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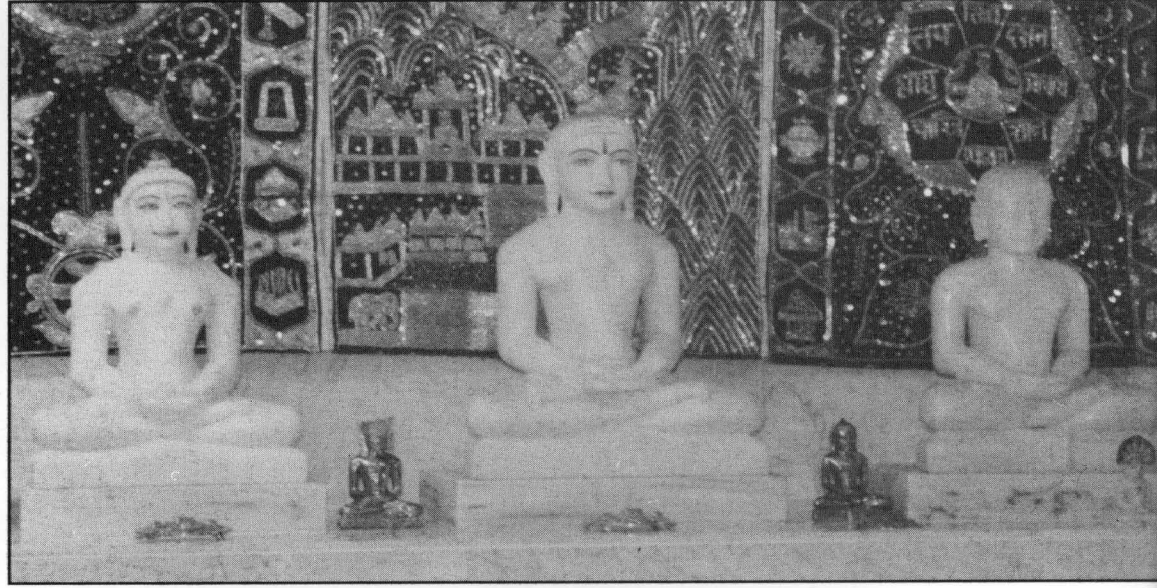
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अहो! अहो! श्री सदगुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार
आ पामर पर प्रभु कर्णो, अहो! अहो! उपकार (१२४)

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
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President's Diary

Editor's Note: President Dhiraj Shah went on a goodwill mission to the UK and India. Dhirajbhai met with several dignitaries and briefed them on the activities of JAINA. Below is his diary of activities from December 1997 to February 1998.

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DECEMBER 20, 1997

Arrived at London. Received by Jain leaders of London. Met representatives of 29 Jain organizations. Spoke to them about JAINA and its activities. A very good interaction with all of them. In the evening, attended Swadhyay at Navnat Hall and addressed the gathering.

DECEMBER 21

Dr. Natubhai Shah took me to Leister Temple in the morning. It was probably the best temple I have seen in the western world. Congratulations to all involved in this beautiful project. Met the leaders of Jain Samaj of Europe and exchanged ideas. In the evening, Dr. L.M. Singhvi, India's High commissioner to the U.K., invited for dinner and discussion. We had a very lengthy and fruitful talk on many subjects particularly about the celebration of Lord Mahavir's 2600th birthday.

DECEMBER 24-25, 1997

Met the leaders of the Jain community of Bombay and briefed them about the activities of JAINA. Discussed building organizational bridges between JAINA and the Jain Communities in India.

JANUARY 6, 1998

Press conference at Chelmsfor Club — Delhi. Press conference was attended by all the major news organizations of India including *Times of India*, *Hindustan Times*, *Hindu*, *Navbharat Times*, P.T.I., Reuters and many others. It lasted 2 hours and the press was briefed about JAINA and its activities, particularly in regards to the humanitarian. Approximately 100 publications wrote the story about JAINA and its activities. I do not think that we have ever been able to convey the message of JAINA — Ahimsa, Aparigraha, Anekantvad and Anukampa to more than 300 million people by just one press conference. It seems to be the most effective tool. I will encourage all Jain leaders to use this tool and spread the message of Mahavir. In the evening, I addressed members of "Ahimsa International" and answered questions about JAINA.

JANUARY 8

Meeting with the U.S. Ambassador Richard Celeste for about one hour. Briefed him about JAINA and its activities and also its positive effect of improving Indo-US relations. The Ambassador had read details of the press conference, and was very impressed by our activities. The meeting was also attended by his political advisor Eric Tunis, Heather Goldman of USAID, R. P. Jain, coordinator for "Jains Abroad" and Ramesh Jain of the *Times of India*. I presented the ambassador *The Peaceful Liberators*. Addressed the members of JAIN MAHASABHA in Delhi and urged them to continue their good work.

JANUARY 9

Interview with *Statesman*. JAINA got nationwide publicity when this interview was published on the 11th of January. On the 18th January, the *Times of India*, Delhi supplement published my interview. Dr. Jagat Jain, former JAINA President, and myself met with Mr. K. C. Jain, community leader of Delhi, accompanied by Mr. R. P. Jain of Delhi.

JANUARY 10

Flew to Bhuj-Kutch with American Counsel General, Mr. Huddle., to observe Bidada Medical Camp. Worked in the camp till the 18th.

JANUARY 11

Inaugurated the medical camp at Nakhatrana and spent a day treating patients.

JANUARY 12

Addressed Bhuj Jain Sangh and briefed them about the activities of JAINA. Inaugurated BHUJ Blood Bank.

JANUARY 13

Visited Vasai Medical Clinic started by JAINA. Clinic treats 75 patients a day at no cost to the patient.

JANUARY 19

Met Muni Jambuvijay, Scholar of Jainism, asked for the guidelines about temple formation. His thoughts are very close to JAINA'S.

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Jai Jinendra!

JAINA is vibrating with these activities:

- Pratishtha on a grand scale organized by Jain Society of Greater Detroit this summer
- YJA's Biennial Conventions in Houston, Texas on the weekend of July 4th
- Boston Jain Society organizing Pathshala Teachers Convention in May 1998

'JAINA Awareness' was the preamble behind our President, Dr. Dhiraj Shah's trip to U. K. and India. He met His Holiness Dalai Lama and Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma and Dr. R. Venkataraman, past presidents of India and made them aware of JAINA's activities.

In this issue an article on Parshvanath Vidyapeeth, a 60-year-old institute doing research in Jainism, is worthwhile reading.

Please do write to us. We love to hear from you.

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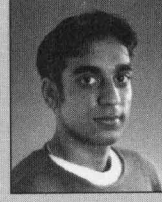
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JANUARY 21

Brief meeting with H. H. Dalai Lama at Mafatkaka's residence in Bombay.

JANUARY 23

Arrived at Veerayatan.

JANUARY 24

Visited Veerayatan hospital with Acharya Chandanaji and was briefed about their different activities.

JANUARY 26

In Veerayatan, inaugurated the Children's Cataract Camp and addressed the gathering of about 2,000 people, where I talked about the humanitarian activities of JAINA.

JANUARY 27-30

Visited the pilgrimage sites of Bihar.

JANUARY 31

Met the past President of India, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma and briefed him about JAINA'S activities.

FEBRUARY 1

Met the past President of India, Dr. R. Venkataraman, and informed him about JAINA'S activities.

FEBRUARY 2

Reached the "Nokha" site of the annual gathering of Terapanthi. Addressed 20,000 attendees about the activities of JAINA.

FEBRUARY 3

Held a private meeting with Acharya Maha Pragma, Head of Terapanthi, and discussed the role of Saman and Samani's in North America.

FEBRUARY 5

Met Jain leaders of Bombay and Dubai and discussed the plans for the celebration of Lord Mahavir's 2600th birthday.

FEBRUARY 6

To Ahmedabad. Met Jain leaders and addressed a large gathering at the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce about the activities of JAINA.

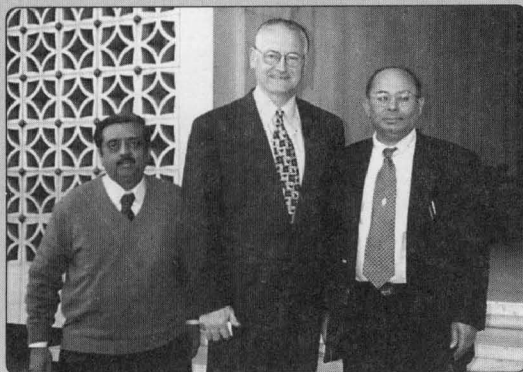
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Visited "Kutchhi Bhuvan". Addressed the girls of Mahavir Jain Vidhyalay and attended a medical gathering.

FEBRUARY 10

To Pune. Visited 1500 orphans, victims of Latur earthquake; in the evening held, a town-hall type of meeting and answered questions from the large audience, and was felicitated by 47 organizations.

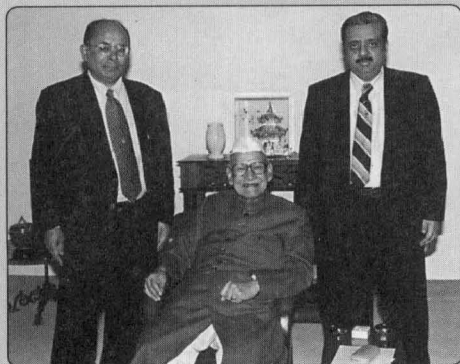
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Mr. R. P. Jain, Richard Celeste (the US Ambassador to India) and Dr. Dhiraj Shah outside the US Embassy.



Dr. Dhiraj Shah confers with the Honorable Dalai Lama.



Dr. Dhiraj Shah with Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma (Past President of India) and Mr. R. P. Jain.



Dr. Dhiraj Shah meets with Dr. L. M. Singvhi (former High Commissioner to the UK) and Mr. Ratibhai Chandaria (Chairman of the Institute of Jainology of London).

Second Southeast Regional YJA Convention Held November 27-30, 1997

The second Southeast Regional YJA Convention was held in Raleigh, NC, during the Thanksgiving weekend. This event was organized by the Young Jains of Triangle, NC, and hosted by the Jain Study Centre of NC. The convention Co-chairs were Dina Mehta and Amit Shah, and adult advisor was Pravin Shah. The theme was Jainism: Eastern Philosophy, Western Practice.

100 youths from 16 states participated in the convention. The participants were divided into two groups, 60 youths were in group I (under 20 years) and 40 were in group II (over 20 years). A unique convention souvenir was prepared consisting of more than 30 religious articles covering Jain philosophy, literature and practice. JAINA will be distributing the souvenir to every JAINA Pathshala teacher. Both Jain and non-Jain scholars were invited to cover the variety of topics presented at the convention. Following is the summary of the subject matter covered during the convention:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| — Fundamentals of Jainism | — Theory of Karma |
| — Vegetarianism vs. Veganism | — Comparative Religions (Hinduism & Buddhism) |
| — Jain History and Literature | — Ritual and Penance: what's the point? |
| — College roles/Business Ethics | — Social Discussion I, II |

The following scholars were present:

- Samani Bhavit Pragya and Samni Vineet Pragya from Orlando, FL (Yoga & Meditation)
- Pravin Shah of Raleigh, NC (Jainism)
- Saurabh Dalal of Washington DC (Vegetarianism)
- Dilip Barman, President of TVA Raleigh NC (Animal Rights)
- Pravin Shukla from Rocky Mount, NC (Comparative Religion)
- Dr. J. Chubb, Professor of Philosophy and religion from UNC
- Bruce Raley Ashlord, a motivational speaker
- Marcey Hege, an Executive Director of International Focus Inc.

Dr. Dhiraj Shah, JAINA President, was the main speaker at the closing ceremony of the convention. He urged the youths to volunteer with different committees of JAINA.

