rochester, NY

Jain Society of Rochester (JSR) holds prayer meeting once a month at the India Community Center of Rochester. At these meetings, the members recite Stavans and young adults hold discussions on Principles of Jainism. There have been three guest lecturers so far this year with five more planned. Last year, there were discourses on nutrition and the vegetarian diet. The JSR's goal is to provide the next generation with a rational understanding of the principles and practice of Jainism.

### Washington, DC

Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington (JSMW) celebrated the Mahavir Jayanti on April 15, 1995 with great enthusiasm. Over 500 area Jains attended a cultural program of Raas and Garba based on the religious songs, Deepak and Manjira dances, skits, Jain stories and recitation of Bhaktamar Stotra. A skit that was based on the theme of "*Substance, Attributes and Modifications*" was presented by the adult Jain class. A unique musical presentation on the fourteen dreams highlighted the day's events. An exhibition of Jain books

was also held on the same day. The cultural program was followed by the traditional swamivatslya dinner and Bhavna program.

Washington Jain Center will hold a religious camp for children and adults with Gurudev Chitrabhanuji from July 27 - July 30, 1995. A religious youth conference will also be held during the same period.

## SOUTHWEST REGION

Jadavji Kenia  
Regional Editor

### Dallas, TX

The Jain Society of North Texas Jain Youth Group invited the young people from the Southwest region to come to Dallas to see "*The Peaceful Liberators: Jain Art from India*" exhibit at Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth. Young people from Houston, Tulsa, Lubbock and from local area attended this magnificent exhibit on March 18, 1995. It was a rare opportunity for the visitors to see Jain art in U.S.A. in one location.

The Jain Society of North Texas hosted Narendra and Sonal Sheth of San Diego, CA and took advantage of their presentation on "*Jiv Daya in Daily Life*" on March 19, 1995.

The Society celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on Sunday, April 16, 1995. The day began with a Snatra Puja followed by performances by young people which included a Divo dance. The Jain Youth Group presented a game for adult participants based on *Pictionary* using Jain themes and places. Young people ranging in age from 10 to 14 presented various accounts and incidents from Bhagwan Mahavir's life. The program was concluded with aartis and Shanti Path followed by swamivatsalaya lunch.

The Jain Society hosted Shri Shekhar Chandra Jain - a Jain scholar from Ahmedabad, India from April 26 - May 2, 1995. He gave discourses on Bhaktamar Stotra explaining it in great detail and led meditation (*Samayik*) based on Namokar Mantra recitation and true nature of aatma (*selfrealization*). Scholars who will be coming this summer include: Dr. Hukumchand Bharill, Mr. Rajendra Kamdar and Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta.



*Camp participants, Phoenix, AZ*

## Houston, TX

The Jain Society of Houston celebrated Varsitap Parna for one of its members Bharatbhai Shah during November, 1994.

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on Saturday, April 15, 1995. In addition to the festivities of the occasion, elections were held to fill two trustees and six executive committee positions.

The Society also celebrated Sheelanyas ceremony of its new temple (*Derasar*) on April 22, 1995. The Kurm Sheela was laid beneath the seat of Mul Nayak Bhagwan Mahavir Swami with great enthusiasm and a large number of members present.

The Pratishtha Mahotsava celebration is scheduled for November 18-26, 1995 ending with Pratishtha on Sunday, November 26, 1995. Kishor Doshi has been appointed as chairman of the Pratishtha Committee which includes Suresh Ghelani, Udai Jain, Bharat Shah and Kishor Shah. For more information please call, 713/561-9887.

## Phoenix, AZ

The Jain Center of Greater Phoenix conducted a two and a half day camp in November, 1994 in Prescott, Arizona. More than thirty young people and adults attended. The camp was organized by the pathshala's young adults. They scheduled and managed a majority of the events. The main activities included an overview of the principles of Jainism, time management and team building workshops, evening session on Preksha Dhyana and meditation classes on six Dravyas, basics of Karma

Theory, *gyana* (knowledge) Swadhyay for adults and Jain stories and coloring for youngsters. Outdoor activities included: hiking, volleyball and basketball. A talent show included skits, songs, dances and short dramas.

At the end of the camp, all participants took the test and celebrated their accomplishments with an award ceremony and sharing the positive points observed among the group.

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on Sunday, April 16, 1995 at the Indo-American Cultural and Religion Center. The program began with the Namokar Mantra and Stavans led by our pathshala students followed by brief speeches and the Stavans. The junior pathshala group from north Phoenix performed a play on "Marichi" and colorful dances were performed by the group from Tempe. The last drama - *Shalibhadra* was performed by the middle and older age group youth from the north Phoenix pathshala. All participants received a plaque in appreciation of their participation. After aarti and Mangal Divo, the program ended with a delicious potluck dinner.



## WEST REGION

*Chandrakant Parekh*  
Regional Editor

## Los Angeles, CA

Mahavir Janma Kalyanaka celebrations on April 15, 1995 began with a Snatra Pooja conducted by the Mahaila Mandal. Following a brief history of a wooden temple located in Las Vegas, Hasendra Shah solicited the support of the members to bring the temple to Los Angeles. Intricately and exquisitely hand carved of teakwood, the structure is a replica of the Temple of Palitana which was originally built by the British Government and displayed at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904. Subsequently the temple, which stands 35 feet high and 20 feet square at its base, was purchased and located at the Castaways Hotel in Las Vegas. Following persuasive negotiations, the Castaways Hotel donated the temple to the Jain Center. The temple has been dismantled and transported to Los Angeles. The plan is to incorporate it in the next phase of the expansion of the Jain Bhavan.

Dr. Pratapaditya Pal, senior curator of Indian Art and his assistants and colleagues from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), were the guests of honor at the Mahavir Jayanti program. They were presented with plaques to recognize their outstanding contributions in organizing the ground-breaking exhibition entitled *The Peaceful Liberators: Jain Art From India*. The exhibition highlighting 150 aesthetically and historically significant art works relating to Jainism. These works were being shown in the United States for the first time.

A catalogue of the exhibit that was compiled by Dr. Pal was presented to His Holiness Pope John Paul II. While accepting the plaque, Dr. Pal commented that in his 25 year career as curator with LACMA, it was the first time any community had recognized and appreciated their efforts in such a manner. LACMA is hoping to release a film, that was prepared for the exhibition, for television.

In conjunction with the Mahavir Jayanti program, the pathshala students were invited to participate in an essay and art competition based on the theme of "Love and Peace Through Non-Violence." The essay competition winners were judged in three different age groups - up to 9 years, 10 to 13 years and 14 to 18 years. The winners in their respective ages groups were: Shreyans Parekh - 1st, Vrinda Shah - 2nd; Anil Ranavat - 1st, Mansi Shah - 2nd; and Sunita Mehta - 1st, Mirag Sanghvi and Premal Doshi - joint 2nd. These winners were presented with a gift certificates and invited to read their essays during the celebrations. The art competition was judged in the same age groups. The winners were: Akash Desai - 1st, Vrinda Shah - 2nd; Ronak Zhaveri - 1st, Mansi Shah and Chirag Desai - joint 2nd and Anjali Desai - 1st, Zarna Kamdar - 2nd.

