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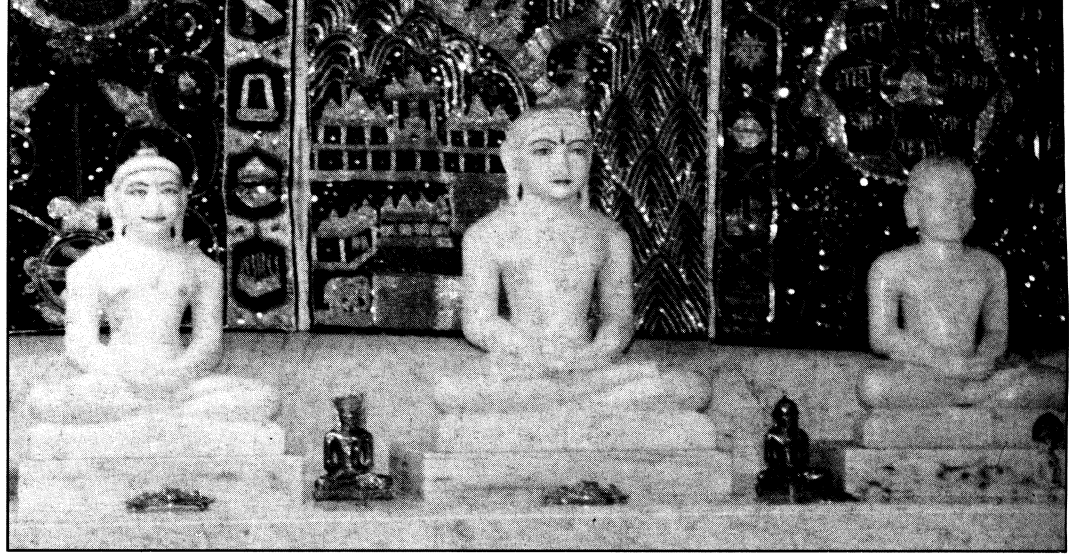
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अहो! अहो! श्री सद्गुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार
आ पामर पर प्रभु कर्यो, अहो! अहो! उपकार (१२४)

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
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From the Editor

The influence of Indians, specifically Jains, over the last three decades is showing up all over the North American Continent. With this influx there is an ever increasing number of Jain and Hindu-Jain temples that are being established demonstrating the Indian community's willingness to encourage a deepening of their roots in this new land. We find that the temple is a focal point for our religious, traditional and cultural activities.

The photograph of Mahavir Swami from the Jain Temple of Houston Texas on the cover symbolizes the great effort that is taking place throughout North America to establish these new temples. Alberta, Cincinnati and Philadelphia are among the cities that have recently had Pratishtha Mahotsav while Buffalo, NY will be celebrating Pratishtha on Memorial Day weekend, 1996.

This issue carries a data form for the Jain Directory being published by the Jain Society of Greater Boston. They are providing a very valuable service and I urge you to fill out this form and send it on to them as soon as possible.

Our belief and commitment to nonviolence and vegetarianism have created strong informational interest in Pizza Hut's pizza and mad-cow-disease. This issue carries information on these subjects.

The Jain Digest's wider circulation has created the need for additional funding. We count on you and your generous donations for announcements and advertisements in helping to bring the Jain Digest to your door step, free of charge. Jai Jinendra.

Harshad Shah

President's Message

In January, I visited India and met with many Jain leaders. I had the opportunity to visit Moolbidri, an ancient and sacred place for Jains, which dates from the 5th Century. The temples are very old and contain idols made from various types of precious gemstones. A visit to places such as: Bahubali, Gomateshwar, Dharmasthal, and Humcha reminds one of our ancient and rich heritage.

In Ahmedabad, I had the opportunity to meet and have discussions with community and religious leaders from various Jain sects. They expressed appreciation for the efforts of JAINA and have offered to participate with JAINA in future international projects.

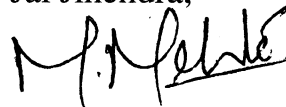
JAINA's Executive Committee met in Dallas, TX on March 8 - 9, 1996. The townhall style meeting was well attended. Many of the issues and concerns that were raised at the meeting have been assigned to the appropriate subcommittee for resolution.

The Jain Centers of Houston and Philadelphia successfully organized their Pratishtha Mahotsav and the Jain Sangh of Alberta, Canada and the Jain Center of Buffalo, NY have scheduled their Pratishtha Mahotsav on April 7, 1996 and May 26, 1996 respectively.

The Young Jains of America will hold their Second Biennial Convention in San Francisco, CA from July 4 - 7, 1996. This convention will provide a forum to explore and share information about Jain philosophy, rituals, beliefs and ideas. The theme of the convention is, "Jainism: Integrating Philosophy and Practice." A record number of young people have registered to attend.

I sincerely urge each and every one of you, who receives and reads the Jain Digest, to become a Life Member by donating \$101 or giving generously to JAINA's General Fund, see page 24. All centers are encouraged to publicize a list of their Life Members and recruit as many new Life Members as possible.

Jai Jinendra,



Manibhai Mehta

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We encourage our readers to send their questions, comments or views on current issues or concerns facing the Jain community of North America to the Editor in Chief, Harshad Shah (address above). We endeavor to publish letters space permitting. The Jain Digest reserves the right to edit all material for clarity and/or space. The views expressed in these letters are those of the sender and do not necessarily reflect the views of JAINA. All letters must include the sender's name, address and phone number to be considered for publication.

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Chitrabhanuji's Anniversary and Birthday Celebrations

A committee chaired by Arvind Vora is making plans to celebrate, at the national level, the dual events of - the 25th anniversary of Gurudev Chitrabhanuji's arrival in North America and his 75th birthday. An itinerary of Chitrabhanuji's visits to various centers around North America is being worked out.

As part of this celebration, the Jain Youth Association of New York, NY in coordination with JAINA is sponsoring an Essay Competition that is open to Jains, of all ages, who reside in North America. The focus of the competition is - *Gurudev Chitrabhanuji: Jain Wisdom for the Youth*. The age groups are: up to and including 10, 11 to 14, 15 to 18, and 19 and above. Anyone entering should review the following books by Chitrabhanuji: *The Miracle is You, Realize What You Are, Ten Days Journey into the Self, Philosophy of Soul and Matter*, and *Twelve Facets of Reality*. You may also want to read the two biographies *A Man with a Vision* by Rosenfield and *Wave of Bliss* by N. P. Jain. All entries must include your name, address, phone number and age. Send entries to: Panna Shah, 2 Ronald Court, Port Jefferson, NY 11777, post marked no later than August 25, 1996. For more detailed information about this competition write to Panna Shah, address above, or call Chhaya Kapadia at 516/829-3316.

Some centers may have already begun to celebrate these events. Indeed, all centers are invited to join in celebrating with activities that your center feels appropriate. Please plan to keep a visual record of the celebration at your center so that JAINA will be able to compile a souvenir video of these historic events with sights and sounds from every corner of the North American continent.

Any donations collected at these events should be sent to the JAINA/Chitrabhanuji Endowment Fund. The money will be deposited into this special fund that will be used for JAINA Headquarter's scholarships and social projects for the needy. Please send your photographs, video and audio tapes plus all donation checks made payable to: JAINA/Chitrabhanuji Endowment Fund to: Treasurer/JAINA, 11409 Berland Place, Germantown, MD 20876 or phone: 301/353-0481.

For more information about any of the above mentioned events please call the coordinator in your area: Arvind Vora-National Coordinator at 516/268-6320; Kamlesh Shah - Washington D.C. at 301/353-0481; Dhiraj Shah - Buffalo, NY at 716-773-1314; Bipin Parikh - Chicago, IL at 708/699-1294; Naresh Shah - New York, NY at 516-741-9269; Dilip Shah - Philadelphia/New Jersey at 215/567-0581; Manibhai Mehta - California at 714/898-3156.

Executive Committee Meets in Dallas/Fort Worth

The Executive Committee of JAINA met in the Dallas/Fort Worth area on March 9, 1996. The members who were present were: Manibhai Metha, Dhiraj Shah, Kushal Bhaiji, Hansaben Varia, Jagat Jain, Bipin Parikh, Ramesh Jain, Prem Gada, Dilip Shah, Aravind Vora, S. Khamesra, and YJA representatives: Nikhil Shah, Rakesh Shah and Rish Mehta.

Among the items covered in the meeting were:

- Guidelines for the "Acharya Suhilkumarji Ahimsa Award,"
 - it will only be presented to an individual not an institution.
 - it will be in the form of a plaque.
 - it will be awarded every two years at the convention, with the exception of the 1996 presentation, which will take place on Ahimsa Day, October 1, 1996 at Siddhachalam.
 - JAINA Executive Committee members are NOT eligible to receive this award.
 - nominations will be accepted from persons living in North America, and only for persons residing in North America.
 - it will never be given to the same person twice.
 - the nominee must: be a vegetarian, have high moral character, be well versed in Jain principles and literature, be a strong believer and follower of Jain principles and have spent time and energy in spreading the message of Ahimsa and the other principles of Jainism through lectures, teaching, articles or books.
- For complete details about this award please contact Manoj Dharamsi, 11820 Triple Crown Road, Reston, VA 22091-3014.