JAINA also contributed \$2,500 to help defray the cost of the convention. In addition to education, the convention provided a great opportunity to make friends, and create new bonds among Jain youth.

Attendees of the Second Southeast Regional YJA Convention, held November 27-30, 1997, pose for a group photo.



First Young Jain Professionals Convention Held January 16-19, 1998

The first Young Jain Professionals Convention was held from January 16 to 19, in Miami, Florida. The event, organized by dedicated young professionals from around the country with support from the YJA, was the first forum of its type. The purpose was to provide a forum for discussing issues that young Jains deal with in the professional world and was geared primarily towards individuals between the ages of 22 to the mid-thirties.

Lecture topics included Fundamentals of Jainism, applying religion to daily life, Jain ethics in the Science, Art and Business of Medicine, and socially responsible investing. Discussion topics

included: should Jains be excluded from certain professions, non-violent communication, ethical issues in the legal profession, balancing career and family and becoming involved in the Jain community. Yoga and meditation sessions were also held. Sightseeing around Miami helped round-up the three-day convention.

At the end, there was a session on future directions for young Jain Professionals. The group decided that it was premature at this point to form any kind of official organization, but to continue planning informal events and to meet again in September. For more information, call Shilpa Shah at 404/321-4637.

Bhattarak Charukeertiji Passes Away

Bhattarak Charukeertiji of Jain Math at Moodbidri, Karnataka passed away on January 16. He was only 50. He suffered a fatal heart attack as he slept at night. A scholar with extensive knowledge of Jain Scriptures, Hindu Philosophy, Prakrit, Pali and M.A. in Hindi and Sanskrit, he traveled throughout India and the world to spread the message of Lord Mahavir. He restored Moodbidri as a prime pilgrimage in Karnataka State. Restored Ratnaatrya Siddhanta Bhavan for holy darshana of Navratna Pratimas. Set up Ramarani Research Institute. He was the custodian of Navratna Pratimas, and Dhawala, Jaya Dhawala and Maha Dhawal Grantha. Helped Teerth Sthapna at Siddhachalam and along with Gurudev Chitrabhanu, performed Pratishtha at most of the temples in North America. Guided Jain festivals of Mahavir Jayanti, Paryushana and Das Laxan Dharma throughout the world. He first came to America in 1979 and for the last 15 years has been coming to America every year through JAINA'S Scholar Visitation Program. For the last 10 years, he was at the New York Centre for Das Laxana Parva. He was always an invited scholar at the JAINA convention. After the JAINA convention in Toronto, he visited Houston and New York. His last stop in America was in Alaska, as he was invited by 250 Hindu-Jain families from the Alaskan community. From Alaska he went to Australia before returning to India. Charukeertiji Maharaj will be missed by the entire Jain Community in North America.

Samarpan Jain Sangh Approves Convention Bid

At a general body meeting of the Samarpan Jain Sangh of Philadelphia in December, a resolution to host 1999 JAINA Convention in Philadelphia was approved by an overwhelming majority. The Sangh will now present their proposal to the Executive Committee of JAINA.

Mahavir Samarak Samiti

Mahavir Samarak Samiti met on January 19th, 1998 at Mr. Deepchand Gardi's (President of the Samiti) residence in Bombay to discuss plans for celebration of Bhagwan Mahavir's 2600th Birthday. In the year 2001, the Jains all over the world will celebrate Bhagwan Mahavir's 2600th Birth Anniversary. JAINA was invited to participate in planning.

Congratulations to...

...Ila Mehta of Toledo, Ohio received the Group Leadership Award from the International Institute of Greater Toledo on February 12, 1998. Ila has served the Indian Community in the Toledo area for over 20 years. Her activities are numerous; to name a few she produced and presented a multimedia slide presentation with dance, music and artifacts about India. She also staged and produced great Epic stories such as Ramayan and Shakuntala with a huge cast of over 100 participants. For the Indian youth she developed a program "Growing Together" for smooth interaction between teenagers and parents. At present she is chairing the Jain family assistance program of JAINA. JAINA is proud to have her as part of its organization.

...Ratibhai Shah of Dallas, Texas to be appointed as new Chairperson of Jiv Daya Committee.

...Vinay Vakani of Oradell, N.J. to be appointed as chairperson of Senior Citizen Committee.

Headquarters Activities

In view of the increased workload at JAINA Headquarters, Mr. Kamalesh Amin was named to the part-time position of Executive Director of JAINA at the JAINA Executive Committee meeting held October 4. His activities include:

- Maintaining various lists:
 - JAIN DIGEST membership – US Approx. 6,500 records
 - JAIN DIGEST – Canada Approx. 450 records
 - JAIN DIGEST – India Approx. 350 records
 - JAIN DIGEST – Foreign/Other Approx. 150 records
 - JAIN DIGEST – Life Membership Approx. 525 records
 - JAINA Patron membership Approx. 250 records
 - JAINA Pathshala Teachers list
 - JAINA Temple list
 - Jain Center Presidents and Directors list
- Providing an advance copy of JAIN DIGEST via first class mail to all Patron Members and Trustees
- Providing assistance or help to any Jain organization in NA and abroad
- Assisting in the preparation of JAIN DIGEST and follow up through printing and mailing to every member organization
- Providing assistance to the President with day-to-day activities (e.g. answering letters, telephone call, faxes, inquiring about different things needed by JAINA)
- Providing assistance to the members of the Executive Committee in their projects
- Providing assistance to any Committee Chairperson to distribute books, brochures and any educational material. Also provide additional help
- Providing a letter to potential citizens to present to the INS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dr. L. M. Singhvi receives *Padma Bhushan*

Dr. L. M. Singhvi, former high commissioner of India to U.K., received the *Padma Bhushan* award this past January during India's republic day celebrations. He was once described as "a lawyer by profession, a professor by temperament, a politician by compulsion, a parliamentarian by choice, a researcher by habit and a humanist by nature." He is in addition, a Jain Scholar of the highest calibre. Well known to all Jains are his foreward to the outstanding publication *Tattvartha Sutra of Umasvati* translated by Nathmal Tatia and his monograph titled the *Jain Declaration of Nature* presented to His Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. JAINA congratulates Dr. L. M. Singhvi for receiving such an honor.



Oxford Ahimsa Essay Award

The Institute of Jainology is to work with Oxford University to launch a prestigious new essay competition under the title of *Oxford Ahimsa Essay Prize and Travel Award*. They are expecting to collect a corpus fund of 15,000 pounds. To encourage broader participation they are appealing to you to donate between \$500 to \$1000 for this purpose. They are hoping to have the first competition commence in autumn 1998. Dr. L. M. Singhvi, former High Commissioner of India in U.K, initiated this project. For further Information on this project call Mr. R. Chandaria at 0181 997 2300.

Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Award

Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable trust awarded the prestigious Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Awards to ten individuals from different fields. The Awards were given by His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, on January 21, 1998. Each award carries a citation, medal and a cash prize of Rs.300,000. One of the recipients of this Award is Mr. Shantilal Mutha, of Bhartiya Jain Sanghata, Pune. He has developed a home for 2000 orphan children affected by the Latur earthquake. JAINA has contributed, in the past, more than 10 Lakh rupees for this noble cause.

Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Trust

The 24th Eye, Dental and Medical Surgical Camp was organized by the Trust from January 6 to January 19, 1998. Many doctors from the U.S., including Dr. Manibhai Mehta, Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Dr. Chandravan Haria, Dr. Dinesh Shah, Dr. Shanti Kenia, Dr. Rajni Patel and many others as well as many volunteers participated. In two weeks 13,754 patients were treated, including 580 surgeries and 208 patients who were taken to Bombay for further treatment. As usual Jain Center of Southern California collected funds for this worthy cause. North American participation was coordinated by Vijay Chheda and Dr. Manibhai Mehta..

Jain Social Group International Conference

Sixth International Conference of the Jain Social Group was held in Pune, India from December 19 to 21, 1997. More than 3,000 delegates from around the world attended the gathering. Shri C.N. Shanghavi, Founder President of JSG Federation was felicitated at the conference. Acharya Chandnaji, Shri Shantilal Mutha and Shri Arunbhai Zaveri were the keynote speakers.

PANCHAKALYANAKA

From the life of Mahavira

Janak Khendry—an internationally renowned dancer and choreographer—made history by presenting “PANCHAKALYANAKA —From the Life of Mahavira” on October 15, 1997, at the Premiere Dance Theatre, Toronto, Canada.

‘This is the first time that the life of a Jain Tirthankra has ever been presented in classical dance. This was not the usual dance drama. This was a true narrative of the life of a great soul presented reverently, absorbingly and touchingly. The most remarkable thing about this presentation was that Khendry was able to put forward Bhagwan Mahavira’s message of Ahimsa without HIS presence on stage. Khendry showed a great deal of sensitivity and reverence for the Jain tradition.

PANCHAKALYANAKA was presented in five acts, each act representing a Kalyanaka—from Garbha to Moksha. The combination of twelve excellent dancers, Khendry’s breathtakingly beautiful choreography, Suren Thakar Mehul’s euphonious lyrics, Ashit Desai’s divine music, Hema and Ashit Desai’s haunting voices created an unforgettable event that was fit for the gods. The dance solos, duets and trios were beautifully choreographed and executed.

The most unusual quartet of male dancers, celebrating the lustration of Mahavira was spellbinding. The birth celebrations in King Siddhartha’s court where Khendry combined Bharatnatyam, Oddisi and Kathak were an aesthetic experience of colour, movement and light. Diksha Utsav and the Last Sermon were the most moving scenes. The finale was so emotional that it brought the audience to their feet.

After three and a half years of study-research and the blessings of late H. H. Acharya Sushil Kumarji Maharaj and H.H. Gurudev Chitrabhanuji, Janak Khendry was able to present—with great humility—Bhagwan Mahavira’s message of Ahimsa to the world.



REGIONAL NEWS

CANADA

Dr. Mahendra Mehta, Regional Editor

Toronto

The Convention Organizing Committee. On Sunday, 11th of January 1998, a General Body meeting of Jain Society of Toronto unanimously approved payment of 25% of the surplus fund from 9th Biennial JAINA Convention to JAINA.

Young Jains Workshop. The Young Jains of Toronto, under the leadership of Paulomi Gudka and Amit Sanghavi, and members of Pathshala organized very successful Interactive Workshops on Jainism at Jain Centre on Sunday, January 3rd, 1998. Approximately 125 Young Jains participated and groups were formed under various adult and young leaders for interactive study. Balbhadraji led the discussion on Our Soul and Further Implications, Sima Sheth on Jain Ethics, Dr. Vastupal Parikh

on History of Jainism, Meena Mehta on Jain Arts, Arti Sanghavi and Meenaben Shah on Gabhara Etiquette, Amit Sanghavi and Paulomi Gudka on Temple Politics and Arvind Shah on Ancient Jain Literature.

The regular Pathshala classes are conducted by Sima Sheth and Meenaben Shah in East Toronto every second Sunday of the month and by Meena Mehta and Arti Sanghavi at Jain Centre every fourth Sunday. Balbhadraji supervises both classes.

Adult Study Group. In the early hour of 8 on first Sunday of every month, many adult members and some young ones meet at the Centre under the leadership of Balbhadraji to study pre-assigned chapters from Jain texts. At present, we are studying The Path of Purification by Professor Jaini

of UCSF.

Jain Holidays in Ontario. After persisting for so long, Prakash Mody has succeeded in including Jain Holy Days for the employees of Government of Ontario, as published in 1998 List of Holidays. This includes Mahavir Jayanti (April 9), Paryushan–Samvatsari (August 27) and Mahavir Nirvan (October 19). The Jain community thanks Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual & Religious Care and Management Board Secretariat of the Government of Ontario for this change.