### San Diego, CA

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 22, 1995. Approximately 250 people attended the celebration which began with Vir-Vandana performed by Paresh Shah and his colleagues. In his presidential address, Praful Doshi conveyed the message of anekantvad and non-violence by citing the example of India, where people of different languages, religions and traditions have managed to stay united and live harmoniously.

The major highlight of the program was the presentation of a dance drama entitled "*Nem-Rajul*" which was performed by 41 pathshala students ranging in age from 4 to 16. The drama depicted the story of Neminath, the 22nd Tirthankar. The message of non-violence that this drama conveyed, touched everyone's heart. The program continued with the celebration of Lord Mahavir's birth, aarti, and Mangal Divo, concluding with a swamivatsalaya dinner.

### San Francisco, CA

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated with a day long program of religious discourse, performances and presentations by children. The occasion also served as a fund raiser for the proposed Jain Bhavan. H. H. Roop Chandji Maharaj from India talked about Bhagavan Mahavir's life which emphasized truth and non-violence as part of



*"Nem-Rajul" Dance Drama, San Diego, CA*

one's nature, He spoke about the importance of abiding in one's own dharma, or real nature, which is essentially devine. He explained that indulging in noble deeds draws a person closer to Moksha marg, the final destination of every human being. Roop Chandji Maharaj has devoted his life to helping the socially deprived of India and has established centers for these people in New Delhi, Punjab and Haryana.

A dance drama entitled "*Trishla-mata's 14 Dreams*" was presented by 26 children ranging in age from 4 to 12. The drama that depicted the dreams of Lord Mahavir's mother was choreographed and directed

by Kirtida Bavishi. The pathshala children sang the songs, under the direction of Avni Shah and Dipti Dalal and recited the Jain Manglik Stotras under the direction of Neeraj Jain.

The youth swadhyay group organized a "Jainpardy" based on the Jain tenets and the Prekshadhyan group presented religious songs.

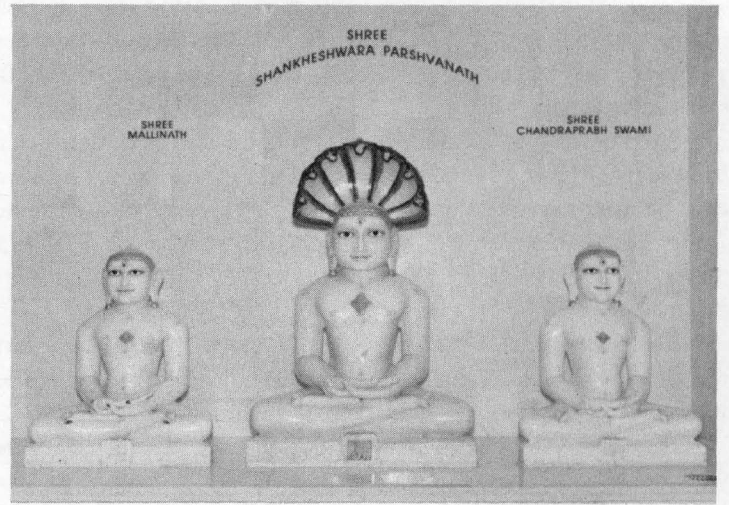
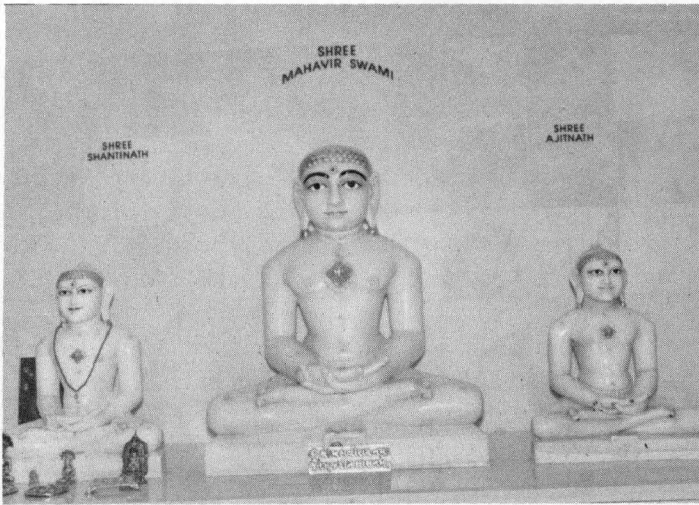
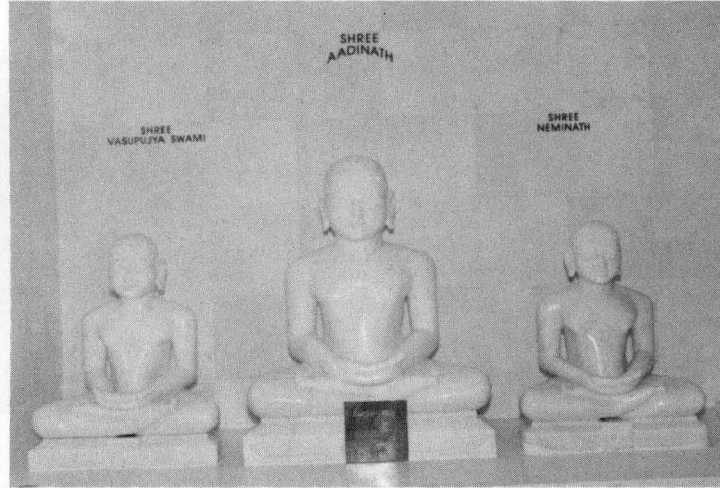
Praveen Jain recognized the contributions of the Executive Committee members and outlined the upcoming events for the year. The event concluded with a swamivatsalaya dinner.



*"Trishla-mata's 14 Dreams", San Francisco, CA*



# CHICAGO JAIN TEMPLE



*Ravindra and Pallavi Kobawala  
Purvi, Rupak, Pooja*

*Kishor and Rashmi Shah  
Hemali, Heena, Parikh*



*Upesh and Nimisha Shah  
Ravi, Vir*

*Bipin and Rekha Parikh  
Parina*

## PEACE THROUGH NON-VIOLENCE

# AFFILIATE NEWS

**International Alumni Association of Shri Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya (IAAMJV)** Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya, well known for its constant service in the cause of education is one of the oldest pioneering institutions of its kind in India. Realizing the importance of education in the 20th Century, Shri Vijay Vallabhsuriwaraji Maharaj inspired the leaders of the Jain community to build a hostel for bright and needy Jain college students about 80 years ago.

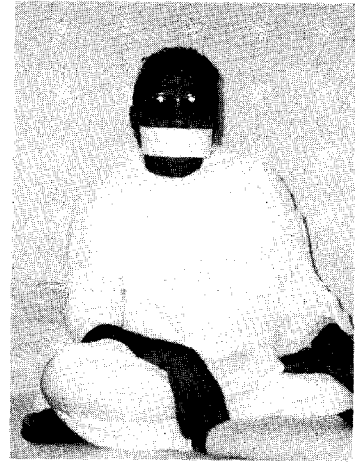
From this small beginning in 1915, it has grown to 8 hostel servicing some 828, male and female college students in Maharashtra and Gujarat, India.