• The Treasurer's Report stated that various subcommittees have funds at their disposal for their individual projects. However, the General Fund needs to be replenished on a continuous basis insuring the publication and free mailing of the Jain Digest.

Therefore, a greater effort must be made at the local level to get more advertisements and encourage all Jains to donate to the General Fund or become Life Members of the Jain Digest. (Please see page 24 for complete information.)

- JAINA welcomes the Samarpan Jain Sangh of Philadelphia as a member organization.
- Toronto, Ont. has expressed interest in hosting the 1997 JAINA Convention.
- The Senior Citizens Committee is developing goals and objectives under the leadership of Dilip Shah.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Toronto, Ont. on June, 21 - 23, 1996.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bhaktamar Stotra is available on video. It is sung by Anuradha Podwal with commentary by Harish Bhimani. The video will take you on a journey of the ancient Jain temples of India. If you would like to have this video, we request a donation in the amount of \$10.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling (\$.50 for each additional tape) to: Anil R. Shah, Jain Center of Greater Boston, 26 Humbolt Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. Or you may phone 617/272-3666. At your request, the JCGB will include a free bird feeder with each order to teach our children *Jiv Daya*.

Free Bird Feeders, the Jiva Daya Project of the Jain Center of Greater Boston is interested in seeing that your pathshala students receive a free bird feeder. Please send the name of your organization, the number of students, a contact person with phone number, the address to where the feeder should be sent and any comments or suggestions to: Jasvant C. Shah, Vision Computer, Inc., 84 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA 01803. Or you may phone at 617/270-1099 or Fax to 617/273-1886.

India Tour '96, Gurudev Chitrabhanuji will be conducting a tour of Jain Temples, mainly in south India, beginning around December 1, 1996. Anyone wishing to participate on this tour should contact the Jain Meditation International Center, Box 244 Ansonia Station, New York, N.Y. 10023-0244 or phone or fax for an application at 212/362/6483.

Jain Ekta a Jain religious magazine in Hindi for young Jains and their families is being offered by Rishabh Prakashan. For Rs 3,000 or \$100 you may purchase a Life Membership to this magazine. For more information please contact: Ramesh Kerur, Editor in Chief, Rishabh Prakashan, 105 Jai Pragati Shopping Center, Daftary Road, Malad (East), Bombay, 400097, India. Phone: 8894091

Jain Directory, 4th edition, will be updated by the Jain Center of Greater Boston. If you have moved or had an addition to your family since the last publication, please fill out the form on page 5 and return it to the JCGB, *as soon as possible*.

Jain Youth Directory will be published by the Jain Center of Greater Boston along with the Jain Directory. If you would like your name to be included please fill out the form on page 6 and return it to the JCGB, *as soon as possible*.

JAINA and AT & T have signed an agreement called the Association Awards Program. This is how it works. AT & T will pay JAINA 5% of the residential AT & T, direct dial, international,

long-distance, per-minute usage charges, billed and collected for each registered JAINA member, who chooses AT & T as their long-distance company. This program will bring JAINA an estimated \$10,000 per year.

Please sign up now! Don't forget to give AT & T our account number 4 NAE 1987. If you have any questions, please call Kushal Jain at 908/949-0889

Pratishtha Mahotsav will be held at the Hindu-Jain Temple in Buffalo, NY on Memorial Day weekend, May 24 - 27, 1996.

Three eminent Jain Scholars, Pravinbhai Doshi, Pajendra Kamdar and Subhash Sheth will be visiting the USA on a tour to lecture and conduct camps from September through November, 1996. For more information about their visit please call Hasmukh Shah at 813/376-7290 or Nirmal Dosi at 908/390-0296.

World Vegetarian Congress will be holding its annual convention in the campus of the University of Pittsburgh from July 29 - August 4, 1996. For more information please call Brian Graff at 518/568-7970.

Young Jains Convention will be held in San Francisco, CA from July 4 - 7, 1996. This will be the YJA's second convention. For more information about this event see pages 13-16.

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 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 of Moksha. This living being is a God of the Jain religion. Every living being has the potential to become a God. 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*

If appropriate, the Jain Digest will be happy to publish items or the date and name of your up-coming event. Please submit all information to the Editor in Chief, see address on page 2.

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Information for the 1996 National Jain Youth Directory

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

In order to promote activities among Jain young people and strengthen their interest in the Jain communities of North America, the JCGB is compiling a Jain Youth Directory of North America. It is our hope that this directory will be used to organize youth groups, encourage exchange trips, pen pals and establish contacts for studying or working away from home. All single Jain young people between the ages of 16 and 30 are encouraged to fill out this form. If you are a married couple, please fill out the form that is found on page 5.

Name: Dr. / Mr. / Miss. / Ms.: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male / Female

Parent's Name: _____ Hometown: _____

Interests or Hobbies: _____

If you are in high school, college or graduate school, please fill out the following information.

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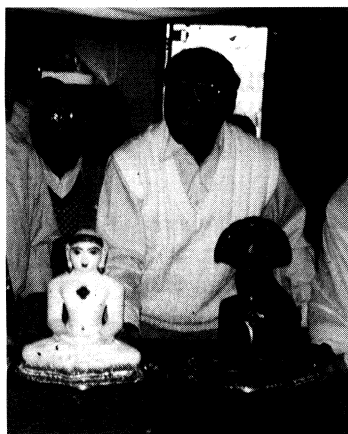
REGIONAL NEWS

CANADA

Mahindra Mehta
Regional Editor

Edmonton, AL

On April 7, 1996, over 425 people including Jains from all over Alberta witnessed the Pratishtha Mahotsav in Edmonton. Pratimaji of Bhagwan Rushbhdev and Parsvanath were installed in the Jain Temple.



Pratishtha Mahotsav, Alberta

Ottawa, Ont.

The Ottawa Jain Society celebrate Mahavir Jayanti on March 31, 1996. Although the community is small the event has become a tradition with a large number of Jains and non-Jains participating. This year almost 400 people joined in the celebration.

Toronto, Ont.

The Jain Society of Toronto elected its new Executive Committee for 1996-98 under the leadership of the new President, Sobhagya Khamesra. The Society wishes this new Executive Committee much success in their many undertakings.

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated on April 7, 1996 with nearly 800 attendees. The Pritibhojan was financed by the Trustees and the President. Acharya Chandanaji, along with other sadhvijis will join us to celebrate Paryushan Parva and Dashlaxana.

NORTHEAST

Vinay Vakani
Regional Editor

Buffalo, NY

The Jain Society of Buffalo is very busy in making plans for the Pratishtha Mahotsav which will be taking place at the Hindu/Jain Temple on Memorial Day weekend, 1996.

Washington, DC

The 1996 elections for executive committee were held and a new slate of officers were elected under the leadership of President, Manoj Dharamsi.

Six hundred people celebrated Mahavir Jayanti on March 30, 1996.

Regular classes for children began ten years ago and now we have 50 students attending regularly. There is a set curriculum with graduation requirements which include course work, presentations and an oral examination.

A unique "Adopting the Jain Center for a Day" program has been recently initiated to help offset the operating expenses for the Jain Society. This program encourages member families to select one or more days of the year to celebrate a happy occasion, observe an auspicious day or commemorate a special event. The family pledges to make a minimum annual donation of \$101 for that day, for at least 5 years. On the day they have adopted the family is encouraged to visit the Center, perform religious activities, help with cleaning and maintenance, or arrange children centered activities. So far we have over 90 families that have adopted one or more days.

The Society has joined with 11 other Hindu Temple organizations in the Washington area to form the Association of Hindu/Jain Temples of Metropolitan Washington. The interfaith Diwali program is expected to have over 10,000 participants.

SOUTHWEST

Jadavji Kenia
Regional Editor

Dallas, TX

The Jain Society of North Texas has had visits from Samaniji and Sunandaben Vora who spoke on Atma-Karma interaction and the value of human life among all possible forms of life. In November many of our members attended the Pratishtha Mahotsav in Houston.

In December, our Youth Group sponsored a canned food drive. Over 400 lb. of vegetarian food was collected for the needy. Adults also participated in the "Shoe Box Ministry" project where toiletries were donated to the homeless people in the DFW metroplex.

Our monthly meetings include: discussion of the Tattvarth Sutra, poojas, Swadhyay and a once-a-month board meeting. Discussions always include something new to learn.

