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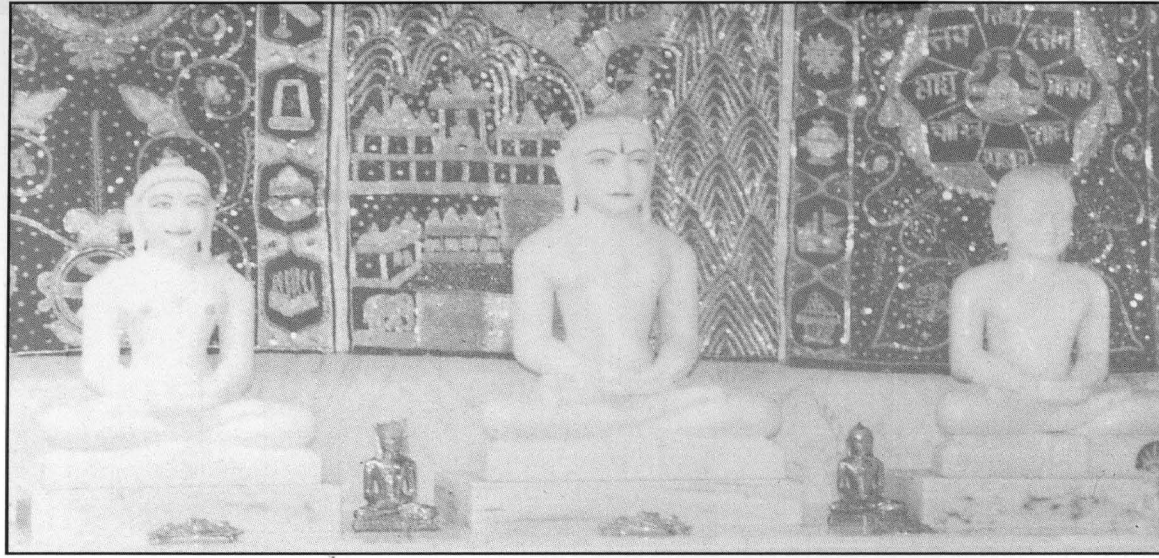
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अहो! अहो! श्री सदगुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार  
आ पामर पर प्रभु कर्यो, अहो! अहो! उपकार (१२४)

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

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

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

- Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra, Srimad Rajchandra -

We dedicate ourselves to ceaseless efforts of  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Dharmabandhu

Jai Jinendra

It is a pleasure to visit you. This Quarter we achieve some goals. Following is the progress report during this quarter.

- We have inserted in this issue, a copy of "JAINA at a Glance", which you can pull out and keep as a reference. You can call upon any Executive Committee member or the Head Quarter for any JAINA related need. Additionally, you can call upon any member society president when you visit in a town, and visit the temple.
- On line JAINA convention 2003 registration has already started. Please register before Jan 15 2003 to get early bird rates. It is \$90 for each person 12 and up, and \$60 for each child under 12. Please look inside for full details. Also, there is other concurrent convention; hotel rooms will be in short supply. Hence, book your rooms as early as possible.
- It was a great pleasure to join the Chaitya Pari party organized by Jain center of America, New York on Sept 29, 2002. 19 Buses full of members left Queens for Jain Temple near Atlantic City NJ. Mr. & Mrs. Ghelani and other members of the sangh received us and treated us tremendously well. It is an excellent example of how even a small community can serve a group of 1000 yatri. The executive committee and members of Jain Center of America, New York organized the whole event very well.
- Our Hearty Congratulations to Keshubhai Chandaria for receiving the Golden Jubilee Award from Government of Canada.
- JAINA has been invited by Institute of Jainology, to participate in a delegation to Prime Minister Shree Atal Behari Vajpayee. He will be awarded to be a Patron in Chief of the Manuscript Project. Mr. Nemu Chandaria will represent JAINA and deliver along with JAINA's letter, JAINA at a Glance and Education CD.
- We now have four more Jain centers as member of JAINA. Hence we now have 61 Jain Center members.
- The Shram Yatra organized by Mr. Ramesh Shah and YJA jointly will visit India to give a lending hand to efforts to rebuild devastated Kutch area. It is expected that 10 or more students will join to go to India.
- Wheels of hope and medical supplies project progressing at steady pace all throughout the year.
- Vardhman Nagar construction is steadily building up now. Starting Dec. we will have residents come in to stay in their houses. The dispensary work has begun.

Again, as usual the Executive Committee is here to serve you, and we welcome any suggestions for our review. JAINA is working to enhance your activities at the center.

Yours truly,



Bipin Parikh, President

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## JAINA ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2002 SIDDHACHALAM

### Executive Committee Members:

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**Directors:** Vinay Vakani, Sudhir M. Shah, Rajan Shah, Kirit Kapadia, Usha Maru, Manoj Dharamsi, Dilip V. Shah and Kamlesh Amin (Executive Director)

**Committee Chairpersons:** Nirmal Dosi, Pravin C. Shah, Rajeev Pandya, and Kamlesh Shah

**YJA:** Ronak Shah and Suchita Shah

**Guests:** Hans Maru, Dr. Sumti Shah, Naresh Jain, Rekha Parikh, Asha Jain, Vimala V. Vakani, Kanta P. Shah, Kanta Dharamsi, Pareena Shah, Mamta Shah

Meeting started with Navkar Mantra, led by Rekhaben Parikh.