The IAAMJV is a not-for-profit, tax exempt association of some 350 former students of Shri Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya and other progressive minded individuals living in North America. It was founded in 1991 and is probably the only association, outside of India, whose primary goal is to promote the cause of education within the Jain community. The association has raised \$267,000.00 since its inception.

Membership in IAAMJV is open to the entire Jain community irrespective of sect. If you are interested in supporting our mission, or in opening a scholarship fund in someone's name, please contact Anop Vora, One Robin Drive, Rochester, NY or call 716/473-9290.

**International Mahavir Jain Mission, Siddhachalam** the first Jain Thirth outside of India, is continuing to remain a vibrant place that welcomes yatri in ever increasing numbers.

Acharaya Shree Sushil Kumarji's work at the Mission continues with his blessings and his energy and we are privileged to have Roopchandji Maharaj in residence at the Sthanak since April, 1995.



*Roopchandji Maharaj*

Muniji is graciously carrying on Guruji's work at Siddhachalam and throughout North America.

Muniji who, took diksha at the age of 13 in 1952, is a well known poet and scholar, was very close and devoted to Guruji. He presided Guruji's Punya Tithi at Siddhachalam on April 23, 1995 and over the Mahavir Jayanti celebrations in San Jose, CA, and New York.

Siddhachalam will receive visits from Muniji and Muni Shree Jinchandraji Maharaj (Triouti Bandhu) and Shree Amrendra Muniji this summer. Other events will include:

June 18	Guruji's Birthday
25	Chintamani Parshwanath Pooja

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## SIDDHACHALAM Kitchen - Dining Room Building Fund

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# 8th BIENNIAL JAINA CONVENTION

Dear Friends,

Jai Jinendra. On behalf of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago and the Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA), we have the pleasure to invite you to our Jain Center in Bartlett, Illinois on the twin occasions of the Pratishtha Mahotsava and the 8th JAINA Convention.

The Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago started 25 years ago with a handful of members. Since then it has grown continuously until today when it is the the largest single Jain organization in America, with a membership of more than 800 families and is the largest Jain complex outside of India. It was constructed at the cost of more than \$3 million, and it accommodates a beautiful temple with Shwetambar and Digambar idols of Tirthankars, Upashray, Shrimad Rajachandra Gnanmandir, Prayer hall, dining hall, youth room, and library. The main Pratishtha in Ghabhara was performed in 1993. This year we will have the Pratishtha Mahotsava for all 24 Tirthankars around the inner sanctum of the temple.

The theme of the JAINA Convention is "*Peace Through Nonviolence*". We are sure that you will enjoy participating.

Other highlights of the convention include: exhibitions, display of Jain art and architecture, cultural programs, slide and video presentations, and social events. There will also be Youth Programs on Jainism and classes on pooja, medication and cooking.

Please bring your family and friends to join us for this exciting twin event of the Pratishtha Mahotsava and the Jain Convention.

Convener	Coordinator
Niranjan C. Shah	Ramesh Shah
The Jain Society of	Federation of Jain Associations
Metropolitan Chicago	in North America

Vice-Conveners	Pratishtha Chairman
Bipin Parikh	Ravindra Kobawala
Kishor C. Shah	

## Honored Guests

Acharya Chandanji  
Acharya Mahapragnaji  
Bhattarak Shree Charukeertiji  
Bhattarak Shree S. Laxmisenji  
Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji  
Shree Jinchandra Vijayaji, Bandhu Triputi  
Dr. Hukamchandji Bharill  
Munshishree Manakchandji  
Munshishree Rupchandji  
Munshishree Vatsalayadeepji  
Saman and Samaniji  
Dr. Shantibhai Patel

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Hon. Ashok Jain,  
Chairman, Bennet Coleman Co., Times of India  
Hon. Shrenikbhai Kasturbhai Shah  
Dr. Kumarpal Desai, Ahmedabad, India  
Hon. Paul Simon, U.S. Senator  
Hon. Carol Mosley Braun, U.S. Senator  
Hon. James Edgar, Governor, State of Illinois  
Hon. Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago  
Hon. Kathy Melchert, Mayor of Bartlett

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Shree Dineshbhai Modi, Founder Jain Adhyatma  
Study Circle, Bombay, India  
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Dr. K. M. Gangwal, Poona, India  
Shree Shantilal Parekh, India  
Pandit Khemchandji Jain, Delhi, India  
Shree Induben Dhanak  
Prof. Lokhande  
Dr. Michael Tobias, TV Producer  
Dr. Natubhai Shah, U.K.  
Dr. Atul Shah, Young Jain, U.K.  
Ms. Irena Upenieks, Canada



# General Program

A program of seminars, workshops, slide and video presentations on various aspects of Jainism will include:

- Ahimsa (Non-Violence)
- Are Jains really Hindus? Parallels and differences between Jain and Hindu philosophy
- Art and symbolism in Jain ritual
- Contribution of Shree V. R. Gandhi to Jainism
- Cultural Program - Bhaktigeet, dance, drama and skits from young people of various Jain centers
- Ecology - Spirituality
- History of Jainism in North America
- How to apply Jain principles in daily life
- Interfaith discussion
- Jainism as a religion of nonviolence
- Jainism in North America - A question of identity
- Jain marriage - Past, Present and Future.
- Jain philosophy
- Karma, a Jain view.
- Ladies issues
- Leadership and management
- Practicing nonviolence through food
- Reasoning knowledge of Dharma
- Prayers.
- Spiritual confirmation of the consciousness of the laity
- Teaching Jainism in American universities
- Use of cruelty products in daily life
- Vegetarianism - the Jain way of life, from a religious, moral, ethical and medical point of view
- Yoga and meditation classes

## Program Chairperson

Samprati Shah      Dhiraj Shah  
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# Program for the Pratishtha Mahotsava

June 28, Wednesday

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Three Patla Poojan - Navgrah Poojan - Dash Digpal Poojan - Ashta Mangal Poojan
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm	108 Arhad Abhishek Mahapoojan
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Bhavna

June 29, Thursday

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Shrimad Rajchandra Bhakti
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Sthankwasi JAAP
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Bhavna

June 30, Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Digambar Pooja  
Siddhachakra Mahapoojan  
Cultural Program

July 1, Saturday

8:30 am - 11:30 am  
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Arihant Vandanvali  
Mahapoojan  
Discourses by Dignitaries  
- Gurudev Chitrabhanuji  
- Jinchandravijayji  
(Bandhu Tripudi)  
Dr. Hukamchandji Bharill  
Final Gheeboli

July 2, Sunday

5:00 am - 8:00 am  
9:00 am - 11:30 am  
12:01 pm - 2:30 pm

Eighteen Abhishek  
Rathayatra (Procession)  
Pratishtha

Pratishtha Vidhikar Babubhai Kadiwala and Group

July 3, Monday

6:00 am - 7:30 pm

Dwar Opening

# Program for the JAINA Convention

June 30, Friday

9:00 am -  
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Registration  
President's Social Hour

July 1, Saturday

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Procession  
Opening Ceremony  
Cultural Program

July 2, Sunday

9:00 am - 11:30 am  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Float Procession  
Workshops  
- Ladies Issues  
- Senior Citizens  
Cultural Program  
- Raas Garba Competition

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

July 3, Monday

6:00 am - 7:00 am  
7:30 am - 8:30 am  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meditation, Pratikraman  
Alumni Gathering  
Award Ceremony,  
Plenary Session  
Workshops  
- Interfaith  
- Leadership  
Vision 2000 Program  
Cultural Program  
Social

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

July 4, Tuesday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Yoga, Pratikraman  
Oath Ceremony  
- New Executive Committee  
President Elect's  
Acceptance Speech  
Vote of Thanks  
Kshamapana

## Youth Programs

The youth program for the 8th Biennial JAINA Convention will be a good opportunity to meet friends from across the country and discuss issues faced by Jain youth. The weekend will include panel discussions, speakers, workshops, a declamation contest and games for young people of all ages.