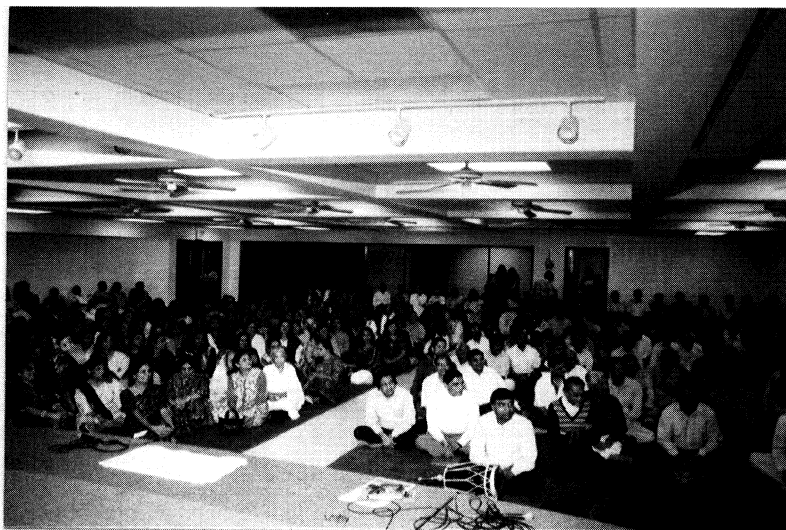
Currently there are 4 youth classes every Sunday. Younger children meet twice a month and the older ones meet 3 to 4 times a month. After class the older children meet as the Jain Youth Group.

In March, 1996 we hosted the JAINA Executive Committee for their regular meeting. Our Youth Group hosted a multi-faith conference for Jain young people from Austin, Houston, Lubbock, Tulsa and the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. Speakers representing Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Zoroastrianism spoke.

We concluded the month with a huge gathering to celebrate Mahavir Jayanti on March 31, 1996.

Houston, TX

The Jain Society of Houston celebrated their Pratishtha Mahotsav from November 18 - 27, 1995. The dream, of many years, finally came true because of the will and support of the entire community.



The audience during the lecture services at the Houston Pratishtha

The Jain Society of Houston was founded in 1975. Lacking any formal place to worship, the society began with monthly meetings at members' houses. Due to the steady growth of the community, a building was purchased in 1989 and was converted into what is now the Jain Center. As membership and awareness of the Center increased, the society was able to completely renovate the facility with a temple hall and Swadhyaya Room.

A decision to finish the temple and to organize the Pratishtha Mahotsav was made in the summer of 1994. The order for sculpting the Pratimas of Mulnayak Mahavirswamy, Parshvanath Bhagwan and Rushabhdev Bhagwan and eight carved Gokhalas for the Pratimas of Simandhar-swamy Bhagwan,

Guru Gautamswamy, Chakreshwari Devi, Padmavati Devi, Saraswati Devi, Laxmi Devi, Ghantakaran Veer and Manibhadra Dev was placed in India in January, 1995.

The Pratishtha was approved by the general body in May of 1995. It was the hard work of all the volunteers that made the event a grand success.

Even though there were the extraordinary challenges from a delay in the shipment of Gabharo to problems in getting visas for the sculptors, these challenges were met with help from the architect, the two Sompuras from Detroit, our local contractors and a marathon day and night effort by the society's volunteers to complete the temple project in time for Pratishtha.

It was a miracle!



from left to right, Rushabhdev, Mahavir Swami, Parshvanath at the Houston Jain Temple

The Pratishtha Mahotsav program began on November 18, 1996 with Dwar Pooja, Deep Pooja and Kumbh Pooja. Later in the morning, Nava Grah, Das Digpal and Asht Mangal poojas were performed. Afterwards with cheers, songs and dances, the Pratimas were carried to the temple in the procession led by our youth band and on the red carpet. The atmosphere was one of joyous excitement.

Day Two began with a Bhaktamar Pooja program conducted by Bhattarak Shri Charukirthiji with approximately 150 families participating. It was done with a great sense of spirituality.

On Day Three we celebrated Panch Kalyanak Pooja conducted by our Shankheshwar Parshvanath Mandal. The attendance was beyond our expectations.

Days Four and Five there was Padmavati Devi Pooja and activities which included Namokar Mantra Jaap and lectures by invited dignitaries - Kastursagarji Maharaj, Bhattarakji, Amrendra Muniji, and Samaniji Madhurpragna and Charitpragna.

Day Six festivities included Siddha Chakra Poojan conducted by Shri Babubhai Kadiwala and an evening Bhavna.

On Day Seven the festivities started in the morning with Adhaar Abhishek Pooja. In the afternoon, Babubhai Kadiwala directed the stage program of Bhagwan Mahavir's Janma Kalyanak followed by Bhavna in the evening.

Day Eight was a spectacular mile-long procession which included a horse driven buggy, 3 floats, a convertible and other passenger cars. Approximately 1,500 people participated in the procession which was led by a Jain Youth Band and included Raas-Garba and chanters. The procession was followed by a public meeting addressed by Kastursagarji, Bhattarakji, Amrendra Muniji, Samani Madhurpragnaji, Samani Charitpragnaji, Pandit Dharamchand, Sulekh Jain, JAINA's president, Manibhai Mehta, Prakash Parikh, President of Gujarati Samaj, Virendra Parikh, President of Vishva Hindu Parishad, the Indian Vice-Counsel in Houston and our U.S. Congresswoman, Sheila Lee Jackson. Chief Trustee, Udai Jain and President, Bharat Shah of Jain Society welcomed everyone.

The Pratishtha Committee Chairperson, Kishor Doshi introduced the dignitaries. In the evening there was a cultural pro-

gram at the Stafford Civic Center in which 90 youngsters participated.

The morning of day nine began with 108 Arhat Abhishek Mahapooja and was followed by Pratima Shapan of Tirthankar Bhagwan and Dev-Devis and chanting of mantras by Shri Babubhai Kadiwala, Maharaj Kastursagarji, Shri Bhattarakji and Shri Amrendra Muniji.

It was a once-in-a-life-time experience. The temple was packed to capacity and a helicopter showered flowers at the exact time of Pratishtha. The new temple was formally opened on day ten. Sattar Bhedi Pooja was performed.

We were very fortunate to have Muni Shri Kastursagarji Maharaj and Bhattarak Shri Charukirthiji from India to help guide us through the Pratishtha Mahotsav. Shri Amrendra Muni and Samaniji Madhurpragna and Charitpragna also came to bless the occasion. Arvindbhai and Padmaben Sheth and Kumarpal and Pratimaben Desai graced the occasion. Babubhai Kadiwala and his group of musicians directed the rituals and festivities. We were also honored to have the presence of Manibhai Mehta, Sulekh Jain, Nirnanjan Shah and Hirabhai Kobawala of Chicago, Girish Shah of Los Angeles, Pravin Shah of Raleigh, NC, Premchand Gada from Lubbock, TX., Dilip Shah, Pradeep Shah and Pradhuman Zaveri from Dallas, TX and our past presidents Dipak Shah from Atlanta, Dinesh Chheda from New Jersey and Jayant Mehta from California.

The arrangements, menus and quality of food was excellent. The food was served in the tent specially erected for the occasion. A total of 16 meals were served ranging from 400 to 1,300 servings per meal.

The members of the Society participated and gave generously to the 300+ bolis and also made donations for the Mahotsav. Our contributions exceeded \$ 500,000.

We received "Best Wishes" from dignitaries in India, Acharya Maharajs, the Governor of Texas, Houston's Mayor and the US Senator from Texas. A full page article with pictures appeared in the Houston Chronicle. Articles also appeared in the Indo-American News and the India Herald as well as several newspapers in India. The news was broadcasted on local CBS, NBC, ABC and FOX affiliate TV stations.

A beautiful souvenir book was published to commemorate the event and was inaugurated by Shri Arvindbhai Pannalal Sheth, the Chief Trustee of Shankheshwar Parshvanath Temple, India.

Our young people planned several events, including a Siddha Chakra Pooja and Adhaar Abhishek Pooja in English. The bolis were done in terms of Tapasya, Maun and other rituals. In addition, our youngsters lectured, had games and other programs. They helped organize activities to take care of the younger children and participated in the cultural programs and band.

The Society would like to offer special thanks to the Shankheshwar Parshvanath Temple in procuring Gabharo, Sheth Anandji Kalyanji's Pedhi in procuring marble for the floor and Dharanidhar Temple, for procuring temple articles Arvindbhai Sheth, Chief Trustee of Shankheshwar temple; Shri Shrenikbhai Sheth, Chief Trustee of Anandji

Kalyanji Pedhi; Shri Shantilal Shah, Chief Trustee, Dharanidhar Temple and Kumarpal Desai for all the help, coordination and guidance.

WEST

Chandrakant Parekh

Regional Editor

Los Angeles, CA

The Jain Center of Southern California has elected a new Board of Directors under the leadership of Virendra Shah, President.

The Jain Center Youth Council (JCYC) has elected a new Executive Committee under the leadership of Shayna Parekh, President. Over 150 young people participate in Sunday religious and language classes, additional activities include: visits to amusement

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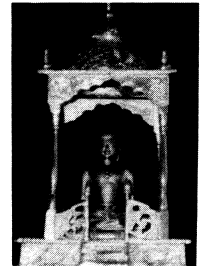
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parks, picnics, a visit to a Buddhist Temple, participation in youth debates, and planning for the YJA convention. For more information, please call Shayna Parekh at 310/865-1679.