Library. Rohit Sheth has generously donated to our library the following volumes: An Encyclopedia of Jainism, The Doctrine of Karma, The Jain Theories of Reality.

Midwest*Manubhai Doshi, Regional Editor***Chicago**

All the routine activities like Puja, Arati, educational classes are continuing. Election for the office bearers of the Society was held on November 23rd, 1997, when the following persons were elected as the Board of Trustees: Dr. D.U. Shah, Keerti Shah, Kishor Shah, Samprati Shah and Dr. Urmila Talsania. The meeting of the new Board, which was held on February 1, elected Kishor Shah as the Chairman of the Board.

The new Executive Committee was also elected: Prabodh Vaidya as President, Kanti Ravani as Vice President, Jagat Shah as Secretary, Hemendra Shah as Treasurer, Ajay Shah as Jt. Treasurer, Dr. Mukesh Doshi as Education Secretary, Girish Shah as Membership Secretary and Arvind Shah as Food Secretary. The post of the Youth Secretary remains vacant and as per constitutional provision the same will have to be filled up by the elected members of the

Executive Committee.

St. Louis

The monthly meetings of the Society comprise of the prayer Bhajan etc. and end with the Arati and dinner. The January meeting was held at Hindu Temple when the directions for the new Center were given to the 50 members who were present. The February meeting is to be held at the residence of Dinesh & Jagruti Shah.

Southeast*Surendra Shah, Regional Editor***Atlanta, Georgia**

Jain Center Of Atlanta, Georgia held the election for executive committee in December, 1998. Deepak Shah, as a president and all other executive committee members were reelected. Sheetal Shah has been elected to youth member for Atlanta Progress is being made towards building temple and assembly place.

Clarksville, TN

Since last September Jain Society of Middle Tennessee has started Pathshala for the youth members. They plan to organize program during Mahavir Jayanti.

Miami, Florida

At the Jain Society of South Florida, the planning of Bhumipujan is underway.

Jain Society of Central Florida

Jain Society of Central Florida elected the following officers:

President: Kamlesh Shah

Treasurer: Sanjay Vora

Secretary: Sushma Lunavat

Southwest*Jadavji Kenia, Regional Editor***Phoenix, Arizona**

As planned, the Jain Center of Greater Phoenix had the annual Jain Camp at Payson, Arizona from February 14 to 16. A total of 62 youth and adults participated in the camp. The theme of the camp was "ONE BIG FAMILY".

This camp was basically arranged and managed by the young adults from our Pathshala group. In the camp we had several religious as well as fun filled events. In the religious events we covered the basic principles of Jainism, Jain Cosmology, Tapa, Fourteen Gunasthan, Preksha Meditation, three Spiritual Jewels, Six Essentials of Pratikraman, Dash Laxan, Srimad Rajchandra's Six Pad Letter, and Tirthasthan's. Besides the religious activities, we had an interesting session on TEAM

BUILDING and LEADERSHIP for the young adults. In between these sessions, young adults had plenty of time for hiking, playing games, snowballing, football, soccer, etc. and Swadhyay for the adults. On the second night, February 15, young adults and adults performed a talent show. On the last day, we had the exams, celebration of accomplishments, and filling out the survey form so that we can record and learn the pros and cons of this camp.

We are planning to have a spring picnic in March and preparing ourselves to celebrate the Mahavir Jayanti program in April.

The Jain Center of Greater Phoenix now has a central location for the weekly Sunday Pathshala. The students from ages 5 to 17 participate in the Pathshala and the adults do the Swadhyay. One of the Paths-

hala teachers is planning to attend a Teachers' Convention to be held in Boston this year.

Two Jain Mumukshus from Metro Phoenix area attended the JAIN Shibir held in Koba - India during December last year..

Tulsa, Oklahoma

We are working hard to raise funds and prepare drawings for our plan to build a new Derasar and the Jain center.. We have mailed more than 100 letters to presidents of all Jain centers and directors requesting to help us fulfill our dream. We are receiving some responses. We appreciate JAINA for publishing our article in the Winter 1997 JAIN DIGEST edition regarding our plan and an appeal to all the members to send donations. We had election in December 1997

to elect new officers for the year 1998. For further information please contact Kanti Shah 918-369-3163.

Dallas, Texas

Swadhyay activities are continuing on a regular basis twice a week in addition to weekend Pujas and meetings. We were blessed with a week long visit by Saman Shrut Pragnaji and Ashwini Pragnaji from Nov. 20 to 26, 1997. Through their lectures they emphasized ways to control and change human nature to get on the path of progress towards salvation. They covered such topics as Leshya's (so that one can choose to avoid the worst ones and strive to remain in the gentle ones), stress management through mental control as well as physical activities derived from Preksha Dhyana (meditation) and proper understanding of Karma's and how to control them in daily life and ways to stop in-flow and to remove the ones that have been attached to our soul. Through additional Preksha Dhyana sessions members were able to learn and actively practice their techniques.

Jain Youth Group members conducted a food drive in December and donated collected items to the area food banks. About

ten members donated their TIME to the Salvation Army by working in their warehouse stocking and dispensing toys and clothing to the needy.

Jain Society was singularly recognized and awarded a plaque for its contributions, by the India Association of North Texas. Jain Society along with Gurudev Chitrabhanuji held an Ahimsa March for JSNT's year long celebration of FREEDOM-50 (50 years of India's independence). It also contributed money towards about 2000 food cans to help JSNT in reaching their goal of 50,000+ cans for the charitable organizations in the DFW metroplex. Recently JSNT president Pradeep Shah talked on Asian News Radio program about the principles of Jainism and what makes one a Jain.

Jain Society is actively working towards a goal of an expanded Jain Center. Since we have outgrown our present facilities and there is no room to expand here, we are looking at new locations to build a new temple as well as a new hall and class rooms for Pathshala.

The JSNT contact person is current president Pradeep Shah at 972/867-6255.

Houston, Texas

Jain Society of Houston celebrated its second anniversary of the Pratishtha (done in Nov. 1995) on December 7, 1997. It was a great success. Dr. A. L. Mehta conducted the pujas and other rituals. A lot of members participated in Abhishek and flag hoisting ceremony.

Plans for the Jain Center expansion have been reviewed and one of the plans (Plan A) has been recommended by the planning committee as it fulfills all the requirements in a cost effective way. This plan calls for an addition of about 3760 sq. ft. for additional class rooms and guest quarters and also for renovation of the existing hall, kitchen, playground and other facilities. JSH contact is president Jitendra Shah at 281/550-3155.

Jain Fellowship (the youth) held a workshop on January 31 which included how to make Malas, take care of Murtis and yoga. A camping trip is planned for the weekend of March 7-8 and the Annual Banquet is planned for April 4, 1998. The group is also very busy as Houston is the host city for the upcoming YJA convention during the weekend of July 4th. Jain Fellowship contact is Jharana Sanghani at 281/530-0535.

West

Chandrakant Parekh, Regional Editor

Los Angeles, CA

Jain Center of Southern California has elected a new Board of Directors which includes: Kantilal Shah, President; Dhiren Mehta, Vice President; Ramesh Khandhar, Secretary; Hemant Gandhi, Treasurer; Tejas Mehta, Public Relations; and Harish Khona, Yogi Shah, Vipul Shah, Pratibha Desai, Pradip Dalal, Rasik Shah, Viren Shah, Gordhan Patel, Shashikant Jogani, and Vipin Vadecha as Directors.

Vastu Mahurat Snatra Puja and the opening ceremony of the newly acquired Post Office Building was organized on Sunday, September 28. The ribbon cutting ceremony was performed by Dr. Chunibhai and Ilaben Shah. The first floor of the

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building is occupied by the U. S. Postal Service (hence the name) and the second floor is now used to organize pathshala classes. The acquisition of the Post Office Building and the adjoining empty lot are of major significance to expand the existing Jain Center and its various facilities. Efforts to develop the expansion plans are now underway. Kartiki Punam was celebrated on November 16.

With an enrollment of 240 students, a staff of 40 teachers, and a group of 35 volunteers, the Jain Center has one of the largest pathshala programs in America. The Jain Center Youth Council (JCYC) has elected a new committee which includes Suken Jain and Karishma Shah, Joint Presi-

dents; Bansari Shah, Vice President; Nikita Shah, Secretary; Vrinda Shah, Treasurer, Pinita Shah, Activity Director; Tanvi Vyas and Ketan Shah, Historian; Nehal Shah and Amrish Parekh, Public Relations; and Shanehi Shah, Rachana Shah, Sonal Sheth, and Neera Jhaveri, Members at Large.

From December 26 to 29, 75 children, ages seven to nineteen, and 11 volunteers attended a winter camp held at Camp Arrowhead in San Bernardino Mountains. The topic of "Paap and Punya" was addressed at the camp. The children were divided into three classes based on age groups (ten and under, eleven to thirteen, and fourteen and older). It is interesting to note that the majority of the students scored

better than average marks in a final test held on the third day of the camp. First, second and third highest scores were achieved by Aakash Shah, Manali Mehta, and Rishi Jain in the 1st group; by Kaanan Shah, Anshul Gandhi, and Bansari Sheth in the 2nd group; and by Karishma Shah, Bansari Shah, and Shruti Khandhar in the 3rd group. Ample free time was made available to play in the snow, to play games, to socialize, and to participate in an evening program of music and entertainment.

For further information, please contact Sailes Jain, Coordinator JCYC, at 714/529-5874. Internet web site at www.jaincenter.org has detailed information about regular activities. For further information, please contact Kantilal Shah, President JCSC, at 714/831-8687.

Jain Social Group, Los Angeles, has elected a new committee which includes Pradip Dalal, President; Rajrn Dhami, Vice President; Mayank Shah, Secretary; Dinesh Shah, Treasurer; Mahipal Shah, Public Relations; and Indira Vagadia, Jayshree Shah, Nauka Shah and Prashant Shah as Members-at-large. A variety of exciting programs including musical entertainment, family overnight stay at a resort, summer camp and several others have been planned for 1998.

For further information, please contact Pradip Shah, President JSG-LA, at 909/595-8676.

San Francisco, CA

Jain Center of Northern California (JCNC) began the new year with an auspicious occasion of Navakar Mantra Japs. 1997 was a very eventful and memorable year for the Jain Center. The community was blessed with visits from Shri Dhirajlal Pandit, Dr. Hukumchand Bharill, Shri Niraj Jain, Muni Kirtichandraji, Muni Jinchandraji, Amrendra Muni, Samniji Muditprajna, Charitrayaprajna, Sanmatiprajna, Vinitprajna, Prasannaprajna, Bhavitprajna, and Saman Shrutprajna and Ashwinprajna. It was encouraging to see that a large number of the community members took advantage of the opportunity to hear the discourses. In the coming year, Shri Amarendra Muni will be with us for the Paryushan Purve and Samanijis will attend the Das Lakshana Purve.

Internet web site at www.jcnc.org has detailed information about these activities including schedules, locations and directions. Excellent details of the proposed Jain Bhavan are also available on the web site.

For further information, please contact Jashvant Shah, President JCNC, at 510/475-7882. Young Jain professionals residing in Northern California have formed a new committee under JCNC called Bay Area Jain Americans (BAJA). The primary missions of BAJA are to provide a professional, social, and religious network for the Jain professionals, and to act as mentors to support and guide young Jain youths. BAJA goals are to actively participate in various JCNC committees, to promote awareness of Jainism through forums and workshops, to organize community service projects, and to plan social activities. For further information, please contact, Seema Bhimani at 510/482-1357.

Sacramento, CA

Jain Center of Greater Sacramento had an opportunity to host the Samanijis for almost the whole year. During their stay, the Samanijis delivered religious discourses at the homes of various members, and taught yoga, meditation, and religious classes. A variety of functions have been planned for 1998. For further information, please contact Jagdish Shah at 916/685-4716 or Naresh Jain at 916/488-2601.