Friday, June 30  
Ice Breaker Sessions

Saturday, July 1  
18 Abhishek (Pratishtha), Meditation, Murti Pooja, Parade, Marriage Bureau, Banner Painting, Workshops, Story Telling, Speaker on Destiny, Panel Discussion on Ahimsa, Declamation Contest.

Monday, July 3  
Samayak, Pooja, Panel Discussion on Suicide, Drugs and Alcohol, Speaker on Opportunity in India, Jain Academic Bowl, Panel Discussion on Male/Female Gender Roles

Tuesday, July 4  
Meditation, Pooja, Caring for our Parents in their Golden Years, Inter-Racial Marriage

- These are just some of the activities we have planned for you. Please come and join us on July 4th weekend and discover our destiny as Jains.
- Please see the March issue of Jain Digest for the topics of the Declamation Contest.
- Rules and Regulations for the Declamation Contest to be announced.
- There will be a cultural activity competition to complement these activities which is sponsored by adults.

Youth Chairpersons  
Ami Shah Viken Shah  
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## Photography and Video Taping Policy

Photography and Video Taping will not be permitted during the Pratishtha and Convention. The Convention has arranged for professionals to take all photographs and videos. These will be offered at a reasonable cost to those wishing a photographic or video souvenir of the events. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Rathiyatra, Procession

Sunday, July 2, 1995 - 9:00 am  
East View Elementary School

There will be twenty-five floats, each will have its own individuality and message.

- Float 1 - Mahavir Band
- Float 2 - Grand Marshall
- Float 3-14 - Twenty-four Tirthankars
- Float 15 - Shreemad Rajachandra, Shree Laghurajswami and Shree Bhrahmachariji
- Float 16 - JAINA float
- Float 17 - JAINA float sponsored by Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya
- Float 18 - Mahavir Mahila Mandal of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago
- Float 19 - Jain Young People between the ages of 13 and 15
- Float 20 - Children's Float, dedicated to all children between the ages of 6 and 12
- Float 21 - Fourteen Supans and Parna
- Float 22 - Volunteers of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago
- Float 23 - Various Jain Temples of the World
- Float 24 - Senior citizens
- Float 25 - Mahavirswami Bhakti float

The Procession will begin at the East View Middle School and end at the Jain Center.

Everyone will be taken by bus from Remote Parking Locations to the East View Middle School. If you do not ride on a float you will be walking with the procession.

Those who cannot, or do not wish to walk with the Procession will be taken by bus from the East View Middle School to the Jain Center after the Procession has left.

Members of Jain Youth Forum, Mahavir Mahila Mandal and JAINA devotees will also be marching in the Procession in the following order:

- All invited VIP's, Grand Marshall, Religious Leaders, Trustees, Executive Committee Members and volunteers will walk after Float 2
- All JAINA Leaders will walk after Float 17
- Mahavir Mahila Mandal will walk after Float 18
- Jain Young People will walk after Float 18
- All other participants to walk after Float 25

# JAINA 8th Biennial Convention Directory

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August

23 - 31 Muniji will be in California. At this time the Stanak will be in the Office. Those wishing to receive Muniji's darshan are asked to inquire at the Office Building.

From July 29 - August 5, 1995 Shree Jinchandra Maharaj and Shree Amrendra Muniji will be at a Yogo Camp organized by the IMJM, Canada.

**Jain Social Group, Los Angeles** organized a dinner meeting on February 25, 1996 at the Peacock Indian Cuisine in Diamond Bar. Mahendra Khandhar, the Founder and President, presented a plaque to Subodh Sheth, the immediate past president, in recognition of his leadership and the contributions of his executive committee members. An exciting schedule of events has been planned for 1995 that will address adult and family participation. The Fifth Annual Medical Camp was held on Sunday, May 21, 1996. This event will be jointly sponsored by the Jain Center of Southern California and the Jain Bhavan.

**Jain Association of Young Adults (JAYA), Los Angeles** has elected a new committee Nilay Dedhia, President; Satyam Patel, Vice President; Rajesh Shah, Treasurer; Ashita Shah, Secretary; Jalpa Dalal, Hemal Dalal, Pina Shah and Amisha Mehta as Members-at-large. JAYA is actively recruiting young adults 16 years old and above to coordinate social and religious activities and to share experiences and knowledge of mutual interest. JAYA's activities are also coordinated with the Jain Center Youth Council (JCYC) of Jain Center of Southern California and JAINA's Young Jains of America (YJA). For further information please contact Rashmi Shah, JAYA coordinator, at 310/541-8367.

A forum on "Growing Up In America" that was jointly organized by JAYA and JCYC was held on Sunday, March 12, 1995 at the Jain Center of Southern California. The purpose of the forum was to discuss the challenges and concerns of growing up in bi-cultural environment - Indian and American. The forum was moderated by Sailes Jain, a pathshala teacher and was attended by 50 or more students ranging in age from 10 to 16 years old. A panel of 11 young, Indian, professionals, who had spent most of their young adult life growing up in America, responded to questions posed by the students.

The panelists provided excellent insights into the challenges of growing up in America and how the differences in the Indian and American cultures may pose significant challenges for young people of Indian heritage growing up in America.

Many times Indian parents have not adapted to such differences and understood the cultural differences these factors and generation gap have led to problems and conflicts between parents and their children. However, the opinions and experiences shared by the young professional panel tended to conclude that - open communication, frequent dialogue, mutual understanding and a positive attitude are the key elements for fostering successful child-parent relationships for Indian families in America.

One major problem identified was, Indian parents lack the knowledge about the vast number of career options, opportunities and possibilities that are open for students. Parents tend to focus

their goals on the medical profession. A forum where qualified career counselors would discuss such options and opportunities will be organized for the parents.

**Jain Study Circle, Inc., New York, NY** held its Annual Meeting on April 16, 1995 at Mahendra and Asha Pandya's residence on Staten Island, NY. After completing the Annual Meeting there was a lively discussion on the main topic of the meeting - Penance (*Tapashya*) in Jainism. As expected, the participants in the evenings discussion brought forward the role of penance or tapashya in Jain philosophy that they considered important. Some of the participants thought that tapashya was a means to develop self discipline, controlling desires and emotions; others considered it to be a cleansing process. An individual's capacity to perform tapashya, especially long-term-fasting, including the possible interfering with one's normal duties was also discussed. Duli Chand Jain noted the fine line between the self-sacrifice and self-directed violence.

The Jain Study Circle conducts Quarterly Meetings in the New York metropolitan area. At these meetings no one gives discourse or lecture, but each participant is encouraged to express their own thoughts on the topic of discussion. Any one who is interested in attending these meetings, please contact Harshad Doshi at 718/ 961-7408.