An architect has been selected to begin the design of Phase II of the Jain Bhavan. The new and renovated facilities will include a large meeting hall, a dining hall, several classrooms and swadhyay rooms, a library, an exhibition hall, bookstore, and an expanded Derasar. A carved wooden replica of the Temple of Palitana, will be integrated into the project.

San Diego, CA

The Jain Society of San Diego has elected a new Committee under the leadership of Sukumar Shah, President.

A question/answer-type meeting was held on March 29, 1996 with Professor P. Jaini of the University of California, Berkeley. Over 100 people attended Mahavir Jayanti on March 31, 1996. The children presented an outstanding program.

Sacramento, CA

The Jain Center of Greater Sacramento was established in 1995. About 45 families meet every Sunday at a warehouse facility which serves as a place of worship that was donated by Manharbhai Patel. Every second Sunday of the month, a host family serves dinner. Anyone who has Jain beliefs is invited to participate with these families in chanting Namokar Mantra and bhajans. For more information please call Naresh Jain at 916/488-2601.

San Francisco, CA

The Young Jains of America will be hosting the Second Biennial Convention this year in San Francisco, CA from July 4 to 7, 1996. The theme "Jainism: Integrating Philosophy and Practice" will provide a unique forum to explore Jain philosophy, rituals, beliefs and ideas among groups of Jain young people from the United States, Canada and Europe. A record number of young people have registered to attend this event. For more information and registration, please call Srenik Mehta at 510/649-1615 or Rakesh Shah at 510/623-8981.

Jiv Daya and Vegetarianism News

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES IN YOUR HOME

A Fun Way to Spread Ahimsa!

More and more North Americans want to become vegetarian for various reasons: health, respect for animals, and environmental concerns. But many of them need help with the most important part of becoming vegetarian - making vegetarian meals! Because, they don't know how to cook! We, as lifelong vegetarians, can easily support them in changing their lifestyles.

We have started offering vegetarian cooking classes in our homes. We have discovered how wonderful it feels to see our students progress, and to see people who never thought they could cook vegetarian, making delicious meatless meals with our help! So if you feel like being interested in getting involved, or if you need any help, or have questions, or need a little encouragement, call:

Madhu Gangwal	919-544-3612
Devi Teli	908-745-7205
Surabhi Shah	919-833-2548

PIZZA HUT UPDATE

The Jain Community should be proud of standing up to Pizza Hut! Hundreds of Jains called them to express their displeasure at finding out that their pizza sauce contained beef base. But their Customer Service representatives were trained to distract and diffuse all inquiries on this issue: they did everything from pleading ignorance to denying that beef base was ever used! But many Jains were not satisfied with this ambiguous response, and asked for a written statement.

The various written statements from them, however, conflicted with each other! Some letters said that their pizza sauce contained beef base; others said that only their bread stick sauce and stuffed-crust pizza sauce have non-vegetarian ingredients. Has the public pressure now made them switch to a veggie base? Or do they not know what they're using? When asked to explain these contradictions, they were unable to provide an explanation.

So where does this leave pizza-loving

vegetarians? Their silence leaves us questioning if they can be trusted. In other words: "get with it, Pizza Hut!" Explain yourselves, and prove that you take vegetarianism seriously!

MAD COW'S DISEASE

We are deeply saddened to learn of the millions of cows in the U.K. which will be put to death, due to concerns about Mad Cow's Disease, or, BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy).

How did it spread to such a large number of cows? The animal industry's view of the cow as a machine results in their complete disregard for ethics, or the health and well-being of these gentle creatures. Cows are routinely rendered remains of other dead cows, sheep, and other animals!! This unnatural act thus has turned a vegetarian animal into a non-vegetarian - or worse yet, a cannibal!

Why would the animal industry feed dead animals to other animals? As Howard Lyman explained on "Oprah", it costs about a hundred dollars to properly dispose of a diseased dead cow. But by "rendering" her, and using it as feed for other cows, agri-businesses not only avoid paying this amount, they save on feed also. This has accelerated the spread of bovine disease. So recently it has been banned in the U.K. as a result of concerns about B.S.E. but is still widespread in the U.S.! So far the U.S. FDA and the USDA have turned a blind eye to this issue.

Let the FDA and the USDA know your views. Write a brief postcard to:

Food and Drug Commission
5600 Fishers Ln., #1471
Rockville, MD 20857

Department of Agriculture
14th St & Independence Av, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Tell them that it is time that the animal industries paid for proper waste management, and that they should not get any special treatment from the government. Remind them that public health and ethics come first.

We (Jiv Daya Committee) have written letters to U.K. officials, in protest to this large-scale disregard for life.

AFFILIATE NEWS

International Mahavir Jain Mission, Siddhachalam, encourages all local area Jain Centers to visit and utilize this Tirth for their programs. A new committee has been formed with the support and cooperation of the Trustees, JAINA and the Jain Centers in the area that is working on resolving some of the difficulties at the Tirth. For more information please call Khushal Bhaiji at 216-237-7589.

Jain Social Group, Los Angeles, has elected a new executive committee which includes Dhiren Mehta, President; Jiten Vasa, Vice President; Raksha Dudheker, Secretary; Dinesh Shah, Treasurer; Rajen Dhami, Public Relations. Members-at-large include: Amrit Bhandari, Rahul Jhobalia, Mayank Shah, and Nauka Shah. A host of events have been planned for the 1996 season. These events include: dinner and entertainment programs, attending a Gujarati play, an overnight picnic, a talent show and a medical expo in collaboration with the Jain Center of Southern California. For more information please call Dhiren Mehta at 714/826-3579.

Jain Association of Young Adults (JAYA), Los Angeles, has elected a new executive committee which includes Neha Shah, President; Ashita Shah, Vice President; Rikin Shah, Secretary; Vaishalee Shah, Treasurer; Sachin Shah, Public Relations. Members-at-large include Harit Parekh, Pina Shah, Shradha Dedhia, and Jalpa Dalal. "Jivan Sanskar," an interactive workshop with emphasis on Ahimsa, animals, environment and their interconnection, led by Rae Sikora and Zoe Weil of Philadelphia, PA was organized in March, 1996. A large group of JAYA and JCYC (Jain Center Youth Council, Los Angeles) members are planning to attend YJA's Second Biennial Convention from July 4 - 7, 1996 in San Francisco, CA. For more information please call Neha Shah at 310/402-1155.

Kachchhi Oswal Jain Association of North America (KOJAIN), has been formed by 700 families living in the United States and Canada. Following an approval of the constitution an executive committee has been elected which includes Harilal Shah-CA, President; Damji Rambhia-CT, Vice President; Navin Dedhia-CA, Secretary; and Kala Jain-VA, Treasurer. Regional Directors include Dinesh Chheda-NJ, Nalini Dharamsey-CA, Manoj Dharamsi-VA, Premchand Gada-TX, Mulchand Gala-OH, Pinky Jain-NY, Rukmini Kenia-MA, Kalyanji Mota-CA, Shefali Rambhia-Ont., Sandeep Savla-GA, and Laxmichand Shah-IL. Kachchhi Oswals converted from Rajput to Jain and were originally established in Oshla Nagri of Rajasthan before migrating to Kachchh, the largest Taluka of Gujarat State in India. For more information please call Harilal Shah at 510/487-9380.

The Jain Meditation International Center, Box 244, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023-0244, Phone and Fax: 212/362-6483. Gurudev Chitrabhanuji's 75th birthday and 25th Anniversary of his coming to North America will celebrated this year.



Gurudev Chitrabhanuji

Gurudev Chitrabhanuji's Schedule, 1996

- May - 12 Pramoda Chitrabhanu - Elmhurst, NY, Youngsters program, 516/829-3316
- 25 Buffalo, NY, Pratishta Mahotsav, 716/773-1314
- June - 8 Pramoda Chitrabhanu - Whitmore Lake, MI, 313/449-2101
- 15 New York, NY, Seminar, 212/362-6483
- 23 Pramoda Chitrabhanu - Elmhurst, NY, Parents, 516/829-3316
- July - 4 San Francisco, YJA Convention, 510/482-8272
- 26 Manhattan, NY, Gurudev's Birthday Celebration 212/362-6483
- 27 Chicago, IL, 708/699-1294
- 29 Los Angeles, CA, 714/898-3156
- August - 3 Johnstown, PA, World Vegetarian Congress, 518/568-7970
- 10 Whitmore Lake, MI, 313/449-2101
- 17 Monroe, CT, 203/452-1619
- 18 Trumbull, CT, 203/397-5086
- 31 St. Paul, MN, 612/636-1075
- Sept. - 8-18 Paryushana, Antwerp, Belgium 03/225-0568

Weekend Schedule

- April, 10, 17, 42
- May, 1, 8, 15, 22
- June, 5, 12, 19, 26
- July, 10, 17, 26 = (Birthday, Friday)
- August, 7, 14, 21, 28

Shree Mahavir Jain Foundation, Santa Ana, is involved in a number of activities including daily feeding over 500 birds daily, distribution of cassettes on Jain lectures by Bandhu Triputi, Chitrabhanuji, and Atmarthi Sudhaben Sheth and distribution of literature for senior citizens seeking information on medical benefits, social security, supplemental income, immigration and other topics. For more information please call Navalbhai Shah at 714/253-9522.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Ahimsa Day Celebration

Chair - Surendra Singhvi

Jains should plan to celebrate Ahimsa Day on October 1, 1996. An Ahimsa Award in memory of Acharya Sushil Kumarji will be presented on Ahimsa Day at Siddhachalam. For more information on these events or those wishing to join this committee, please call Surendra Singhvi at 513/885-7414.