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F628: Gujarati Jain family invite proposals for their pretty, fair, intelligent, vegetarian daughter, born April 74, 5'3", 110 lb, BS (Comp Sc), MS (Management Inf.), well employed as analyst, from vegetarian professionals. Call: 609/770-0260.

F629: Gujarati parents invite responses from well educated, cultured boys, for their pretty, vivacious, caring, vegetarian, US born daughter, Sept 74, 5'5", 115 lb, BS (Pharmacy) (5/98), intern at Rite-Aide. Call: 718/961-7408.

F631: Gujarati parents invite proposals for their very beautiful, talented, caring, vegetarian daughter, born July 71, 5'7", 135 lb, MD, doing residency in final year, from cultured, well educated professional boys. Call: 416/282-3113.

F633: Match for beautiful, vegetarian, US citizen, North Indian Jain girl, born Oct 71, 5'4", MD, doing residency (Internal medicine), from professional boys, preferably Medico. Call parents at 757/838-6377.

F635: Gujarati Jain parents invite responses for their pretty, slim, vegetarian, intelligent, US born daughter, Dec 72, 5'3", MD (98), from well educated professional boys. Call: 214/828-9234. Fax: 214/321-2872.

F636: Jain parents invite responses with biodata/photo from well educated professionals for their pretty, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born January 73, 5'4", 115 lb, MSEE, well employed. Call: 815/397-3740.

F637: Gujarati parents invite proposals for their beautiful, fair, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born May 72, 5'5", 125 lb, BS (Pharmacy), well employed as Pharmacist, from well educated professionals. Call 732/326-9108.

AF171: Gujarati Physician invite correspondence for his very beautiful, fair, talented, highly accomplished US raised daughter, born Feb 72, 5'5", MD (98), from professional boys, preferably MD. Call: 419/868-7476.

AF193: Gujarati parents invite responses for pretty, slim, vegetarian daughter, BS, RN (Nursing), born Nov 74, 5'2", from professional boys. Please call: 403/435-9070 or 909/927-7580.

AF194: Gujarati parents invite proposals for pretty, slim, vegetarian daughter, BS, MLS (Medical Laboratory Science), born Nov 74, 5'2", from professional boys. Please call: 403/435-9070 or 909/927-7580.

AF207: Gujarati family invite responses for pretty, intelligent, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, born Oct 75, 5'2", 105 lb, BS (MIS), from suitable cultured match. Call: 847/797-8705.

Jain Internet and BBS Committee

CD-ROM on World Religions in America Available

Diana T. Eck, the Director of the Pluralism Project at the Harvard University, Boston, has prepared a Multimedia CD-ROM, named *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*.

The CD-ROM contains the description of 15 religious traditions, each with a general introduction to the tradition as it is practised in the United States today. Among them Jain, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Native people, these 8 of 15 traditions are treated most extensively.

The disk contains 3,000 pages of text, 200 photographs, 100 sound files and movies and 100 primary documents.

The following topics are covered in the Jain tradition:

- Introduction to Jainism
- Jainism in America
- The Jain Experience
- Issues for Jains in America
- Timelines - Jainism in the world
- Timelines - Jainism in America
- Jain People Profile
- Jain Centres of America

The CD-ROM is published by Columbia University Press, New York. The cost of the individual disk is \$170 for 2-5 viewers. However, for ordering and various categories of pricing information, call Columbia University Press at 800/944-8648.

Any Jain Center interested in borrowing this CD-ROM from JAINA can call Mr. Kamlesh Amin, Executive Director, at 716/636-5342.

North American Jain Family Assistance

The committee would like to ask for your help in raising more funds for this worthy, noble cause. Since unexpected financial crisis can occur at any time, we need your support to establish a strong financial foundation to further this cause. As of today, the committee has collected a thousand dollars in donations. We hope to increase this amount in the near future with your help.

Please make your check payable to 'JAINA' for the Jain Family Assistance Program and mail it to:

Mrs. Ila Mehta
6128 Wyandotte Road
Maumee, Ohio 43537

She can be reached by telephone at 419/865-2727.

World Community Service

WCS helped the Mahavir Heart Foundation of Bombay by contributing \$970. Donation came from Madhu Sudan of California.

WCS is planning to send a 20 foot container of used clothes to India for the needy people, around 15th March. Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust will take care of distribution of clothes throughout India.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1998 Interfaith Calendar Designates July as "Jain Month"

National Conference — Chicago and Northern Illinois region has published a spectacular full color wall calendar with the cooperative effort of 14 religious communities. This award-winning calendar is a valuable resource for understanding religious diversity in America. The calendar highlights the basic tenets and religious writings of each community and features pictures, photographs and describes religious observances. The inclusion of JAINISM in the calendar is the result of years of effort by Mr. Ramesh Solanki, Chairperson of Interfaith committee of the Jain society of Metropolitan Chicago. To obtain a copy, contact National conference at 312/236-9272.

The New Millenium

In the year 2001, the Jains all over the world will celebrate Bhagwan Mahavir's 2600th Birth Anniversary. The same year also marks 100 years since Shrimad Rajchandra (April 16) and Shri Virchand Raghvji Gandhi (August 7) left this worldly existence.

For those ardent philatelists, may we suggest writing to the following address and urge them to bring out Commemorative stamps to mark the occasions:

Chairman, Philatelic Advisory Committee
Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
Government of India

Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg New Delhi, 110 001, India

A similar appeal to the Jain member of the Philatelic Advisory Committee would further strengthen our case:

Shri Dhirubhai Mehta
103 Dhalamal Chambers
29, New Marine Lines
Sir Vithaldas Thackersey Marg Mumbai, 400 020, India

GENERAL FUND UPDATE

The JAIN DIGEST and JAINA would like to thank each and every one of the following for their generosity in helping make us successful:

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JAIN DIGEST LIFE MEMBERS UPDATE

Congratuations and thanks to newest JAIN DIGEST Life Members:

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JAINA PATRON PROGRAM UPDATE

JAINA would like to thank each and every one of the following new patrons for their generosity in helping make us successful:

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Mr. & Mrs. Suresh & Kapila Shah, Zion, IL
Mr. & Mrs. Khim & Sheela Vira, Fairhope, AL
Jain Society of South Louisiana, Metairie, LA

In the previous issue we misspelled two names. The corrected names are:

Mr. & Mrs. Amit & Sandhya Mehta, Waynesboro, VA
Dr. & Mrs. Labhshanker & Kumud Mehta, ONT, Canada

Federation of Jain Associations in North America Appeal

I want to stop the loss of Jain identity and culture by supporting JAINA and I want to be a proud Jain!

Please fill out this form and support JAINA.

In the U.S.A, mail to:

JAINA Headquarters
PO Box 700
Getzville, NY 14068



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S.S. Jain Foundation
276 Carlaw Ave., Unit 200
Toronto, ONT M4M 3L1

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☐ Any other amount: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50

Please make checks payable to *JAINA* in the U.S.A. or *S.S. Jain Foundation* in Canada.

Your donation is tax-deductible in both countries. Please advise us if you wish your donation to remain anonymous.
900 Jain families have already done so, would you not do so? If not for you, do it for your children and grandchildren.

High Blood Pressure or Hypertension...why bother?

by Dr. Dilip Shah, Chicago, Illinois

It is the most common health problem of our times. Approximately 50 million people have hypertension. After 25 years of progress in treating high blood pressure (HBP), improvements have begun to slow as shown by an increase in strokes, kidney disease and heart failure.

Although our understanding of hypertension (HTN) has increased, in 90 to 95% of cases, the cause remains unknown. HTN frequently has no symptoms, treatment usually is life long and expensive, and some medicines have troubling side effects.

The National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute has issued a sixth report in 1997, on prevention, detection and treatment of HTN. It classified stages as follows:

Category	Systolic Blood Pressure		Diastolic Blood Pressure
Normal	<130		<85
High Normal	130-139		85-89
Hypertension			
Stage 1	140-159	or	90-99
Stage 2	160-179	or	100-109
Stage 3	>180	or	>110

The systolic reading measures arterial pressure when the heart contracts; the diastolic number is the pressure between the heartbeats.

The person with Stage 1 HTN (140-159 systolic/90-99 diastolic) with no cardiovascular disease or risk factors (i.e. diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking) is advised to make life-style modifications as follows:

- A. Lose weight, if overweight.
- B. Daily salt intake 2.4 gm or less.
- C. Potassium rich food or drinks to get 3.5 gm of minerals a day. A good source includes orange juice, bananas, potatoes, prunes and yogurt.
- D. Limit alcohol intake to 1 oz. for a man and 0.5 oz for a woman.
- E. Engage in 30-45 minutes of aerobic exercise at least 5 times a week.
- F. Do not smoke.
- G. Follow DASH (Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension) diet. That is a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grain, and non-fat dairy products while low in saturated and total fats in general.

This form of non-drug therapy in a group of 459 volunteers with Stage 1 HTN reduced blood pressure by 11 mm for systolic and 6 mm for diastolic.

In Stage 2 and Stage 3 when medication is needed, a small dose of thiazide diuretic (water pill) and beta blocker (i.e. propranolol) are recommended as the first line of treatment.

Self measurement of blood pressure at home may provide valuable information for initial detection and monitoring treatment. It has four advantages:

1. It distinguishes "white coat hypertension"—high blood pressure noted in doctor's office but normal at other times.
2. Assess response to medication.
3. Improve patient's adherence to treatment.
4. Reduces cost. For home monitoring, a validated electronic device with proven accuracy is recommended.

In summary, hypertension is a major risk factor for strokes, heart attack and kidney disease; therefore, prevention and treatment make perfect sense. It is important to work with a physician for an ideal approach.

Good Luck !

**29278 West 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334**

JAI JINENDRA!

The Jain Society of Greater Detroit is pleased to announce the Pratishtha Mahotsav in its new temple. The Pratishtha Mahotsav will be celebrated between **June 27 through July 6, 1998. The Pratishtha ceremony will take place on Sunday, July 5th, 1998.** Religious leaders, scholars, lecturers, and prominent dignitaries from the United States and around the world will be attending this auspicious event and blessing this grand occasion.

On behalf of the Jain Society of Greater Detroit, we extend a cordial invitation to you, your family and friends to join us during these festivities.

A full schedule of activities is planned for this unique celebration and we hope that you will be able to participate in all of them. There will be many exciting events, displays, exhibits and procession as well as lectures and religious discourses. Our youth group is planning many activities for young children and youth. We promise you a memorable week of cultural, religious, and spiritual experiences for the entire family.

A tentative schedule of programs is attached for your information and planning purposes. A list of contact persons and phone numbers is included for your convenience. Please feel free to contact anyone as appropriate.

Finally, please mark your calendar now and plan to be a part of this holy and joyous event.

Sincerely,

Jain Society of Greater Detroit, Inc.