**The Jain Meditation International Center, New York** Gurudev Chitrabhanuji was on tour to Hong Kong and Singapore during the month of March, 1995. Jains are involved in religious practices throughout these areas. The Jain Society of Hong Kong arranged for a five day lecture series during which many people of all religions participated.

A three day seminar was arranged in Singapore. In this tour Gurudev Chitrabhanuji spoke about the deeper meaning of non-violence and that it implies more than kindness to all living things and the practice of vegetarianism, but also abjures violence to ourselves.

## Concept of God in Jainism

Jainism believes that the universe and all its substances or entities are eternal. It has no beginning or end with respect to time. The Universe runs on its own accord by its own cosmic laws. All substances change or modify their forms continuously. Nothing can be destroyed or created in the universe. There is no need of some one to create or manage the affairs of the universe. Hence Jainism does not believe in God as a creator, survivor and destroyer of the universe.

However, Jainism does believe in God, not as a creator, but as a perfect being. When a person destroys all his karma, he becomes omniscient and omnipotent. He is a liberated soul. He lives in the perfect blissful state Moksha. This living being is a God of the Jain religion. Every living being has the potential to become a God of the Jain religion. Hence Jains do not have one God, but Gods are innumerable and their number is continuously increasing as more living beings attain liberation.

*Source Unknown*

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## Animal Compassion and Vegetarianism

Chair - Narendra Sheth

The committee has organized seminars on "Jiv Daya Awareness" in Houston, Austin, Lubbock and Dallas, TX in March, 1995 and has found that there are almost 200 organizations in North America that believe in the same philosophy of animal compassion and vegetarianism and are working towards these goals.

We are fortunate to have received a large donation that helped us reach out to these organizations with a booklet, entitled "*Ahimsa Beyond Vegetarianism*." This generous donation allowed us to re-print 2,000 copies of this booklet and send it on to these organizations.

The committee has received the following donations since February, 1995.

\$ 400	Sikander and Manjula Jain, San Diego, CA
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100	The Jain Center of Minnesota
51	Poovesh Sheth, San Diego, CA
51	The Jain Society of Southern Louisiana
<b>\$2,105</b>	<b>Total</b>

In addition to the total above, we have also received donations for the following specific publication projects: \$750.00 was donated by several families from the Los Angeles, CA area to publish the booklet "*Ahimsa Beyond Vegetarianism*;" \$1,200 anonymous donation to re-print an extra 2,000 copies for distribution to non-Jain organizations and \$1,000 from Atul and Ruchi Khara of Dallas, TX for the "Jiv Daya Awareness" supplement which is enclosed with this issue of the Jain Digest. This brings the total donations to \$5055.

## Fund Raising (USA)

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Premchand Gada - chair

Everyone is invited to visit the Library and Education booth at the Convention in Chicago. There will be a number of wonderful materials to check out for the preschool, elementary, junior and high school student. Included in the display will be games and picture books. For more information please call Premchand Gada, 4410 - 50th Street, Lubbock TX 79414 or call 806/793-8555.

# World Community Service

Dhiraj Shah - Chair

The World Community Service raised more than \$95,000 for the Maharashtra earthquake victims, \$60,000 of which was given to the Lions Club International to build a primary school and a Jain Nagar in India (see Jain Digest - March, 1995 pg. 15).

It has also donated \$33,000 to support a project sponsored by Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana.



## Bhartiya Jain Sanghatana

The Bhartiya Jain Sanaghatana (BJS) is India's foremost social service organization specializing in child and woman welfare, support for the handicapped, public health and awareness programs, calamity and disaster management, emergency relief work, scholarships for the underprivileged and many more humanitarian activities.

It has achieved enormous success in promoting and gaining social acceptance of the concept of mass marriage. This concept has made people realize that daughter's happiness is in no way connected with how much money is lavished on her wedding day in the form of dowry. Related issues that BJS has identified include: the young widow, divorcees, improper match-making, the rise in divorce rate and the drop in birth rate of female children. The BJS has propagated the idea of re-marriage and vadhuvaram (a meeting ground for couple before marriage) to tackle these issues.

Above all, BJS has played a pivotal role in establishing peace during the communal riots between Muslims and Hindus in December, 1992. Several prominent Jain and non-Jain spiritual leaders undertook Pada Yatra to establish peace and harmony.

In September, 1993 the BJS was called upon to support the victims of the earthquake that struck in the Marathwada region of the Maharashtra. It provided an infrastructure for the rescue mission for the tens of thousands of people who had lost everything. It provided tons of food, clothing and medical supplies at the earthquake site within hours. World Community Service of the JAINA provided funds to rebuild 55 houses destroyed during that earthquake.

Realizing that the earthquake had affected children midway through their school year, BJS took a thousand boys under its care with an aim of providing them with a chance to rebuild their broken lives. A school and orphanage was set up in Pune, India to

provide education for these displaced children. Once again the World Community Service of the JAINA provided \$33,000 for this project.

The BJS has a clearly defined vision and organizational structure. At the primary level it is an organization of volunteers, who are all Jains, who formulate policy and approve budgets. At the secondary level it is a professional organization consisting of people who implement the objectives and ensure their achievement.

## The BJS plans a Gurukul Style School for NRI Children

The future plans of the BJS include education, Gurukul style, for the sons and daughters of NRI Jains. The school will offer an indepth exposure to the Jain religion and its teachings while maintaining the highest standards of education. Their aim of this school is to groom an international Jain citizen. The school is planned to be established in Pune. In addition, BJS plans to run a special three week seminar that will provide an indepth introduction to Jain religious practices and their significance. The course will not only include lectures and visits to the prominent Jain ashrams, but also will allow the participant to meet with the India Industrialists to discuss future opportunities in India. This seminar will be open to all NRI and will be operated on a not-for-profit, no-loss basis. The plans to establish a Jain University are not too far off in the future. Shantilal Muttha, President of the BJS was in Buffalo, NY recently to receive the JAINA's donation to the BJS.

JAINA has also provided help to the victims of the floods in Mississippi, the drought victims in Gujarat, India and the refugees of Rwanda.



*Opening Ceremony, Vasai, India*

## JAINA Starts Free Dispensary

The WCS started a primary health care center to serve the needy and the pilgrims in the village of Vasai, Kutch, Gujarat, India on January 4, 1995. This is the first of many clinics envisioned by JAINA to be started in India.

The Clinic is staffed by a full time physician and a doctor's assistant who will treat sixty patients a day. JAINA has raised more than \$20,000 for this cause.

For more information concerning WCS activities please call: Dhiraj Shah at 716/282/3018.

## Jains Received at the Vatican by H. H. Pope John Paul II

Rome, Italy - His Holiness Pope John Paul II welcomed a delegation of Jains in a private audience on February 15, 1995. The members of the delegation were participants in an Interfaith Dialogue that was organized by the Institute of Jainology, an international body of Jains in England. The delegation met with the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue on February 14, 1995 where it was agreed upon that:

1. It is appropriate that a dialogue be fostered between Jains and Catholics and that the meeting had been a useful contribution to the strengthening of that dialogue.

2. Jains are encouraged to enter into contact with Catholic authorities in the countries where they reside. This is particularly important in India.