Animal Compassion and Vegetarianism

Chair - Narendra Sheth

This committee is working on three major projects - preparation of a booklet entitled "Jainism and Animal Issues," organizing "Jivan Sanskar" an interactive workshops throughout North America and participation in the YJA Convention.

The "Jainism and Animal Issues" booklet will address various issues relating to Jain beliefs on what we eat, what we wear, how we learn and how we entertain ourselves. There will be a special emphasis on cosmetics and household goods with a list of 150 manufacturers who do not use any animal ingredients in their products and who do not perform testing on animals. In addition, there will be a list of nearly 500 retail stores and mail order outlets in the United States and Canada which stock cruelty-free items.

The booklet is scheduled to be published before the YJA Convention in July, 1996 and will be sent to all the Jain families. The entire project will cost approximately \$10,000 and donations are needed to defray the cost.

The "Jivan Sanskar," interactive workshops that have an emphasis on Ahimsa, animals, environment and their interconnection, that are led by Rae Sikora and Zoe Weil of Philadelphia, have proven successful in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Raleigh. Plans are being made to hold these workshops in Chicago, Dallas, and Houston.

Several workshops of this type will be organized for the YJA Convention in San Francisco. For more information about any of these projects please call Narendra Sheth at 619/693-8272.

All those interested in expressing their opinion or having more information about the slaughter of millions of cows in England should contact Dilip Shah at: 215/561-0581 or Fax 215/561-0758 or toll free at 1-800-392-3237 or Email at dilip@aol.com or his home page at www.mad-cow.com.

Library and Education

Chair - Prem Gada

A milestone has been reached in the development of a curriculum for JAINA's Education program. We now have a set of eight books which have been printed. Each set is divided into two groups.

The first four books have been developed for children ages 3 to 7 and include:

- Coloring Book.
- Dot to Dot Book.
- Alphabet - Part I.
- Jain Lessons - 1.

The second group of four books have been developed for children ages 8 to 11 and include:

- Alphabet - Part II.
- Jain Lessons - 2.
- Jain Skits.
- Jain Stories.

Each set is beautifully printed with color pictures and valuable material on Jainism. A complete set is available for a suggested donation of \$25, payable to JAINA. A set of pictorial story books is also available and can be ordered for a suggested donation of \$15, payable to JAINA.

In addition, a CD ROM is being prepared. This CD will have information on Jainism, Jain Temples and Jain Organizations. It will be distributed to all Jain Centers and at the YJA Convention. The Committee and JAINA would like to thank the sponsors of this project for their generosity. For more information about these educational material please call Prem Gada in Lubbock, TX at 806/793-8555 or 806/794-4777.

World Community Service

Dhiraj Shah - Chair

With the help of the Jain Center of America, NY, the World Community Service presented a check for \$7,000 to Dr. Anil Patel, director of the Women's Health Center. The Center is located on the banks of the Narmada River which borders Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

The Center trains traditional birth attendants in safe, modern methods of child delivery and helps fulfill an overwhelming demand for Pre and Post-Natal care by offering a hygienic and safe clinic and delivery room.

The World Community Service would like to thank all those who have contributed to this very worthy cause. For more information please contact Dhiraj Shah at 716/282-3018.

The Jain Center of Southern California once again helped to raise over \$30,000 for the Bidada Medical Camp held from January 31 - February 10, 1996. Over 14,700 patients were examined and 410 operations were performed.

Young Minds

Young Jains of America

Convention planning, fundraising sails at full speed

By Mintu Turakhia, YJA (West)

With the Young Jains of America (YJA) Convention less than two months away, the San Francisco Convention Committee (SFCC) and YJA have shifted planning into overdrive, with most major arrangements complete.

Over a dozen Jain youth groups and centers in North America have been working with the 60-member San Francisco Convention Committee (SFCC) for the past seven months. "We hope these efforts will strengthen and expand Jain youth activities and develop stronger ties among youth around the country," commented Activities Coordinator Seema Bhimani.

Meanwhile, YJA has begun a national effort to raise \$30,000 for the convention and future YJA activities. In March, the Jain Center of Northern California held a Sangeet program benefit and \$10,000 in ticket and raffle sales alone. "With a total goal of \$50,000, we need to rally support from all

of America and Canada," comments YJA Co-Chair Amit Shah. "I'm confident that the support is out there. We just need to let everyone know what we're doing and why we need their help."

The response to the convention has been overwhelming, with over 700 applications to date. With participants from over 30 states, Canada, and the U.K., the convention proves to be a truly international event. "Our goal is to provide youth with a diverse educational forum that will help them better understand Jainism in the context of their own lives," commented Site Coordinator Sonali Kapadia. "That's why we chose 'Integrating Philosophy and Practice' as this year's theme."

Speakers include spiritual guide Gurudev Chitrabhanuji and noted Jain teacher Praveen Shah, as well as other religious, academic, and community leaders. Youths will also attend workshops presented by their peers, including *Jain Art and History* (Detroit), *Anektantevada* (Texas/Arizona), and "Scientific Aspects of Jainism" (Los Ange-

les), to name a few. The convention will also feature Yoga and Preksha Dhyana workshops, as well as organized social and cultural activities to give youths a chance to mingle and make new friends.

If you are interested in helping plan activities or anything else, please contact YJA/SFCC (names and numbers listed on next page).

Highlights of YJA:

Recent projects, future plans

October 1995

- Host City Selected for 1996 YJA Convention
- San Francisco Convention Committee (SFCC) formalized

January 1996

- YJA/SFCC Executive Board meeting in San Francisco

February

- St. Louis, Atlanta selected as Foster Focus Cities
- Young Minds published and mailed to 1200 YJA members

March

- Convention enrollment reaches record numbers
- SFCC Sangeet benefit raises \$13,000

April

- Redesigned YJA internet home page introduced
- YJA membership reaches 1600

May

- YJA begins national fundraising campaign to reach \$30,000 goal
- YJA Election candidate nominations begin

July

- Second Biennial YJA Convention
- Release of convention issue of *Young Minds*

July-August

- YJA Executive Board Elections

August

- New YJA board term and fiscal year begin
- Post-convention issue of *Young Minds* published

YJA overhauls board selection

Members can now vote to select Executive Board

by Anish Makim, YJA (Northeast)

Worried about the future of Jain youth? Should YJA and other youth groups be doing more? Well here's your opportunity to get **directly** involved with YJA.

For the first time in its history YJA will be opening up its executive board positions to general elections by its members. Currently, YJA is divided up into six regions, with two board members each: Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South, Southeast, Midwest, and West. In addition, the Executive Board

has three general coordinators who are chosen by the board at the beginning of the term.

To ease the transition for this first election, there will be one position per region open for election. This will prevent a potentially high turnover from disrupting board continuity, particularly since we expect the upcoming convention to cause youth interest to be greater than ever. The returning board members will also be able to better guide the newly-elected board members.

Elections will be conducted by mail following the convention (via ballots in *Young*

(continued on p. 15)

Despite convention, financial strain, YJA continues towards its mission with new programs and activities

by **Amit Shah, YJA (Midwest)** and
Mintu Turakhia, YJA (West)

"To establish a network to share Jain heritage and religion through youth."

That is the mission of **YJA**. More specifically, our goal is to: 1) increase interaction among Jain youths across America; 2) give youths an opportunity to explore, learn, and understand Jain philosophy, history, and *dharma*.

This year's biggest project is the **Second Biennial YJA Convention**. With 600 participants (up from 425 two years ago), a planning committee of over 60 people, and an operating budget of \$150,000, this is quite easily the largest event of its kind. Certainly, this is no easy task, which is why we've established a separate **San Francisco Convention Committee (SFCC)**. Through a collaboration with SFCC and Jain centers and youth groups all across North America, we are certain that we will have an educational and memorable second convention.

Foster Focus is another of YJA's current projects. This "adopt-a-center" program allows youth groups across North America to work on nationally-driven projects. This year, the **Atlanta Jain youth group** is coordinating an exhibit and poster session for the convention, while the **St. Louis youth** are compiling the second edition of the **YJA Scrapbook**.