PRATISHTHA CEREMONY

The Jain Society of Detroit is planning to have a pratishtha for eleven pratimajis:

Bhagwan Shree Mahavir Swami (Mulnayak)

Bhagwan Shree Parshvanath

Bhagwan Shree Adeshvar

Shree Guru Gautam Swami

Shree Ghantakarna Veer

Shree Padmavatidevi

Shree Manibhadra Veer

Shree Laxmidevi

Shree Nakoda Bhairavji

Shree Chakreshvaridevi

Shree Saraswatidevi

There will be pratishtha gheebolis for all eleven pratimajis and abhisheks. Additional gheebolis will also be held for:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Kalash Sthapna on Shikhar | • Dwaja on shikhar | • Pushpavrushthi from helicopter |
| • Laghu Shanti Pujan | • Siddhachakra Pujan | • Indra Mahotsav |
| • Kumarpal Raja Aarti | • Floats | • Dwar Opening |

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PROGRAM DETAILS

(Tentative)

Saturday, June 27

8AM – 11AM	Kumbha Sthapan, Akhand Deepak Sthapan, Patla Pujan, Dash Digpal & Navgrah Puja
11AM – 1PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch
1PM – 5PM	Laghu Shanti Pujan, Pratishtha Gheebolii Aarti & Mangal Divo
6PM – 7:30PM	Swamivatsalya Dinner
8PM – 11PM	Cultural Program

Sunday, June 28

12:30PM – 5PM	Bhaktamar Pujan, Pratishtha Gheebolii Aarti & Mangal Divo
6PM – 7:30PM	Swamivatsalya Dinner

Monday, June 29

8AM – 9:30AM	Snatra Puja
10AM – Noon	Lectures by Spiritual Leaders
Noon – 1PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch
8PM – 9:30PM	Youth Program, Aarti & Mangal Divo

Tuesday, June 30

8AM – 9:30AM	Snatra Puja
10AM – Noon	Lectures by Spiritual Leaders
Noon – 1PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch
8PM – 9:30PM	Bhavna, Aarti & Mangal Divo

Wednesday, July 1

8AM – 9:30AM	Snatra Puja
10AM – Noon	Lectures by Spiritual Leaders
Noon – 1PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch
8PM – 9:30PM	Bhavna, Aarti & Mangal Divo

Thursday, July 2

8AM – 9:30AM	Snatra Puja
10AM – Noon	Lectures by Spiritual Leaders
Noon – 1PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch
1PM – 4PM	Panch Kalyanak Puja, Gheebolii
6PM – 7:30PM	Swamivatsalya Dinner
8PM – 10PM	Bhavna, Aarti/Divo

Friday, July 3

6:30AM – 7:30AM	Yog/Meditation
6:30AM – 8AM	Breakfast
8AM – 9AM	Registration
9:30AM – 11AM	Opening Ceremony
11:30AM – 1PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch
1PM – 5PM	Siddhchakra Pujan Pratishtha Gheebolii Swamivatsalya Dinner
6PM – 7:30PM	Aarti & Mangal Divo
7:30PM – 8PM	Cultural Program
8PM – 11PM	

Saturday, July 4

6:30AM – 7:30AM	Yog/Meditation
6:30AM – 8AM	Swamivatsalya Breakfast
9AM – 10AM	Lectures by Spiritual Leaders
10AM – 11AM	Pratishtha Gheebolii
11:30AM – 1PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch
1PM – 5PM	Indra Mahotsav, Gheebolii
6PM – 7:30PM	Swamivatsalya Dinner
7:30PM – 9PM	Kumarpal Raja's Procession
	Aarti & Mangal Divo
5PM – 8PM	Jewelry, gold & silver coin donation under deities in ghabhara
9PM – 11PM	Raasgarba

Sunday, July 5

6AM – 9AM	Eighteen Abhisek Puja
6:30AM – 9AM	Swamivatsalya Breakfast
9:30AM – 11:15AM	Pratishtha Procession
11:30AM – Noon	Recognition
	Vote of Thanks Ceremony
12:30PM – 1PM	Pratishtha Ceremony
1PM – 3PM	Swamivatsalya Lunch

Monday, July 6

7AM – 8AM	Dwar Opening Ceremony
8AM – 9AM	Swamivatsalya Breakfast

Prior to the Pratishtha, a procession is planned in the city of Farmington Hills. The procession route is about a mile long and will consist of about nine floats. Each float will have its own unique theme, message and/or decorations related to Jainism. The main Pratishtha idols include: Trishalamata's Fourteen Swapnas, Nam Rajul, Chandanbala, Bhagvan's Janma Kalynak, etc.

The dignitaries, invited guests and other members at large will also walk in the procession. It will start from the parking lot of Mercy High School at 9:30AM and arrive at the temple site around 11:30AM. Everyone is invited to attend.

WHO TO CONTACT

(Unless otherwise noted, all area codes are 248.)

PRATISHTHA MAHOTSAV

Co-Chairman	Niranjan H. Shah	553-7327
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SPONSORS

The Pratishtha celebration of our new temple is a major undertaking and your financial support in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Corporate, business and individual sponsorships are encouraged and will be recognized. About 5,000 persons from the United States and around the world will attend this event and will provide an excellent forum to publicize and convey your generosity to this worthy cause. Please consider the following:

Corporate Sponsor	\$10,000
Corporate Co-sponsor	7,500
Sponsor	7,500
Co-sponsor	5,000

SOUVENIR BOOK

We are planning to publish a *Souvenir Book* commemorating this memorable event. We urge you to extend your support by placing a business or personal advertisement in this book. The rates for advertisements are as follows:

Back Cover outside (4-color)	\$5,000
Back Page inside (4-color)	3,000
Full Page (4-color)	800
Full Page (black & white)	600
Half Page (4-color)	500
Half Page (black & white)	400
Quarter Page (black & white)	250
Best Wishes (business card size)	101

The *Souvenir Book's* size will be 8 1/2" x 11" and will have approximately 300 pages of religious articles, pictures, advertisements and general information. 3,000 copies will be printed. Camera-ready artwork must be provided for color advertisements.

For further information, please contact:

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Dr. Kanti Shah, 248/851-1821	Ramesh Shah, 313/565-5968

TRAVEL AND HOUSING INFORMATION

Travel

Please make your travel arrangements and purchase your air tickets from Jaya Travel and Tours. Special convention discounts are available through them.

Please make a reference to Jain Convention for special discount rates.

Jaya Travel and Tours
26500 Northwestern Highway
Suite 260
Southfield, MI 48076
Telephone: 248/358-9100, 248/559-5292 or 800/545-7788, Fax: 248/372-4810
Or visit their website at www.jayatravel.com

— Special discounts are available on Northwest, and American Airlines.

- 10% discount of the lowest available fare if booked before 60 days from date of travel.
- 5% discount of the lowest available fare if booked within 60 days from date of travel.

— Special rates are also available for TWA.

For travel arrangements from India, contact the following travel agent for special convention fares:

Jaya Travel and Tours
Rizvi House
34 Hill Road, Bandra (West), Bombay, India 400050
Telephone: 6423031, 6420402, 6425222

Hotel

Special Hotel Rates

Special rates are per night, per room, and not reflective of tax. Rates are in effect for Pratishtha, provided rooms are available. Early booking is suggested to ensure discounted rate. A credit card guarantee is necessary at the time of booking.

Please make a reference to Jain Convention for special rates, when you make reservations. Please do not make duplicate reservations in more than one hotel.

Hotel	Room Rates	Room type	Phone (area code 248)
Radisson Suite Hotel – Farmington Hills	\$89	King Suites	477-7800
Southfield Hilton Garden Inn – Southfield	75	Queen	372-2304
Best Western Executive Hotel & Suite – Farmington Hills	79	King	553-0000
Hampton Inn – Southfield	65	King/Double	356-5500
Holiday Inn – Southfield	79	Queen	353-7700
Westin Hotel – Southfield	69		827-4000
Holiday Inn – Farmington Hills	69		477-4000
Double Tree Guest Suites – Southfield	84		350-2000
Knights Inn – Farmington Hills	48/50	King/Queen/Double	477-3200

You may also contact following area hotels for accommodation (area code 248):

Motel 6 – Farmington Hills	471-0590	Courtyard by Marriott	358-1222
Comfort Inn – Farmington	471-9220	Marriott – Southfield	356-7400
Econo Lodge – Southfield	358-1800	Southfield Travelodge – Southfield	353-6777
Red Roof Inn – Southfield	353-7200		

The contact person for Housing Information is Amar C. Shah, 248/649-5001 or 649-4555 (no calls after 10:00PM EST, please).

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(No registration fee. Information is for planning purposes only.)

The Jain Society of Greater Detroit requests a completed Pre-Registration Form from all out of town guests attending the Detroit Jain Temple Pratishtha Mahotsav. Please help us plan this event by filling out the information below. If you do not want to cut out this page, photocopy the form.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: () _____

Number of people planning to attend: _____

Date of arrival: _____

Number of days that you plan to attend the Pratishtha: _____

Do you plan to stay... ☐ in a hotel
 ☐ with friends

DONATION INFORMATION

☐ We are unable to attend the Pratishtha however, we would like to donate for Pratishtha Mahotsav, as noted below. Our check is enclosed.

<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Benefactor	\$2,501
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	1,001
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	501
<input type="checkbox"/> Donor	251
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____

Donors of \$251 and up will be recognized in the Pratishtha Mahotsav Souvenir Book, provided the donation is received by May 31, 1998.

Please send your Pre-Registration Form and/or donation by **May 31, 1998**, to:

Jain Society of Greater Detroit
% Mrs. Charu A. Parekh
4056 Golf Ridge Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-1795

For further information, please contact Mrs. Charu Parekh at 248/737-7879 or Mrs. Kalpana Chokshi at 734/591-7829.

All organizers, employees and volunteers of the Pratishtha Mahotsav shall not be responsible for any claims or costs arising from any injury, loss or damage, however caused.

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First Quadrennial Conference A Historic Event

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Jain Center of Greater Boston

**May 23-24, 1998
(Memorial Day Weekend)
Boston, MA USA**

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Develop a standardized Jain Pathshala curriculum based on existing material developed by JAINA, Jain Centers, and Scholars.

Standardize all Pathshalas with the newly established curriculum by September 1998.

Identify new educational materials and teaching methodologies for integrating with the curriculum.

Train Pathshala teachers on how to effectively teach Jainism.

REGISTRATION

The conference is open to all Pathshala teachers, scholars, Jain education material developers, and other prospective educators.

To Register:

Contact Dr. Sanjay Jain at:

Tel: (617) 969-1576

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or visit our web site at:

web.mit/veeral/www/jcgb

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At our Pathshala Teachers' Workshop held during the JAINA Convention in Toronto, it was felt by the majority of attendees that it would be helpful if the various Pathshala organizations were able to share information and ideas regarding the activities, educational programs and teaching developments that were occurring at the various centers. The intention was to organize and co-ordinate the information and ideas by establishing a Pathshala Teachers' Communication Network. To communicate this information the various means of communication available would be used, such as e-mail, fax, JAINA BBS, etc.

One important vehicle for communicating to all Jain Centers is JAIN DIGEST. And, very nicely, JAINA has willingly agreed to be a strong link in the network by providing one full page for the presentation of Pathshala news and information.

The JAIN DIGEST Pathshala Network page will be a forum for people involved in Pathshala to communicate and share information for the continued development of Jain Pathshala education. It will act as a catalyst to reflect the ideas and information to enhance the promotion of Jain Pathshala. As well, this page will be a forum where it will be possible to professionally contribute suggestions and express concerns and constructive criticism regarding Pathshala matters.

News regarding Jain Center activities, which may include

Pathshala events, is often covered in another section of JAIN DIGEST. Such news would be also welcome on this page if it includes more specific details about the activities, planning, and procedures that went into the program actually occurring; as well as the materials used and the means by which the Pathshala students made their presentations.

By giving prominence to Pathshala programs it will motivate Jain Centers to set up and support Pathshala activities and encourage parents to send their children. We propose to give a profile of successful Pathshala and its activities so that it will inspire other centers to follow their example. Most important we want encourage all Pathshala teachers to carry out this important work, and motivate more young people to join in this effort.

Each center will have a unique challenge depending on its size, community participation and support from the executive committee. The greatest success of the information page will occur if each Pathshala is encouraged and motivated for the benefit of the Jain Community in North America.

The final date for Pathshala centers to send their news and information, for publication in the next issue of JAIN DIGEST, is May 1, 1998. Please forward your comments either to the Editor in Chief of JAIN DIGEST, or to JAINA Headquarters. Both addresses are on page 2.