3. It was recognized that there is no central authority in the Jain community. Nevertheless the Institute of Jainology in London, England can play the role of coordinator.

4. The Council agreed with the Institute that the dialogue could involve the following:

- an exchange of publications
- periodic exchange visits
- information exchanged on the progress of the dialogue in the different areas, such as joint meetings on topics relevant to both parties.

Members of the delegation were: His Excellency Dr. L. M. Sanghvi - the High Commissioner for India to the Court of St.

James, Professor Padmanabh Jaini, Dr. Kumarpal Desai, Mr. Vinod Kapashi, Mrs. Dina Shah - President of Young Jains, UK, Mrs. Kamla Sanghvi, R. P. Chandaria, Dipchand Gardi, Prem Shah, Vinod Udani, Rati Saha, Bipin Mehta, Rati Dhanani, and Meena and Nemu Chandaria.

## U Thant Peace Award for Sanghvi

New Delhi, India - Dr. L. M. Sanghvi, India's High Commissioner to the Court of St. James, London, England was presented with the prestigious international U Thant Peace Award by Sri Chinmoy in a ceremony in London, England on May 13, 1995.

Past recipients of this award include: the former Soviet President, Mikhail Gorbachov, Mother Teresa and the Executive Director of UNICEF, James Grant.

## India's 1994 Vegetarian of the Year, Menaka Gandhi

Bombay, India - As daughter-in-law of the late Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, Menaka Gandhi is a very active humanitarian. On many occasions she has spoken out against animal killing as a pollution to the environment and about the torturous death of animals for food and fashion. In her address to the Vegetarian Society, Mrs. Gandhi made a strong plea for stopping animal slaughter and for the country to face its pollution problems. She said, "the Ganges dies at Kanpur."

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# HISTORY OF JAIN CENTERS IN NORTH AMERICA

## The Jain Center, Alberta, Canada

The first settlement of Jains in Alberta, Canada began in the mid-1960's. The Jain population began to increase in the early 1980's at the height of the oil boom. Many came from Africa, India and England. The Jains became very active and participated in community service with various Indian groups and societies. The Jains became an integral part of many of these societies and held high positions in them. Jains are highly respected by all communities.

The Province of Alberta is one of the richest provinces in Canada, with 255,285 sq. miles and a population of nearly 2.3 million. Edmonton is the largest city and capital of Alberta with a population of 700,000 people. The first settlers came to Alberta in 1861. Its economy is based on oil, gas, coal, wheat, forestry and their related industries. It also has a flourishing tourist industry.

There are over 30,000 Indians living in Alberta. There are 35 Jain families. Most of them live in the two major centers of Alberta - Edmonton and Calgary. There are six temples of various denominations and six gurudwaras, one of which is the largest outside India. A replica of Golden Temple of Amritsar, is nearing completion in Edmonton. There are three Hindu Temples and six Gurudwaras in Calgary and several others in other towns in the Province.

As the number of Jain families has increased, the Jains began to celebrate some festivals such as Puryushan and Nirvana Day privately by late 1970's. These celebrations began to influence other communities, especially the Hindus. Jains have always maintained a small prayer room in their homes.

In 1980, Mrudula Mehta observed an eight day fast during Puryushan and all the Jain families met at Mehta's house to celebrate this occasion. This event began the community's awareness for the need of a regular meeting place where dialogues and observances of important festivals could take place.

Jains celebrated the Mahavir Jayanti officially in the Hindu Temple, Edmonton in 1986. Many Jains travelled from all over Alberta to participate. A pooja book was published for this occasion. Shree Sushil Kumar Kalia, the Hindu Culture Center's Priest who conducted all poojas for the Jains gave them much encouragement.

The Jains in Calgary are also very active. They meet regularly and celebrate all the important festivals. On many occasions all Jains, from all over Alberta travel to Edmonton where a Jain Center has been established.

In 1988, the family of Mahendra Jain brought Bhagwan Mahavir's Pratimaji to Edmonton. The Hindu Culture Center gladly offered a space in their Center to install the Pratimaji. In 1989, the official Pratishta was conducted in Edmonton and Bhagwan Mahavir's Pratimaji was installed with a traditional celebration and with much religious fervour. This event was attended by representatives of all the Indian communities from all over Alberta. Nearly 600 people came, making it the largest gathering of its kind for a religious function. The ceremony was performed by Shree Sushil Kumar Kalia and a Souvenir Book was published and distributed to all free-of-charge. This was an important step in bringing the awareness of Jainism to Albertans. Since that event all important religious days and festivals are observed regularly in the Hindu Culture Center.

In 1992, the Jain families with the blessings of the Hindu Cultural Center and Jains all over Alberta, began raising funds to build a Jain Temple within the Hindu Temple complex in Edmonton. The Temple was officially opened during the Mahavir Jayanti Celebration in 1993. Over 400 people gathered to participate in the Pratishta ceremony, in spite of a severe snow storm. A second souvenir book was published. The new resident priest, Shree Shiv Shankar Dwevedi, conducted the ceremony. The priest now conducts all of the ceremonies on all important occasions. Thus Jainism has reached an important milestone in Alberta.

In 1990 and 1993, His Holiness Shri Charukirti Bhattarak of Moodbridi, India visited Alberta and addressed many including an address at the University of Alberta. His visit was widely publicized because it was the first visit by a Jain Monk to Western Canada. In 1990 the first home Chaityalaya (Jain Temple) was established in the home of Jitendra and Savita Shah in Edmonton. Pran Pratishta was conducted by Shree Charukirti Maharaj. *Mulnayak* (principle idol) is Bhagwan Parswanath. Everyone is welcomed for darshana and pooja at their home.

Jain families conduct pooja every Sunday at the temple and meet regularly during the year. Two more Pratimajis of Bhagwan Rushbhadev and Bhagwan Parswanath have been ordered from India and will be installed in the Temple in near future.

This is a first in a series of articles that will chronicle the development of the Jain movement in different parts of North America. If you have the history of your Jain Center chronicled in your area, send it to the Jain Digest in care of the Editor in Chief.

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**M380:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their handsome, fair, intelligent, well employed, vegetarian son, born Aug. '64, 5'11", B.S. (Accounting), from educated, good looking, family oriented girls. Call: 201/458-0261.

**M381:** Gujarati, vegetarian, handsome, born April '69, 5'4", 115 lbs, well employed in diamond business, invite responses from cultured girls. Call: 818/913-7074.

**M388:** Responses invited for Gujarati, handsome, vegetarian, born Oct. '70, 5'8", 145 lbs, B.S.(Comp Sc), pursuing M.S. (Comp Sc, 5/'96), from well educated, good looking, cultured girls. Call: 510/855-1741.

**M389:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for their handsome, intelligent, US raised son, born Oct. '68, 5'10", 160 lbs, M.D. (1st yr resident) from well educated, cultured, pretty girls. Call: 502/245-7101.

**M391:** Gujarati Physician brother invites responses for his handsome, vegetarian brother, born May '60, 5'6", 130 lbs, B.A., worked in Indian Air Force as Aviation Technician for 15 yrs, invite responses from cultured, educated girls. Call: 414/321-8662.

**M392:** Gujarati, vegetarian, good looking, born July '63, 5'9", 165 lbs, own family motel business, invite responses from suitable cultured girls. Call: 904/332-2346.