If you have access to the **internet**, then you can find a storehouse of information and the latest news on the **YJA Home Page** (www.utexas.edu/students/yja/). Our recently redesigned web site features up-to-date information on YJA, international, and regional news concerning Jain youths. You can even register as a YJA member on-line. The home page has proven to be a great medium of communication.

Of course, there is still much more YJA would like to accomplish. Future projects include distributing a comprehensive educational binder that outlines that Jainism in a simple, yet thorough and easy-to-read way. Thanks to the work of **Dr. Prem Gada** and

his team, much of the literature is almost complete. For our local representatives (we have at least one such youth liaison for almost every Jain organization in North America), we plan to distribute a **YJA Resource Kit** containing information ranging from lists of external organizations to outlines of activities with the youth groups can do. In order to expand our youth network around the world, YJA plans to develop active relationships with international contacts in the United Kingdom, Africa, and India.

Unfortunately, our future projects are dependent on funding. All of our future projects will be difficult to materialize without the help, including financial support, of our strong Jain community. We encourage you to help us out with any donation — no matter how large or small — that you are able to provide. A donation form is located on the last **Young Minds** page of this issue.

If you would like to get involved with YJA, please do not hesitate to contact YJA via telephone or e-mail (see next page). We look forward to hearing from you!

Have you previously completed a membership form? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Express yourself (art, film, anything!) at the YJA Convention!

by Ruturaaj Kalamkar, YJA (South)

Young Jains of America (YJA), the Jain Youth Society of Greater Atlanta (JYSGA) and the Jain Center of Greater Saint Louis are joining efforts to put together an assortment of incredible exhibits, including the YJA North American Scrapbook, for the Second Biennial Young Jains of America Convention.

Currently, JYSGA is coordinating the convention exhibition while the St. Louis Youth Group is assembling the North American Scrapbook. Both groups would like help from Jain centers across North America to put together a successful exhibition! Exhibits may address any topics relevant to the

cultural, religious, philosophical, and social experiences of Jainism. We encourage exhibits relating to the convention theme, "Jainism: Integrating Philosophy and Practice," but it is not a requirement.

The scrapbook is a yearbook-style exhibit that will highlight activities and members of Jain youths from across North America. We would like you to send pictures, articles, or material that represents your youth group. Be creative, be free, be Jain!

For more information, please contact:

JYSGA/Exhibits: Dimple Shah (770-723-0308, dimpleshah@aol.com); St. Louis/North American Scrapbook: Pooja Kapadia (314-532-0136, S990392@umslvma.umsc.edu); YJA Coordinator: Ruturaaj Kalamkar.

YJA moves to elect board members

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Minds, YJA's official newsletter) in late July and early August. We believe that the convention and related publicity will give as many Jain youths as possible an opportunity to learn about YJA and take part in the election process. To ensure fairness of regional representation, YJA members will only have the opportunity to vote for positions in their own regions.

If are interested in becoming a YJA Board Member or learning about how you can make a difference at the international level, please contact Anish Makim, YJA Election Coordinator, at 905 430-0522 (maki2660@mach1.wlu.ca). Please keep in mind that we are also looking for new local representatives, who serve as liaisons from their local Jain community to YJA. You can help make a difference!

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(Please see above for contacts of board members)

Young Jains of America (YJA) is the umbrella youth organization of the Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA). The mission of YJA is to be recognized nationally and internationally as an umbrella youth organization for establishing a network to share Jain heritage and religion through youth.

Call for Papers

Papers, essays, short stories, columns, art, and poetry are invited for the *Young Minds* Commemorative Souvenir Edition of the Second Biennial YJA Convention to be held July 4-6, 1996 in San Francisco, CA.

Submissions may address any topics relevant to the cultural, religions, philosophical, and social experiences of Jain youths in North America and around the world. Submissions relating to the convention theme, "Jainism: Interlacing Philosophy and Practice," are highly encouraged. However, submissions are *not* restricted to the above topics, and individuals are encouraged to submit any original work which they find relevant.

Submissions will be selected for publication using several criteria, including (but not limited to) clarity, content, originality, clarity, and relevance to high school, college, pre-professional, and professional Jain youth. **All submissions must be received by June 1, 1996.**

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YJA needs your help.

As you may know, YJA is planning the biggest ever Jain youth convention, with over 500 participants and a budget of \$150,000. Yes, we are charging registration fees, but we kept the fees low so that youths (mostly non-working students) could still afford to come.

We thus need to raise \$50,000...

and we've been steadily approaching this goal, thanks to the help of many. The Jain Center of Northern California held a Sangeet fundraiser that raised \$10,000 from tickets and raffle sales in a single night! In addition, the Northern California Jain community has also pledged another \$7,000 to the convention. Now, that's **incredible**. Unfortunately, we still need to raise more. But if Northern California can do it, then why can't the rest of us?

If you can give us \$125, then we'll give you a business card ad space (and yes, it's tax deductible)

As a token of appreciation, YJA will recognize your family or business in a 2" x 3.5" space in the convention souvenir edition of *Young Minds*. You can publish an advertisement for your business, or you can let us design a "Thank you" note addressed to your family. The choice is yours. If you would like to donate more (and we would be very happy if you do), here's the scale: \$250: 1/4-page ad; \$350: 1/2 page ad; \$500: full page ad. Of course, \$125 is not any sort of minimum; we will gratefully accept any donation what you can provide. If you would like to support us on behalf of your business, you can contact us for our **Corporate Benefits Plan**, a sophisticated set of benefits that can help greatly publicize your company. And remember:

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MATRIMONIALS

Hasmukh Shah, Associate Editor

MALE

M237: Gujarati parents invite responses for their very handsome, US born son, April, '68, 6'0", M. D., currently doing residency. Please send returnable photo with bio-data.

M254: Gujarati parents seek responses from bright, beautiful, family oriented girls for handsome, fair, well groomed, vegetarian son, born Feb., '68, 5'10", 165 lbs, B. S. (E.E.), well employed. Call: 301/948-2978.

M361: Gujarati parents from New York, invite responses for their US raised son, born Jan., '70, 5'4", 130 lbs, M. D., doing residency, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 718/463-7609.

M452: Gujarati parents invite responses for handsome, vegetarian, smart son, born March, '69, 5'10", 145 lbs, M.S. (Comp. Sc.), well employed in TX from suitable match. Call: 214/550-1281 or in Bombay, Phone: 6207482.

M458: Gujarati uncle invite responses for handsome, vegetarian, talented, nephew, born Sept., '71, 5'6", 140 lbs, B.S. (ME), well employed in MI, from educated, cultured girls. Call: 810/979-9678.

M459: Gujarati parents invite responses for their vegetarian, handsome, son, born Sept., '68, 5'8", 155 lbs, M.S. (Comm.), D.C.A., employed (innocently divorced, brief marriage of 2 weeks) from suitable match. Call: 334/687-3779.

M468: Gujarati parents invite responses for US born, handsome, professional son, born Jan., '70, 5'10", 165 lbs, B.A., from cultured, beautiful girls. Call: 513/489-6264.

M470: Alliance invited for intelligent, professional, very good looking vegetarian Gujarati boy, born Aug., '69, 5'8", 135 lbs, double M.S., well employed, from educated suitable match. Call: 313/913-4829.

M471: Responses invited for Gujarati, good looking US citizen boy, born, March, '68, 5'8", 160 lbs, M.S. ('96), well employed with GE, from educated, suitable match. Call: 812/876-7685.

M472: Responses invited by Gujarati parents for their handsome, vegetarian, US raised, professional son, born Sept., '71, 5'6", 165 lbs, M.S. (ME), well employed, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 516/334-8196.

M474: Alliance invited for handsome, vegetarian, talented Gujarati boy, born Dec., '69, 5'8", 142 lbs, B.S. (IIT), M.S. (IE), well employed, from suitable match. Call: 616/784-3704.

M477: Hindi Oswal parents invite responses for very handsome, US citizen son, born July, '70, 5'4", 120 lbs, B.S. (ME), well employed, from cultural, pretty, educated girls. Call: 810/788-2876.

M478: Jain Oswal parents invite correspondence from Jain strict vegetarian, educated, family oriented girls, for handsome, vegetarian, US born son, Sept., '69, 5'11", 145 lbs, B.S. (E.E.), Ph.D. ('97).

M479: Responses invited by Gujarati parents for their good looking, intelligent, vegetarian, US born boy, Oct. '69, 5'9", 160 lbs, M.D., doing residency, from educated, cultured girls.

M480: Hindi speaking parents invite alliance for vegetarian, good looking, US citizen son, born Sept. '69, 5'8", 135 lbs, B.S. (Env. Eng.), well employed, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 916/668-8616.

M489: Gujarati parents invite responses for their very handsome, fair, talented, vegetarian, US born son, March, '71, 5'9", 155 lbs, M. S. (Comp. Eng.) from Cornell Un., very well employed, from pretty, cultured, educated girls. Call: 410/771-0251 or Fax: 410/561-1150.