News Items

JAINA Headquarters recently forwarded the following Jain educational material to all Pathshala: Souvenir of Regional YJA Convention in Raleigh North Carolina, Comparison of the world's major religions, and Fundamentals of Jainism.

If your Pathshala has not received it, you can contact Kamallesh Amin at JAINA Headquarters. *This material is a valuable addition to your Pathshala's resource center.*

The Jain Center of Boston is hosting a Pathshala Teachers' Convention on May 23-24, 1998 (see the information to the left). At this time it is planned to formally put the JAINA Educational Curriculum material in front of Pathshala teachers for review and approval. *This workshop will be a good venue to meet your colleagues.*

Prem Gada is updating the list of all teachers of Jain Pathshala in North America. To help us update this list, please send him the attached form to:

Dr. Premchand B. Gada, Chairman
JAINA Library/Education Committee
4410 50th Street
Lubbock, TX 79414

You can also call him at 806/793/8555 or send an email to gadapb9jafna@pol.net

Jai Jinendra!

PATHSHALA TEACHERS UPDATE FORM

Name of Teacher _____

Center's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Office Phone _____

Fax _____

Email address _____

What age group/level are you teaching? _____

Parshvanath Vidyapeeth

by Indrabhooti Barar

Parshvanath Vidyapeeth was started in a very humble manner as a memorial to revered, late Acharya, Pujya Sohan Lal Ji Maharaj. It was founded as a society at Amritsar, Punjab, in 1935 and the Institute was established in 1937 at Varanasi, under the name “Shri Sohan Lal Jain Dharam Pracharak Samiti”. The institute received the guidance from such eminent scholars as Pt. Sukhlal Ji Sanghvi, who held the Jain Chair at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Later, from Pt. Bechar Das Ji Doshi, Pt. Dalsukh Bhai Malviniya and many more. The present Director, Dr. Sagar Mal Ji Jain, is well known through out the Jain world.

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The Campus

The Institute is housed on a plot of land measuring 20,000 square metters, and has one of the finest libraries in the whole of northern India, boasting of more than 26,000 specialised books on Jainism, Buddhism and Hinduism for the specific purpose of Comparative Studies. Students from all over India and many foreign Universities use the Library. The library contains a number of original hand written manuscripts.

Situated on the campus are also the hostels for Sadhus, Sadhvis, boys and girls besides residential facilities for staff and research scholars. A guest house is also maintained for visiting guests and dignitaries. The Director of the Institute also resides within the campus.

The latest development is the creation of a Jain Art Gallery and a museum dedicated to ancient Jain Art. In short—it is truly a complete learning resource center dedicated to Jain Studies.

The Work

The Institute is recognised as a research site for higher Jain studies by Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, which also awards Ph. D. degrees to successful students of the Institute. The Institute so far has turned out 55 Ph. D. scholars and has published over 150

books on various aspects of Jainism. A quarterly research journal is also being published by the Institute, entitled *Shraman*. The journal contains both English and Hindi articles, and shortly a Gujarati section is to be added.

The Future

The Institute has applied to the Government of India, Department of Education and the Universities Grants Commission for recognition and status as a *Deemed University*. The application is pending only for the sake of our creation of an endowment fund of Rs. 40 Million. Efforts to that end are on. The Institute has the recognition from the Government of India's Department of Science and Technology for its distinguished contribution to studies in Comparative Jainology with other Shramnic Religions.

This is the age of information and in the road map drawn-up by management is to bring this Institute and its activities to the world in a more user friendly manner. With the liberalisation the means of communication shall also improve. We plan to put the library catalogue of the Institute as a first step on the Internet to make it accessible to all easily. Gradually other areas shall follow.

This is the 60th year of the Institute and we are planning on celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the Institute. Padam Bhushan, Dr L. M. Singhvi, Ex-High Commissioner of India to U.K. and an eminent scholar of Jainism, has consented to inaugurate the celebrations. On this occasion we plan to felicitate all our old students for their distinguished and dedicated services to Jainism.

We also invite anyone who-so-ever may be interested to study Jainism to come and study at the Institute. The purpose is to bring Jainism and its fundamentals to the world in modern Languages.

The address of the Vidyapeeth is:

Parshvanath Vidyapeeth
I.T.I. Road, Karaundi
Post Office BHU
Varanasi – 221 005
INDIA

With the hope that I have been able to convey a reasonable sketch of the Parshvanath Vidyapeeth, I look forward to the response and would be glad to supply any further information that may be desired.

YOUNG Minds

YOUNG JAINS OF AMERICA

Sign up for the 1998 YJA Convention

Jai Jinendra! The Young Jains of America and the Houston YJA Convention Committee (HYJACC) cordially invite you to attend the Third Biennial YJA Convention to be held in Houston from July 2-5, 1998. The purpose of this event is to provide Jain youth, ages 14-29, an exciting forum to explore the religion's philosophy, culture, and beliefs.

The gathering of so many Jain youth in one place will create a unique community in which the free exchange of ideas and experiences will allow everyone to share their Jain heritage. One of the goals of this convention is to foster a sense of pride about our religion which will allow Jain ideals and fundamentals to continue and grow into the future.

The Houston YJA Convention Committee expects a roughly even split of participants between the three groups of attendees ages 14-17, ages 18-22, and ages 23-29. Thus, we highly encourage youth and young adults of all ages to attend this one of a kind event.

The activities will be geared towards participants with differing knowledge levels of Jainism. Whether beginning, intermediate, or advanced, all attendees will have the opportunity to learn from insightful guest speakers, panel debates, small group discussions, open forums, etc.

The convention will take place at the beautiful Del Lago Resort and Conference Center. Located in a lush and secluded forest area just north of town, this lakeside facility will provide a peaceful natural environment for the weekend's activities. At the same time, the expansive meeting facilities and lavish tower suites will assure the participants a comfortable weekend.

Don't miss this opportunity to spend time with hundreds of your fellow Jains. In addition to the informative programs and relaxing atmosphere, this convention is the ideal place to make lots of new friends. Hope to see you there!!

Plug in to the convention website at www.yale.edu/yja/

- Registration Forms
- Programming plans as they are made, including a list of confirmed speakers and scheduled sessions
- Pictures and descriptions of the fabulous Del Lago Resort and Convention Center
- Information on submitting articles for publication in the convention souvenir guide
- Contact list for YJA officers and HYJACC

Contact the Houston YJA Convention Committee (HYJACC)

Activities	Rajesh Dharamshi	rajesh_dharamshi@notes.pw.com	281-970-4791
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YOUNG MINDS (continued)

Calling All Volunteers!

We need your participation!!! We want this convention to be a representation of YOUR ideas, thoughts and suggestions. The Activities Committee of YJA and HYJACC would appreciate it if you could send us feedback... and if you are interested in getting involved for the upcoming convention, here are a couple of ways that people can take part:

- 1) Organize a workshop/lecture/discussion in conjunction with participants from your local Jain center.
- 2) Become a moderator for a small group discussion.
- 3) Set up presentations individually or as a group.
- 4) Help identify and sign up speakers for the convention.
- 5) Or just offer your suggestions on programming topics.

If you are planning to attend the convention, and are interested in taking part, please send us your name and how you would like to participate. If you have some specific knowledge on a topic that you'd like to present, consider leading a workshop/lecture/panel debate. If you don't have a specific topic or view in mind... but would like to take an active part... then the small group discussion 'moderator' would be an ideal way to participate. No prior experience required!

Please contact us directly at Rajesh_Dharamshi@notes.pw.com

Don't forget...all volunteer participants must register using the normal registration procedure, so make sure you sign up early!

Thanking you in advance for your valuable insights,

Rajesh Dharamshi
HYJACC Activities Chair

Sheetal Khandhar
YJA Activities Liaison

Express Yourself

The 1998 Houston YJA Convention Committee is inviting Articles, Editorials, Papers, Poems, Stories, Studies and much more to include in the Convention Souvenir Guide. Jainism - a great religion with many avenues and paths to explore. Choose any subject related to Jainism and its practices... And show it to the world in a new light or with an in depth look. Or if you have material already prepared or published and would like to share it with us, please let us know.

Along with the material please include a brief description and small photograph (if available) of the author. Please send your

"Jainism - Back to Basics"

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Registration is Thursday, July 2nd, 1998 from 2pm to 7pm. Programs begin daily at 8:00am and continue until 12am.

Programs will consist of panel discussions followed by group discussions, educational classroom like seminars, presentations, workshops and lot of fun games.

Guests invited to speak include Gurudev Chitrabhanuji, Balbhadraji, as well as Jain scholars and Philosophers.

Session topics are being developed as a collaborative effort of youth across North America. These topics are being developed to address issues to various age groups and knowledge levels.

The goal of this convention is to provide its participants with a forum for sharing knowledge and experiences of Jainism through discussions, seminars and team work. Topics will be spread across the whole spectrum, specifically to enlighten the participants with the basics and applications of Jainism. Some topics to be covered include:

- Jainism's true followers
- Understanding Jain Cosmology
- Rituals and traditions in Jainism
- Jain literature - Where do we take it from here?
- Art and Architecture in Jainism
- Jainism at crossroads in a changing world
- Influencing work ethics with Jain principles
- Molding Jainism into our daily lives
- Jain activism
- and many more.....

material by April 15, 1998 to the following address:

Young Jains of America
c/o Souvenir Committee
PO Box 1069
Alief, TX 77411-1069

If available, please email the electronic copy of your material as an attachment to ghanesh@worldnet.att.net

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Dhanesh Shah, Souvenir Guide Editor.

1998 YJA CONVENTION - REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

We are glad to have you participate in this convention. Because of the professional nature of this convention, we urge you to carefully read all of the following steps and guidelines required to register.

1. DECIDE IF YOU WILL ATTEND

- Make sure you are available for the long weekend of July 2-5, 1998.
- Participants must be at least 14 years of age but not greater than 29 years of age as of July 2, 1998.

2. FILL OUT THE FORMS

- Fill out the Registration Form included on page 25, and fill in every field with the needed information. The Registration Form was also mailed out to Jain households throughout North America.
- If you will be under the age of 18 as of July 2nd, 1998, then also fill out the Parental Consent Form (also found on this web page).
- Parental Consent Forms and Registration Forms without the appropriate signatures **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

3. ENCLOSE PROPER PAYMENT

- Registration costs include 3 nights of accommodation, all meals, transportation to and from the airport, supplies, a souvenir program, and all conference/recreational facilities.
- The cost of the convention is as follows. Note that the fee increases for late registrants:
US \$225—form postmarked March 9 - April 10
US \$275—form postmarked April 11 - May 11
US \$325—form postmarked after May 11
- Any Registration Form without an accompanying check or money order for the appropriate amount **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

4. MAIL THE FORM

- In order to ensure fairness in the registration process, we will **NOT** accept any registration forms that are postmarked before March 9, 1998. This will ensure that all potential participants throughout North America will have had time to receive their brochure by mail. Forms postmarked prior to this date will be returned.
- Only standard US mail will be accepted. (No FEDEX, Express Mail, etc.)
- Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AFTER THE SUCCESS OF THE LAST TWO CONVENTIONS, WE ANTICIPATE A LARGE RESPONSE. THEREFORE, IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL REGISTRATION MATERIALS BE TURNED IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON OR AFTER MARCH 9, 1998. SPACE IS LIMITED.**

5. RECEIVING CONFIRMATION

- Upon receiving your complete registration materials, you will be sent a confirmation letter acknowledging your registration status.
- After the confirmation of your registration, no refund will be given if you decide not to attend unless the Houston YJA Convention Committee can find an appropriate replacement.
- Once the maximum number of participants have been confirmed, we will put a limited number of alternate registrants on a waiting list. If you are placed on the waiting list, then you will be contacted by the Registration Committee if space is available in the future.