**M395:** Responses invited for Gujarati, vegetarian, good looking, professional, born July '60, 5'5", 130 lbs, Ph.D. (Chem Eng), very well employed, divorcee, from suitable, educated, cultured females, preferably Kutchi. Call: 302/798-5073.

**AM104:** Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated, slender, attractive, vegetarian females, for US citizen son, born '68, 5'7", handsome, athletic, 4th year medical student with myriad interests. Photo appreciated. Call: 815/937-5714.

**AM123:** Well known Gujarati family invite biodata with picture for financially highly successful M.S. (Elec Eng), exceptionally handsome, light skinned, born March '70, 6'0", from very beautiful, light skinned, educated girls.

**AM135:** Responses invited for Gujarati, vegetarian, intelligent, born Feb. '67, 5'3", 140 lbs, B.S. (Comp Sc), well employed from educated, cultured girls. Call: 806/792-1973.

**AM136:** Gujarati family invite correspondence for handsome son, Computer Network Eng, vegetarian, intelligent, outgoing, born Feb. '69, 5'5", 158 lbs, from educated, beautiful girls with east-west blend. Call: 908/754-CSSK.

**AM139:** Gujarati parents in London invite responses for handsome, fair, vegetarian, intelligent son, born April '69, 5'5", 153 lbs, CPA, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 708/736-1325 or 708/529-1270.

**AM141:** Gujarati parents invite responses for US citizen, cultured, vegetarian, good looking son, born Oct. '67, 5'10", 165 lbs, B.S.(EE), Accomplished computer professional, from well educated, family oriented girls. Call: 201/653-6471.

**AM142:** Gujarati parents invite responses for cultured, vegetarian, US citizen, good looking son, born, Oct. '67, 5'11", 140 lbs, Assoc. (Comp Sc) having own business in show media, from family loving girls. Call: 201/653-6471.

**AM147:** Hindi oswal parents invite responses for handsome son, born Sept. '71, 5'8", M.D. ('96), from beautiful, educated, vegetarian, cultured girls. Please send bio-data with returnable photo. Call: 216/838-1372.

**AM148:** Gujarati Physician, 57, widower with grown up children, 5'10", 158 lbs, invite correspondence from smart attractive ladies. No bar.

## FEMALE

**F216:** Uncle invite responses from professional, cultured boys for his beautiful, intelligent, smart, niece, born April '71, 5'2", 100 lbs, M.B.B.S., completed 1st year residency. Currently in India and willing to settle in USA. Call: 408/746-5508. or in India at 253/80675.

**F233:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their US citizen, pretty, vegetarian daughter, born July '66, 5'4", B.S.(Chem) well employed from educated, vegetarian Gujarati or Kutchi boys. Call: 919/776-9091.

**F248:** Gujarati parents from CA, invite responses for their US citizen, vegetarian, pretty daughter, born Oct. '68, 5'6", 130 lbs, pursuing B.S., employed, from suitable cultured candidates.

**F257:** Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated professionals for their US raised, attractive, cultured vegetarian daughter, born Sept. '70, 5'4", 110 lbs, Ph. D. Pharmacy. Call: 203/798-0596.

**F258:** Gujarati parents invite correspondence from professional boys from cultured families, for their slim, very beautiful, fair, US born daughter Aug. '71, 5'6", B.S. (Business). Please send returnable photo with bio-data.

**F324:** Gujarati surgeon invite correspondence from highly educated professionals for his daughter 23, fair, slim, beautiful, intelligent and well versed with Indian culture, M.S. (Economy) from very prestigious school. She visits India on regular basis.

**F365:** Gujarati vegetarian, charming from IL, divorcee (with a 12 year old son), born Nov. '59, 5'1", 115 lbs., B.A., employed invite responses from suitable cultured males. Call: 708/980-5651.

**F366:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their pretty, vegetarian daughter, born April '72, 5'2", 90 lbs, B.S. (Microbiology) employed in a hospital from educated, cultured boys. Call: 908/572-5924.

**F369:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their beautiful, vegetarian daughter, born Nov. '71, 5'3", 90 lbs, BBA studying for CPA, from well educated, cultured boys. Call: 209/635-9793 or 714/772-4737.

**F372:** Responses invited from professionals: M.D. or studying medicine, Hindi or Gujarati boys, for cultured, US raised, beautiful, attractive, vegetarian, born Aug. '70, 5'5", 105 lbs, 2nd year medical student. Call: 908/780-2971.

**F373:** US raised, Gujarati, attractive, born Oct. '67, 5'3", 105 lbs, MBA, well employed invite responses from professional boys. Call: 609/795-5935.

**F374:** Gujarati parents invite responses for good looking, fair, vegetarian daughter, born July '72, 5'4", 170 lbs, B. Com., pursuing study for MBA, well employed, from educated cultured boys. Call: 410/583-0396.

**F378:** Gujarati parents invite responses for pretty, fair, vegetarian daughter, born Sept. '69, 5'0", 90 lbs, B.S.(Accounting), pursuing CPA, from educated, cultured boys. Call: 301/274-9370.

**F379:** Gujarati, good looking, vegetarian, divorcee (no issue), US citizen, born March '50, 5'2", 130 lbs., B. Sc. (Chem), well employed, invite responses from suitable cultured, educated males. Call: 912/275-4549.

**F382:** Proposals invited from cultured, educated boys for Gujarati, US citizen, beautiful, smart, vegetarian, born Dec. '71, 5'5", 120 lbs, B.S. (MIS), well employed. Call: 908/805-0712 or 609/770-0260.

**F383:** Gujarati, good looking, intelligent, vegetarian, divorcee (no issue), born Aug. '49, 5'0", 100 lbs, B.S. (Pharmacy), seek responses from suitable educated cultured males. Call: 310/947-8386.

**F384:** Responses invited from educated cultured boys for Gujarati, vegetarian, pretty, smart, born Jan. '73, 5'0", 100 lbs, B. Sc., employed. Call: 708/894-1304.

**F385:** Gujarati parents welcome replies from bright professionals for their attractive and cultured daughter, born Nov. '72, 5'3", 110 lbs, B.S. (Fin), employed.

**F386:** Gujarati parents invite responses for their US raised, vegetarian, attractive, smart daughter, born Aug. '69, 5'8", 140 lbs, B.S. (Business) very well employed from cultured, educated boys.

**F387:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for their US raised, beautiful, vegetarian, intelligent daughter, born March '72, 5'1", 130 lbs, BBA, well employed, from well educated, cultured boys. Call: 713/242-0446.

**F390:** Gujarati sister invite responses for social, good looking, intelligent sister, born Jan. '59, 5'1", 116 lbs, B. Sc., L. L.B., practicing as advocate from suitable educated males. She is currently in India and willing to settle in USA. Call: 904/292-0738.

**F393:** Gujarati parents in London, invite responses for their very beautiful, fair, British citizen, vegetarian daughter, born Dec. '68, 5'2", 93 lbs, B. Pharm, Pharmacist, willing to settle in USA, from educated, cultured boys. Call: 714/241-0590 or in London at: 071-221-1313.