M491: Hindi Oswal parents invite responses for handsome, US born son, Sept. '71, 5'8", 140 lbs, M. D. ('96), from beautiful, educated, vegetarian, cultured girls. Please send bio-data and returnable photo. Call: 216/838-1372.

M493: Hindi speaking parents invite responses for their good looking, intelligent, son, born July, '69, 5'10", 140 lbs, B. Com, own travel business in NY, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 718/831-0147.

M496: Alliance invited for Gujarati, good looking, smart, vegetarian boy, born Oct. '67, 5'7", 120 lbs, M. S. (Comp. Sc.), well employed, from cultured, educated, pretty girls. Call: 614/851-9201.

AM101: Responses invited for handsome, accomplished, vegetarian, US raised, Gujarati boy, 26, 5'6", B. S. (Fin.), B. A. (Eco.), Own successful enterprise, from educated, cultured girls. Call: 201/680-8052 or 201/338-3719.

AM122: Gujarati parents invite correspondence for their very good looking, intelligent, vegetarian, US raised son, born Dec., '68, 5'9", 160 lbs, B. S. (Fin.), pursuing C.P.A., entrepreneur.

AM123: For their MSEE US patent owner, financially successful, exceptionally handsome, very light skinned, 6'1", March, '70, athletic son, highly prestigious and educated Gujarati family seeks very beautiful, light skinned, tall, educated girls. Call: 714/544-5005.

AM124: For their J.D. (Law) and M. B. A., economically well placed, exceptionally handsome, very light skinned, 6'1", March, '69, athletic son, very prestigious and educated Gujarati family seeks very beautiful, light skinned, tall, educated girls. Call: 714/544-5005.

AM162: Responses invited for enterprising, vegetarian, good looking, Gujarati boy, born July, '63, 5'6", 130 lbs, (attended college 2 yrs) owns well set business in TX, from suitable match. Call: 713/463-8736.

AM163: Alliance invited for handsome, accomplished, vegetarian, US raised, Gujarati boy, 26, 5'6", B. S. (Fin.), B.A. (Eco.), Owns successful enterprise, from educated, cultured girls. Call: 201/680-8052 or 201/338-3719.

AM169: Gujarati parents invite responses for their handsome, intelligent, vegetarian, US citizen son, born March, '69, 5'9", 150 lbs, M. S., (EE) from Johns Hopkins Un., well employed, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 410/536-0162.

FEMALE

F043: Gujarati parents invite responses from professional boys for their, pretty, attractive, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born April, '63, 5'0", 100 lbs, B. S., pursuing M. S., employed as Chemist.

F255: Gujarati parents invite responses for pretty, attractive, talented, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born August, '69, 5'4i" 115 lbs, B. S. (EE), well employed, from handsome, professional preferably M. D./ student. Call: 301/948-2978.

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

F311: Responses invited for Gujarati, pretty, smart, vegetarian girl, born Sept., '70, 5'2", 97 lbs, B. E. (Electronics) last yr, from educated, cultured boys. She is in India and willing to settle in USA. Call: 614/851-9201.

F324: Gujarati surgeon invite correspondence from highly educated professionals for his daughter, born Nov., '70, 5'2", slim, fair, beautiful, intelligent and well versed with Indian culture, M.S. (Economy) from very prestigious school. She visits India on regular basis. Call: 301/983-8597.

F356: Gujarati parents invite responses for pretty, talented, vegetarian US raised daughter, born June, '68, 5'1", 110 lbs, M. D., doing residency, from well educated, professional boys. Call: 908/665-4124.

F358: Gujarati parents from MN, invite responses from professionals for their attractive, intelligent, vegetarian, US born daughter, Oct., '71, 5'4", 125 lbs, B. A. (Eco.), presently employed in NJ as an analyst. Call: 612/425-0016.

F426: Gujarati parents invite responses for smart, attractive, slim, vegetarian, US born daughter, June, '71, 5'4", B. A., employed, (she lived in India for 6 years), from cultured, educated boys. Call: 215/396-7641.

F453: Jain Oswal parents invite responses for beautiful, intelligent, vegetarian daughter, born August, '73, 5'6", 146 lbs, B. S. (M. E.), pursuing M.S. at Un. of Virginia. Call: 804/295-0852 or parents in UAE, Phone: 971- 4 - 449549.

F454: Gujarati parents invite responses from professional boys for their US citizen, intelligent, attractive daughter, born August, '70, 5'5", 115 lbs, M.B.A., C.P.A. track, well employed, enjoys gardening, reading. Please send bio-data and returnable photo.

F455: Hindi speaking physician parents invite responses for their beautiful, fair, vegetarian daughter, born Nov., '70, 5'2", 105 lbs, M. D. (4th year student), from professional Jain boys, preferably M.D. Please send bio-data with returnable photo.

F456: Parents invite responses for professional boys for their pretty, charming, vegetarian daughter, born May, '70, 5'8", 140 lbs, B. S. (M. E.), well employed. Call: 410/269-8837.

F457: Responses invited for Gujarati, pretty, slim, vegetarian, US citizen girl, born July, '72, 5'6", 110 lbs, B. S. (Chem. Eng.), well employed, from educated, cultured boys. Call: 219/865-8146.

F460: Physician brother invite responses for vegetarian, pretty sister, born Nov., '54, 5'0", 110 lbs, (never married) B. S. (Microbiology), experienced Lab Technician, from suitable match. Call: 216/835-8408.

F461: Gujarati parents invite responses for attractive, slim, vegetarian daughter, born Oct., '70, 5'4", 110 lbs, B. S., well employed, from cultured, educated boys. Call: 908/422-0739.

F462: Gujarati parents invite responses for pretty, fair, vegetarian daughter, born April, '74, 5'2", 115 lbs, studied Medical Admin. (Texas school), employed, from cultured, educated boys. Call: 713/688-6440.

F463: Responses invited for Gujarati, good looking, vegetarian girl, born Oct., '62, 5'2", 110 lbs, B. Com., L. L.B., employed, from suitable match. Call: 713/460-2819.

F464: Gujarati parents invite responses for attractive, pretty, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born June, '74, 5'2", 105 lbs, B.B.A., from educated, cultured boys. Call: 210/546-7572.

F465: Parents invite responses from Gujarati, Jain, vegetarian professionals for their beautiful daughter, born May, '73, 5'0", 105 lbs, B. S. (Microbiology), M. S. (Biology). Presently in India and willing to settle in USA. Call: 708/517-8323.

F466: Gujarati, good looking, vegetarian female, born Oct., '56, 4'11", 138 lbs, B.S., employed as C.N.A., invite responses from suitable match. Call: 708/539-9360.

F467: Physician uncle invite responses for Hindi speaking, pretty, slim, attractive, vegetarian, intelligent niece, born August, '72, 5'4", 122 lbs, B. S., employed, from cultured, educated boys. (she is currently in India and willing to settle in USA). Call: 516/747-7235.

F469: Sister invites responses from professional, cultured, Gujarati boys, for vegetarian, slim, beautiful sister with Indian values, born March, '69, 5'0", 80 lbs, B.S., presently working in India. Call: 908/906-1257.

F473: Alliance invited by Gujarati parents for their pretty, slim, attractive, vegetarian, US born daughter, April, '73, 5'5", 110 lbs, B. S. (Pharmacy), (5/'96), well employed, from cultured, educated boys. Call: 516/334-8196.

F475: Responses invited for attractive, slim, vegetarian, Gujarati girl, born Dec., '66, 5'3", 115 lbs, B. S. (Pharmacy), employed as pharmacist (divorcee, issueless, brief marriage), from cultured, educated boys with Indian values. Call: 718/380-4119.

F476: Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated professionals for their pretty, US born/raised daughter, August, '71, 5'4", 105 lbs, M. D. (5/'96), with East/West blend and strong family values. Please send returnable photo with bio-data.

F481: Physician invite responses for his beautiful, slim, vegetarian, US born daughter, Sept., '72, 5'10", 130 lbs, M.D. ('98), from professional boys preferably M.D. Call: 606/297-2626.

F482: Gujarati family invite responses for vegetarian, attractive daughter, born July, '63, 5'1", 100 lbs, studied Home Sc., employed in Diamond Business, from suitable cultured match. Call: 201/612-7560.

F483: Alliance invited by Gujarati family for pretty, vegetarian daughter, born June, '66, 5'1", 110 lbs, M. Sc., employed in Diamond Trade, from educated, suitable match. Call: 201/612-7560.

F484: Jain Oswal parents invite responses from tall, pretty, convent educated, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born Feb., '60, 5'7", 180 lbs Ph. D., Research Associate, from professional boys.

F485: Parents invite responses for their pretty, slim, vegetarian, accomplished daughter, born March, '72, 5'5", 110 lbs, B.D.S. (Dental Surgeon), employed, from professional boys having Indian values. Call: 713/784-5319.