6. MAKING TRAVEL PLANS

- Please wait until you are officially confirmed before booking plane tickets.
- For convenience, it is preferred that participants fly in and out of Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport.
- Information on airfare discounts will be available in the follow-up Confirmation Packet and on our web page.
- During the convention days, attendance to all convention events is mandatory. For security and liability reasons, participants will not be allowed to leave the conference grounds. Thus, visiting and sight-seeing around the Houston area must be done before July 2nd or after July 5th if so desired.

YOUNG MINDS (continued)

YJA Third Biennial Convention - Registration Form

Name _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____
Last First Middle

Gender Male Female

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Do you want to receive confirmation notice by email rather than standard mail? YES NO

Home Telephone _____ Work/College Telephone _____

For Emergency Please Contact _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name (or Guardian) _____ Phone _____

Father's Name (or Guardian) _____ Phone _____

Houston Contact (if available) _____ Phone _____

Medical Information

Health Insurance Company _____

Policy Name and Number _____

Allergies _____

Present Health _____

Any Special Needs _____

I certify that the information I have submitted on this form is true, complete, and accurate. I have filled out this form to the best of my ability and read the registration guidelines.

Signature (of parent or legal guardian if under 18) _____

Date _____

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Total Enclosed: (please check one) (No credit cards or cash)

____ US \$225 (March 9 - April 10)

____ US \$275 (April 11- May 11)

____ US \$325 (after May 11)

Make your checks payable to JAINA and return this form to:

YJA Convention
c/o Anish Shah
P.O. Box 1069
Alief, TX 77411-1069

If you have any questions concerning this form or any other registration issues, call:

Anish Shah
Registration Chairperson
281/879-5516

Parental Consent

This area must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of any minor (under 18 years of age as of 7/2/98) participating in the Third Biennial YJA Convention. Please send this form along with the registration form and appropriate fees. One form per child is required.

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to have my child, _____, participate in the THIRD BIENNIAL YJA CONVENTION and associated recreational programs to be held in Houston, Texas between July 2 and 5, 1998.

I certify that I am the parent having custody or the legal guardian by court order of the said minor. I allege that the said minor is physically able to participate in the activity set forth herein.

I herein understand and agree that, in permitting my child to participate, I will be ultimately responsible for my child as the parent and guardian, and the YJA Convention Committee members will take all reasonable steps to provide individual care and safety for my child, but will not be ultimately responsible. YJA and its parent member organizations and volunteer workers or agents cannot assume responsibility for any injuries, damage, and/or harm that might result in the course of any activities during the convention.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless and blameless Jain Society of Houston, YJA, and JAINA, its officers, employees, or agents from any and all liability from damages, loss, or injuries either to person or property, which the said minor may sustain while engaged in any activity conducted by or in connection with the Third Biennial YJA Convention including, but not limited to, transportation.

I further agree to reimburse or make good any loss or damage or costs JSH, YJA, and/or JAINA may have to pay if any litigation arises on account of any claim made by the said minor, or anyone in said minor's behalf, resulting directly or indirectly from said minor's participation in convention activities.

I further authorize medical treatment for the said minor in the event of illness or injury sustained in my absence while participating in convention programs provided by YJA and its volunteer committees or their agents. In the case of injury or other activities requiring parental permission, YJA Convention coordinators, employees, and/or agents shall have authority to act for us in case we cannot be reached.

I understand that in case of injury, serious illness, or in extreme cases of disciplinary action, the convention chair will, if need be, send home my child by the first available transportation at my own expense.

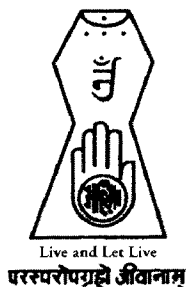
Print Name of Participant _____

Signature of Parent Having Custody or Legal Guardian _____

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Date _____

Daytime Number _____ Evening Number _____



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March 2, 1998

Dear fellow Jain community member,

Jai Jinendra!

The Young Jains of America executive board recently held their biennial meeting at the site of the 1998 YJA Convention in Houston, TX at the Del Lago Resort and Conference Center. The energized group met for four days discussing various aspects of the organization, brainstormed ideas for future projects and discussed plans for the upcoming convention.

Projects currently being worked on include establishing a YJA adult liaison network around all Jain centers in conjunction with the present local representative system to further communication about YJA's activities and ongoing projects.

The next issue of Young Minds is coming out soon and it provides further details on YJA's projects and goals. Also included is an interesting article on ethical investing and detailed information on the Houston convention.

To make ourselves accessible to your valuable input we have set aside times where we will be available by phone (however, please feel free to contact us anytime). Our office hours are:

	Zone	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Raju	EST	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM
Gaurav	EST	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM
Anish	EST	11PM-12	11PM-12	11PM-12	11PM-12	11PM-12	11PM-12	11PM-12
Avni	CST	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	6-7PM	6-7PM	6-7PM
Paulomi	EST	9-10PM	9-10PM	9-10PM	9-10PM	9-10PM	2-3PM	10-11pm
Jill	CST	7-8PM	10-11PM	10-11PM	7-8PM	7-8PM	7-8PM	7-8PM
Dina	EST	9-10PM	10-11PM	10-12PM	N/A	N/A	1-3PM	2-4PM
Ameet	EST	9-10PM	9-10PM	9-10PM	9-10PM	11PM-12	2-3PM	2-3PM
Sheetal	PST							
Mona	PST	8-10PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	8-9PM	N/A	N/A	8-10PM
Heerain	EST	9-11PM	9-11PM	9-11PM	9-11PM	N/A	N/A	9-11PM

We hope that you will be able to help our efforts in promoting Jain activities for our youth through financial contributions or constructive suggestions. Feel free to contact us anytime and we will do our best to help you to the best of our abilities.

YOUNG MINDS (continued)

YJA MEMBERSHIP FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

TODAY'S DATE: _____

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

Permanent Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____

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

Parents' Names: Father _____ Mother _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School Information

☐ Check if currently a high school student

School Name: _____

Class of: _____

College Information

☐ Check if currently a college student

University/College Name: _____

Class of: _____

Graduate School Name: _____

Class of: _____

Most Recent (or current) Degree/Major: _____

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Profession (list primary field(s)): _____

Employer/Company: _____ Position/Job Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Optional

Why do you want to join YJA?

I do not want...

- ☐ any of this information published by YJA in a positive manner
- ☐ home phone number published
- ☐ college phone number published
- ☐ business phone number(s) published

If you want to join YJA or update your membership information, please fill out this form and return it to the following address:

Young Minds
c/o Jain Education International
1000 University Avenue
New Haven, CT 06510-3043
USA

Outside the U.S.
Jain Education International
1000 University Avenue
New Haven, CT 06510-3043
USA

You can also find this form online at:
<http://www.yale.edu/yja/>

Email YJA

To Reach...

...the Executive Committee

yja-excom-list@pantheon.yale.edu

...the Co-Chairs

yja-cc-list@pantheon.yale.edu

...the Advisory Board

yja-ad-list@pantheon.yale.edu

...Your Regional Co-ordinators

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MALE

M237: Gujarati parents invite responses from educated, cultured girls, for their very handsome, US born son, April 68, 6'0", MD, currently doing residency. Call: 716/473-9290.

M346: Gujarati parents invite responses for their US born, vegetarian, fair, very handsome son, Feb 70, 5'11", BS, well employed as business analyst, planning to pursue MBA, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 732/367-4022.

M489: Gujarati parents invite responses for their US born, very handsome, fair, talented, vegetarian son, March 71, 5'9", 145lb, MS (Comp Eng) (Cornell), Computer Consultant, own very successful enterprise, from pretty, cultured, educated girls. Call: 410/771-0251. Fax: 410/771-6041.

M526: Gujarati parents invite correspondence with biodata & returnable photo for their US citizen, very handsome, fair, personable, intelligent, vegetarian son, born Nov 71, 6'1", BS (Pharmacy), very well employed as Pharmacist, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 908/755-5377

M538: Gujarati parents invite proposals with biodata & photo from educated, family oriented, vegetarian girls, for their talented, US citizen son, born May 69, 5'4", 130 lb, MS EE, employed with Fortune 100 Co. Reply Shah, PO Box 109, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Ph: 973/386-3686.

M595: Gujarati parents invite responses for US born, vegetarian, very handsome, talented son, June 68, 5'10", MD, currently doing residency, from cultured, well educated girls. Call: 562/943-6696.

M610: Gujarati Physicians parents invite alliance for their handsome, fair, smart, vegetarian son, born July 70, Bcom, well employed, from cultured, pretty girls. Call: 214/553-8865.

M612: Gujarati family seeks match for USA raised, smart, handsome, outgoing, non-veg son, born Oct 73, 5'8", from smart, out-going active girls. Secure future in multi-million dollar family owned manufacturing firm. Caste, language no bar. Call: 219/982-4593.

M614: Jain Hindi speaking Physician invite correspondence with biodata & photo for US born, citizen, handsome vegetarian son, Dec 72, 5'7", 140 lb, MD(98), from, cultured, educated girls. PO Box 9567, Canton, OH 44711.

M615: Hindi speaking Sister invite responses for good looking, vegetarian, intelligent brother, born Sept 71, 5'7", BS AMIE, employed with AT&T as Internet consultant, from vegetarian, cultured, educated girls. Call: Sunita 515/251-7188.

M617: Alliance invited for well settled (in NJ), handsome, vegetarian, very active, Gujarati Widower (no child), born Dec 54, 5'8", 160 lb, BE (electronic), from suitable cultured match. Call: 732/866-4352.

M624: Alliance invited for handsome, smart, intelligent, vegetarian, Gujarati boy, born Oct 63, 6'1", 175 lb, MS (ME), well employed as Sr. software engr, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 510/490-2147.

M625: Gujarati parents from Atlanta invite responses for good looking, talented, green card holder son, born Jan 73, 5'6", 130 lb, MS (Indl Eng), BTech (IIT), well employed, from vegetarian, educated, cultured, girls. Call: 770/933-8076.

M627: Gujarati parents invite responses for their handsome, professional, intelligent, vegetarian, US citizen son, born Nov 68, 5'6", 150lb, JD (Law), well employed as Attorney, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 734/434-9286.

M630: Correspondence with biodata & returnable photo invited for Gujarati Jain handsome, vegetarian boy, born 69, 6'1", 160 lb, BS (EE), well employed, from suitable, educated, vegetarian girls. Call: 416/494-0118.

M632: Sister invite proposals for handsome, vegetarian brother, born June 66, 5'8", highly accomplished Electrical Engr., very well employed with ORACLE Corp, from well educated, pretty, vegetarian Gujarati girls, well versed with Indian culture, values. Call: 510/713-9252.

M634: Jain parents invite proposals with biodata & returnable photo, for their US citizen, handsome, social, vegetarian son, 24, 5'11", MBA, Computer Engineer, from professional Hindi speaking, charming, cultured, family oriented girls in US or India, willing to settle in USA. PO Box 341, Cleveland, OH 44061. Ph: 440/974-8003.

AM178: Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome, very fair, talented, vegetarian, US citizen son, born July 71, 5'11", 155 lb, PhD (Chem Eng), from pretty, fair girls with family values. Call: 847/966-5564 or Prof. Desai 714/996-9494.

FEMALE

F258: Gujarati parents invite correspondence from professional boys, from cultured families, for their slim, very beautiful, fair, caring, intelligent, US born daughter, Aug 71, 5'6", MBA, well employed with Anderson. Call: 716/473-9290.

F268: Gujarati parents invite responses from suitable, cultured, vegetarian Gujarati match for their very intelligent, US citizen daughter, born March 68, 4'5", 90 lb, BA (Math), employed as Teacher. She is deaf. Call: 215/673-3682.