F394: Gujarati Surgeon in India, invite responses for beautiful, fair, vegetarian daughter, born March '68, 5'3", 118 lbs, B. Pharm., from cultured, educated boys. She is currently in India and willing to settle in USA. Call her uncle: 708/837-1133.

F396: Gujarati parents invite responses from professionals, including M.Ds., for their very beautiful, fair, vegetarian, US raised cultured, daughter, born, Jan. '72, 5'5", 110 lbs, B.S. (Civil Eng. - Georgia Tech), well employed. Call: 404/297-4198.

F397: Gujarati parents invite responses for their very beautiful, fair, slim US citizen, vegetarian, cultured daughter, born Dec. '62, 5'6", 115 lbs, B.S., well employed (very brief marriage, no issue), from cultured, educated boys. Call: 718/397-0520.

F398: Gujarati parents invite responses for their gregarious, attractive vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born Nov. '71, 4'11", 95 lbs, B.S. (Chemical Eng - 6/96), from well educated, cultured boys. Call: 216/458-5116.

F399: Responses invited for Gujarati, vegetarian, cultured, good looking, born Jan. '60, 5'1", 120 lbs, B.A., well employed in diamond business, (brief marriage, no issue), from suitable, educated, cultured males. Call: 718/760-1458.

AF116: Uncle invite responses for beautiful, slim, fair, charming, cultured niece hailing from noble family, born July '63, 5'2", B.S., Dip. Interior/Comp. Sc., from Gujarati, Hindi speaking boys. She currently works in India as an Interior Decorator and would like to settle in USA. Call: 301/983-8597.

AF121: Well established Gujarati parents invite biodata with picture for their extremely, gorgeous, very light skinned, many talents, M.S., 22 yr, 5'6", daughter from highly, educated, very handsome, Gujarati boys.

AF137: Parents invite responses from Gujarati, Jain, vegetarian professionals from cultured and religious families for their loving, pretty daughter, born May '73, 5'0", 105 lbs, B.S. (Microbiology),

M.S. (Biology), currently residing in India. Call: 708/517-8323.

AF140: Proposals invited from educated, cultured Hindi speaking boys for pretty, social, vegetarian, 28 year old, 5'3", 103 lbs, practicing lawyer from Jaipur, willing to settle in USA. Call Vandana at: 408/247-0947.

AF143: Responses invited for Gujarati, pretty, vegetarian, born Jan. '70, 5'4", 107 lbs, B.S. (Fin), employed from educated, cultured boys. Call: 201/653-6471.

AF144: Hindi speaking Jain parents invite responses for attractive, vegetarian, US born daughter having Indian values, western adaption, born Aug. '71, 5'0", M.S. (Accounting), working towards CPA, well employed from professionals with similar values. Call: 510/253-9230.

AF145: Hindi speaking sister invite responses for beautiful, slim, fair complexioned, vegetarian, never married sister, born March '55, 5'1", 100 lbs, Ph.D., from educated, professional, vegetarian boys. Call: 901/756-6626.

AF146: Gujarati parents invite correspondence from US raised professionals for their US raised, vegetarian, very beautiful, fair, slim daughter, born Feb. '70, 5'2", J.D. passed NY/NJ bar. Call: 908/574-2019.

F357: Gujarati parents from CA invite responses for their vegetarian, beautiful, intelligent, fair, US born daughter, Feb. '72, 5'2", 107 lbs, B.S. (EE/Comp Sc), employed from professional boys. Call or Fax: 510/659-8458.

F334: Gujarati parents invite responses for their pretty, fair, vegetarian daughter, born Dec. '69, 5'3", 100 lbs, B.S. (Accounting), employed from suitable educated, cultured boys. Call: 203/933-8067.

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### Mail:

1. the completed form,
  2. a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to **Hasmukh M. Shah, LEAVE THE "MEMO" OR "FOR" LINE BLANK,**
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**Marriage Information Service  
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Are you a vegetarian? yes no Do you smoke? yes no Do you drink? yes no

Have you been married before? yes no

If yes, indicate the name of your divorced spouse. \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Visa status in the USA/Canada? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you enter the USA/Canada? \_\_\_\_\_  
month/year

What languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your religion. \_\_\_\_\_

What languages do you read? \_\_\_\_\_

What languages do you write? \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Year received Major Name of University

Work experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you have other relatives living in the North America? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship Occupation Address

Other relevant information(use additional paper if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Indicate your personal preference of these criteria for the match.

Age: Between the ages of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ or open.

Height: Between the height of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ or open.

Weight: Between the weight of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ or open.

Education: Bachelor \_\_\_\_\_ Masters Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian: yes no Work experience: yes no

Residence: (state) \_\_\_\_\_ Visa Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time in North America: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Language: English yes no not important, Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Color of skin: light wheat open

3. Photograph: Attach a recent, full-length photograph of yourself with your name printed on the back. Please note: no photographs will be exchanged while matching is taking place.

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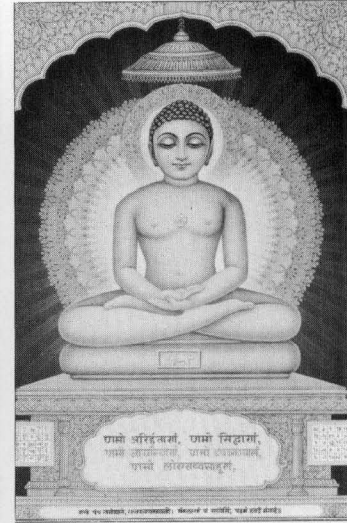
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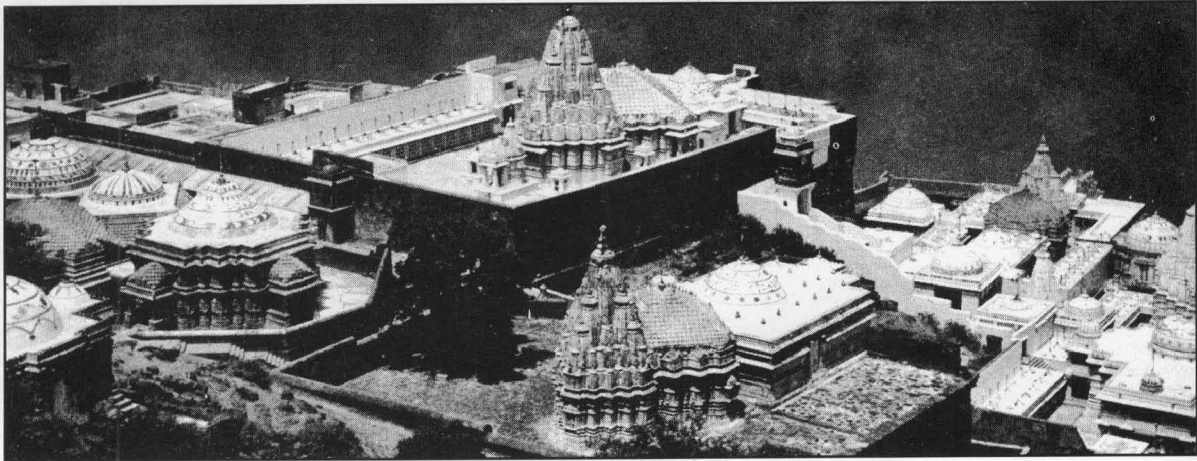
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