F486: Gujarati parents invite correspondence for their US raised, attractive, cultured, vegetarian daughter, born Sept., '71, 5'3", 115 lbs, B. A. (Marketing.) and G.G., from caring good looking professional males with good sense of humor. Please send returnable photo with bio-data.

F487: Responses invited by Oswal parents for their beautiful, slim, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born Dec., '63, 5'6", 140 lbs, M. D., Internist, from professional boys, preferably M.D.

F488: Hindi speaking parents invite responses for their pretty, smart, vegetarian daughter, born Nov., '70, 5'4", 120 lbs, B.A., helping family owned travel business, from suitable match. Call: 718/831-0147.

F490: Gujarati uncle invite responses from professional, handsome boys for beautiful, talented, vegetarian niece, presently in India and willing to settle in USA, born Feb., '74, 5'3", 115 lbs, B. S. (Biochemistry) from St. Xaviers College. Call: 410/771-0251 or Fax: 410/561-1150.

F492: Responses invited for Gujarati, attractive, talented, vegetarian girl, born April, '73, 5'2", 110 lbs, B. A., from suitable match. Currently visiting Canada and USA. Call: 519/542-3202.

F494: Gujarati parents invite responses for their vegetarian, good looking daughter, born August, '62, 5'6", 114 lbs, B.A., from suitable match. Call: 713/496-2022.

F495: Gujarati parents invite correspondence for their beautiful, talented, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born May, '70, 5'2", 105 lbs, M. D. ('96), from cultured, professional boys, preferably M. D.

AF87: Oswal Jain parents invite responses from vegetarian, educated professional, sincere, kind, intelligent males, for US born daughter, Dec., '70, 5'3", M.B.A., slim, vegetarian, good looking, cultured and believes in family values. Call: 718/793-7377.

AF101: Responses invited for pretty, slim, Gujarati Jain, highly educated, successful professional, vegetarian US citizen girl, born April, '69, 5'3", 100 lbs, from professional boys (US or India). Call: 614/326-1352.

AF121: Our daughter is exceptionally beautiful, very attractive, light skinned, beauty pageant winner, slim, 23, 5'7", M. S., uniquely talented, intelligent, family oriented. Very prestigious, educated Gujarati family seeks compatible match. Call: 714/544-5005.

AF165: Responses invited for pretty, slim, Gujarati, vegetarian girl, born May, '70, 5'2", B. S., D.M.L.T., Lab Technician, from cultured, educated boys. She is currently in India and willing to settle in USA. Call: 314/530-0632.

AF167: Gujarati brother invites responses for his India raised, beautiful sister, born Jan., '72, 5'5", 125 lbs, B. E. (Comp. Sc.), well employed in USA, from well educated, Gujarati, vegetarian, cultured boys. Call: 619/653-0226.

AF168: Gujarati brother invite alliance for his good looking, vegetarian sister, born Nov., '59, 5'0", 107 lbs, M. S. (Accounting.), Diploma Computer Science, employed, from suitable match. Call: 312/481-9921.

AF170: Gujarati parents invite responses from cultured, educated boys for their cultured, vegetarian, beautiful, US raised daughter, born Nov., '71, 5'3", Pharmacist, well employed. Call: 717/541-8274.

AF171: Gujarati physician invites responses for his beautiful, fair and talented daughter, born Feb., '72, 5'5", M. D. ('98), from professional Gujarati boys, preferably M.D. Call: 419/868-7476.

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JAINA would like to congratulate Nehal Gandhi and Ripal Shah on their marriage, and Tanay Panalal and his future bride on their engagement. These two couples have come together with the help of the services of the MIS. JAINA wishes to thank them for their generous donation.

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Marriage Information Service Registration Form Federation of Jain Associations In North America

A/C/F/M

Send this completed form, a check in the amount of \$25.00 and a recent, full-length photograph of yourself with your name printed on the back to: Hasmukh M. Shah, 8721 Scrimshaw Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34653.

Name: (Please Print) _____
Last
First
Middle

Address: _____
Street
City
State
Zip

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

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: _____
Company's name
Position
Duration

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Brother(s) and/or Sister(s) _____
Name(s)
Age(s)
Education
Occupation

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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**Marriage Information Service
Registration Form
Federation of Jain Associations In North America**

1. Two references who are members of the Jain Community or other Indian organizations.

A. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Member of: _____

Organization's Name

B. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Member of: _____

Organization's Name

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After reading the article on Pizza Hut's beef based sauce in the Sept./Dec. 1995 issue of the Jain Digest, I contacted their offices and received the following letter. I appreciate being informed about this situation.

*Sangini Shah,
North Stonington, CT*

Dear Pizza Hut Customer:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning animal products in our Pizza Hut ingredients and products. I hope the following information is helpful to you.

Cheese Enzymes - Pizza Hut cheese enzymes are either bovine or vegetable and made from biosynthesized rennet. If you need more information, you may contact your local FDA office.

Sauce - Our Pasta Sauce and Breadstick Sauce contains a Beef Base: . . . Our regular

Pizza Sauce does NOT contain a Beef Base but does contain an animal by-product (enzyme). This is due to the fact that there are three cheeses in the sauce and the milk used to produce the cheese contains enzyme which occur naturally in all living thing and can not be extracted. However, the sauce that is used for our Stuffed Crust Pizza does contain chicken fat. This sauce is ONLY used for our Stuffed Crust Pizza. If you would like to try our Stuffed Crust Pizza you can request them to make it using our regular pizza sauce.

Vegetable Oil - Our oil is made up of soybean or cotton seed oil, or a combination of both. NO palm, peanut or coconut oils are used.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this information to you. Sincerely,

*Pat Applegate
Pizza Hut, Inc., 1-800/948-8488*

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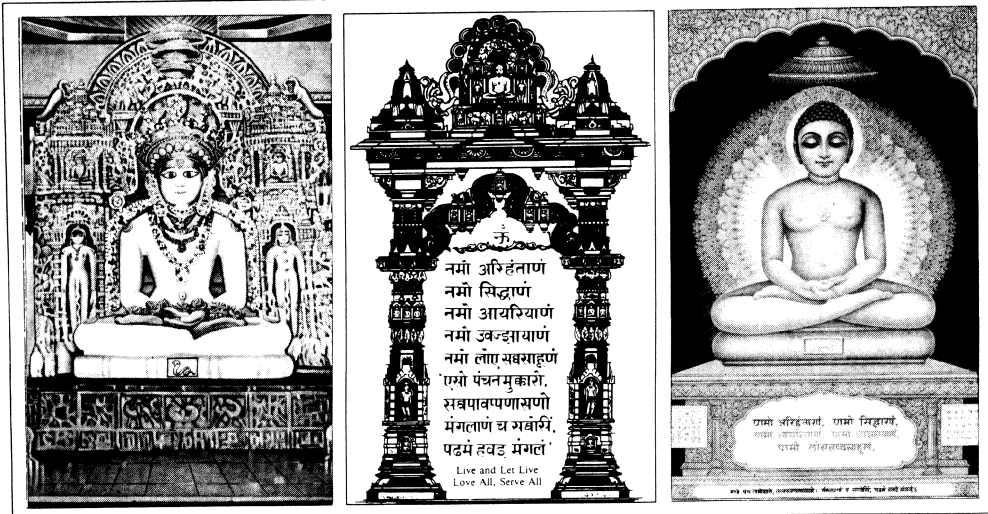
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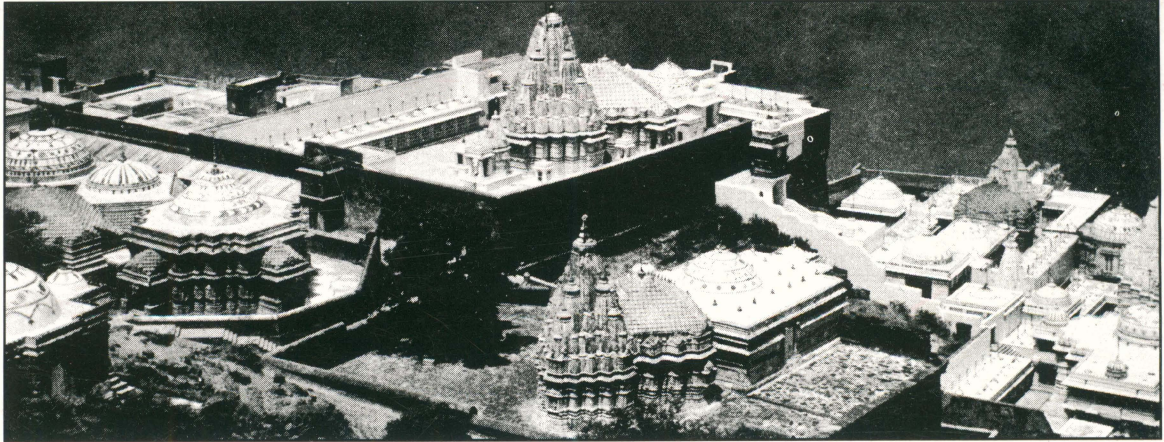


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