F324: Gujarati Surgeon invite correspondence from highly educated professionals, for his slim, fair, very beautiful, talented, highly accomplished daughter, born Nov 70, 5'2", MS (economy) from very prestigious school, well versed with Indian culture. Call: 301/983-8597.

F337: Jain parents invite proposals for their physician (MD), slim, vegetarian daughter, born Jan 70, 5'4", from professional boys. Mail biodata with photo to: The Resident, 13660 Fair Hill Rd, Apt 308, Shaker Heights, OH 44120.

F436: Gujarati brother invite responses for very beautiful, fair, talented, vegetarian sister, born Nov 71, 5'1", BS (Micro), MLT, well employed as scientist, from cultured, vegetarian, professionals. Call: 905/848-0903.

F495: Gujarati parents invite responses for their beautiful, fair, talented, vegetarian daughter, born 70, MD, doing residency, from highly educated professional boys having Indian & western culture values. Call: 201/866-8682.

F509: Parents invite responses with biodata/returnable photo, for beautiful, bright, caring, highly accomplished, vegetarian daughter, born Oct 69, MD, practicing Internal medicine, from professionals, preferably MD. Call: 972/234-6506.

F569: Gujarati parents invite responses for their pretty, fair, caring, well rounded, talented, vegetarian, US born

daughter, June 73, 5'7", 120 lb, BS, BA, well employed as VP, from cultured, well educated boys. Call: 610/670-9919.

F570: Gujarati parents invite proposals for their very beautiful, fair, talented, charming, vegetarian, US raised daughter, born Oct 70, 5'0", 105 lb, MD, 1st year resident, from well educated, professional boys. Call: 215/673-3682.

F609: Alliance invited for pretty, slim, vegetarian, caring, Gujarati, US citizen girl, born June 73, 5'3", 105 lb, BS (biology), well employed as Technician at MD Anderson Cancer center, from well educated, cultured boys. Call: 281/498-8140.

F611: Gujarati brother invite responses for his pretty, fair, intelligent, vegetarian sister, born Dec 66, 5'4", 115 lb, BS, from cultured, educated, vegetarian, boys. Call: 918/250-3075.

F613: Gujarati parents invite responses for their very beautiful, caring, talented, US born daughter, April 75, 5'5", 109 lb, BS, well employed as speech Therapist, from professional, cultured boys. Call: 401/885-3260.

F616: Sister invite responses for pretty, vegetarian Hindi speaking sister, born Sept 71, 5'1", BS, from cultured, well educated jain boys. She is currently in India & having own computer business at Calcutta. Call: Sunita 515/251-7188.

F618: Alliance invited for pretty, smart, vegetarian Gujarati girl, born Dec 73, 5'4", BS, well employed as Occupational Therapist, from cultured, professional boys. Call: 650/349-5750.

F619: Gujarati parents invite proposals from cultured, professional boys, for their very beautiful, fair, vegetarian daughter, born Nov 73, 5'7", 128 lb, BS (EE), well employed as software engineer. Call: 972/208-3429.

F620: Gujarati brother invite correspondence from well educated, cultured, boys for his beautiful, slim, vegetarian sister, born April 74, 5'4", BDS, Dentist, currently in India & willing to settle in USA. Call: 765/448-4739.

F621: Gujarati parents invite responses for their beautiful, talented, vegetarian, US born daughter, Dec 73, 5'7", 150 lb, 3rd year Medical student, from cultured professional boys preferably MD or medical student. Call: 407/366-8810.

F622: Gujarati parents invite proposals for their beautiful, intelligent, US born daughter with east/west culture, July 74, 5'6", 130 lb, MS (school psych), well employed, from educated, cultured boys. Call: 913/681-3633.

F623: Agarwal/Jain parents invite correspondence with biodata, photo from professionals for Canadian born (Toronto), pretty, fair, smart, vegetarian daughter, Oct 74, 5'0", 110 lb, BA final (sociology). 32 Mortonway Brampton, ONT. L6Y2R7. Canada. Phone: 905/459-4357.

F626: Jain parents (renowned publishers) from Delhi, invite responses for their very beautiful, fair, slim, vegetarian daughter, born May 73, 5'3", BA (Honors), well employed, from cultured, professional boys. She is at Delhi & willing to settle in USA. PO Box 5715, 54 Rani Jhansi Rd, New Delhi 110055. Ph: 2922629, 7771668. Fax: 91-11-7512745. Email: mrmlpub.mrml@access.net.in

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Guideline to all perspective participants

Be positive, constructive, creative and friendly! No match is going to be “perfect.” Complement and support each other practicing respect, sharing, acquire knowledge and maintaining your uniqueness while keeping an open mind. These are the qualities that make for human perfection. Our world is shrinking and we are a global village and life is not always easy. However, we can carry our philosophy and our value system that is very worth while, with us. Accept the challenge and make your choice be a worth while one.

Placing an Ad and Registration with MIS

Anyone wishing to place an ad and register with the MIS—Marriage Information Service—must follow these instructions *carefully*:

① Fill out the attached Registration Form. The registrant must fill out this form. *Do not leave anything blank.*

② Mail the following items to:

Hasmukh M. Shah
8721 Scrimshaw Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34653-6623
(813/376-7290)

- the completed form
- a check in the amount of \$25 payable to **Hasmukh M. Shah**. Leave the “memo” or “for” line blank.
- a recent, full-length photo of yourself with your name printed on the back

Upon receipt of this information the MIS will draft an ad for you and it will appear in the JAIN DIGEST—but only once. Remember, JAIN DIGEST is a quarterly publication.

Placing an Ad Only

If you do not wish to register with the MIS and wish to draft an ad yourself, you may do so in *30 words or less*. Remember, that the MIS reserves the right to edit all such ads. Follow step ② above, but submit your own ad instead of a completed form and photo.

As a rule, all MIS ads include the phone number of the registrant. However, if you do not wish to publish your phone number, you must specifically notify Hasumukh M. Shah.

Responding to an Ad

All those wishing to respond to an ad must follow these step-by-step instructions. Place your bio-data and a recent photograph of yourself in a sealed, stamped envelope with your return address in the upper left-hand corner and the MIS ad reference number in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Leave space on the envelope for an address.

Place this envelope in another envelope with your return address in the upper left-hand corner and mail it to Hasumukh M. Shah (see address above).

Upon receipt of these responses the MIS will place the ad holders address on the inner envelope and mail it.

Remember, MIS is not responsible for responses that do not conform to these instructions.

Please notify the MIS

Please notify the MIS when an engagement or marriage has been announced. This helps us to know if this community service is working to help maintain our traditions.

Please note that if a successful alliance has taken place, both parties will agree to donate what ever amount they wish to JAINA to help defray the cost of publication.

Important Considerations

It is important to remember that the MIS is a non-for-profit, voluntary community service. The MIS and JAINA assume no responsibility or liability for the accuracy or authenticity of the information furnished in the ads or any consequences resulting thereof. The entire responsibility rests with the candidates themselves.

All information furnished to the MIS is confidential. Only those who are sincerely interested in looking for a Jain life partner should send a Registration Form. While matching, photographs will not be passed on to the candidates by the MIS.

Parents/guardians should communicate with the candidate before placing ad and assist them in making a final decision.

Congratulations!

JAINA would like to congratulate all couples who have come together with the help of the services of the MIS. JAINA wishes to thank them for their generous donation.

The following candidates who have registered/listed with the Marriage Information Service are married/engaged, with the help of this service:

F098, 127, 139, 151, 152, 159, 188, 196, 206, 299, 316, 366, 382, 385, 387, 393, 397, 398, 426, 447, 457, 462, 465, 483, 490, 555. AF74, 90, 106, 110.

M181, 199, 254, 284, 286, 287, 304, 321, 330, 336, 342, 343, 344, 364, 388, 389, 405, 411, 422, 446, 450, 452, 459, 470. AM79, 89, 104, 107, 114, 120, 135, 169.

More and more Jains around the world are not only appreciating this much needed service, but are also taking advantage of it. Simultaneously, the flow of ads in JAIN DIGEST is gradually increasing.

MIS REGISTRATION FORM — PAGE 1

Send this completed form, a check in the amount of \$25 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 34653-6623

Name (please print): _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Email: _____

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/COLLEGE

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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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 OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

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.

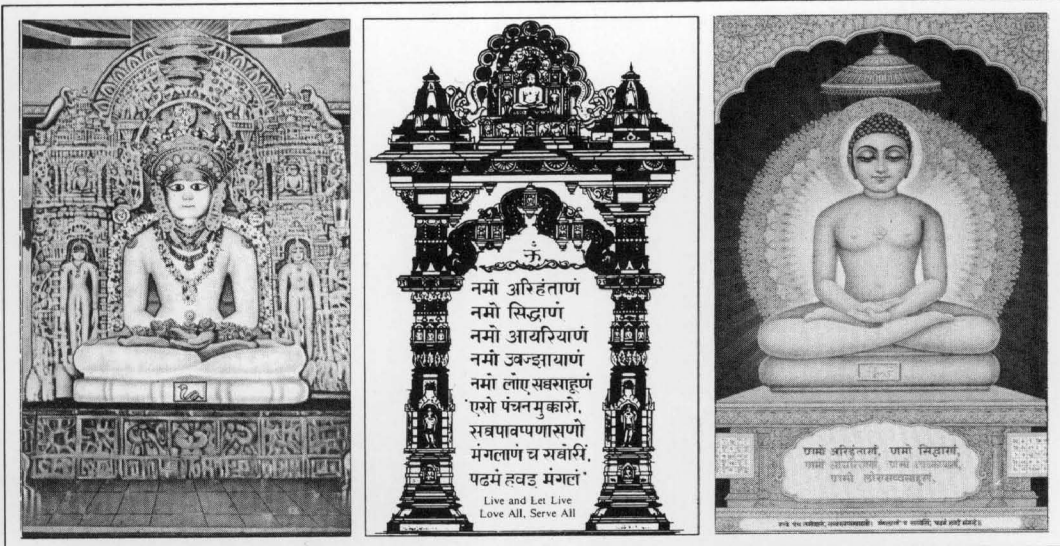
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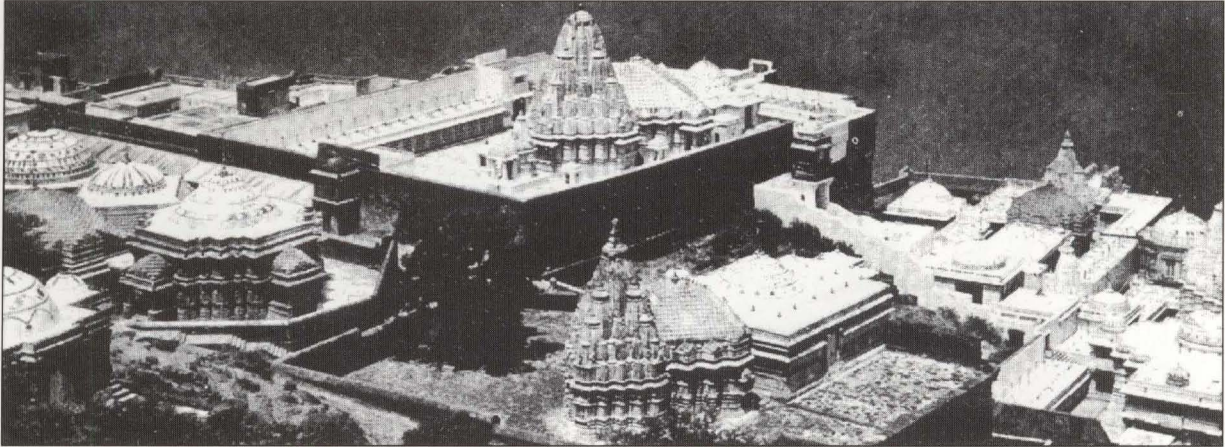
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