Minutes of July 13, 2002 meeting were approved with the following corrections: The entrance fees for the seniors were mentioned as \$60/pp for the early registration should have been \$90/pp for the early registration.

**President's report:** JAINA needs to collect at least \$100,000 in reserve funds to take care of emergency health care of visiting scholars and Jain Sadhus. A Fund raising committee needs to be in place ASAP.

He appointed following three committees:

**2003 JAINA Ratna, Recognition and Ahimsa Award committee.** JAINA recognizes and awards individuals based on their contribution to JAIN community. The committee will evaluate names sent by all Jain centers. Committee is made up of Co Chairs - Anop Vora and Dr. Dilip Shah aided by Dr. Mahendra Mehta, Mr. Praveen Jain and Suchita Shah.

**2003 JAINA nomination & election committee:** Executive committee gets nominated and elected during convention years. To oversee this process Dr. Vinay K. Jain: Chairperson aided by Dr. Kirit Gosalia, Prem Jain, Mohanbhai Mehta and Dr. Dinesh M. Shah were appointed.

**JAINA Constitutional amendments:** Year 1990 was the last time when there were changes made to this. It needs to address many issues, few of them are : Formula for directors of JAINA, Directors' positions and their roles with JAINA, Fee structure of various membership of JAINA. JAINA committees - Its creation procedures, charters, missions, goals, longevity, etc., Boundaries of member societies, Internet privacies. This would be a standing committee, as it will have a longer longevity. Chairperson: Dr. Manibhai Mehta, aided by members Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Keshubhai Chanderia, Arvind Vora, Pankaj Dalal, Dr. Manoj Dharamasi and Prem Jain

**Committee's separate accounts:** Currently there are several committees of JAINA, have separate bank accounts like World com-

munity services, YJA, YJP, Convention accounts, JAINA Trust, etc. To maintain better control it is necessary to have only one account. He proposed the following motion on the floor for the discussion, seconded by Anop Vora: "All JAINA related financial transaction activities would be under direct supervision of the JAINA Treasurer. The committee functions will remain same, except the funds will be accounted separately"

There was a concern that committee's funds should not be used for any other purposes then what was it collected for. It was agreed that there would not be any changes in the current procedures, except that all the funds would be deposited in main account and the treasurer would make all disbursements. The chairman of the committee if so desired by the treasurer may issue receipts. After much discussion, Executive Committee approved the motion unanimously.

### Anop Vora gave report on Convention activities:

Cleveland Sangh will design, build and install the temple at the convention center for all pujas at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

To help bring awareness of the convention and raise funds for the convention posters of the convention event would be made available to all JAIN Centers before Diwali functions.

Current budget: \$755,000 based on paid registration of 4,000. Over 60% of the budget is for food, facilities and programming related.

Key note speakers: Have asked for the suggestions from various centers for keynote speakers.

He requested all directors and regional vice presidents to get active and help raise \$200,000.

Booths will be available to JAINA committee for their exhibits. Contact Mr. Ramesh Shah.

Online registration will be available first week of October.

We have committed 750 rooms with Crown Plaza, Hyatt and Hilton hotels at \$95/room rate.

Smallest room for speakers would hold 100 people.

**Amrendra Muniji:** Naresh Jain reported that after spending over 6 weeks at the rehab center, and now at home of Dr. Subhash Jain he is recovering fast. Currently he is undergoing rehab training twice a week for 2 hours/session. This would be accelerated to thrice a week. Our current weekly rehab cost will increase from \$400 to \$500. So far we have spent \$9,600 at the Forest Rehab center. JAINA has already paid this amount with the contributions from various Jain Centers and individuals. He thanked JAINA for taking lead in raising funds for Amrendra Muniji's medical expenses. Naresh brought Muniji with him, as he wanted to meet JAINA executive board members and others during this annual meeting. Muniji is currently able to walk short distance with the support of walker. The situation looks very hopeful.

## HEADQUARTERS NEWS....

Jain Center of New Jersey sponsored the Lunch.

**Membership committee:** Mr. Kamlesh Shah, reported receiving following applications for membership in JAINA:

Panama City, FL: They meet regularly since 1992. Currently have over 25 members but do not have temple yet.

Jain Society of Lansing, MI. They have over 25 members, but do not have temple yet.

JAANA-Jain Adhyatma Academy of North America. Their mission was to spread the word of Mahavir to all Jains and distribute Jain books and publications at no charge.

International Jain Sangh: They have over 100 members and they meet regularly, but do not have a temple yet.

Mr. Mahendra Shah, President of Philadelphia Hindu Jain Sangh submitted their application and the fees for JAINA membership. They will be admitted as member upon receipt of the by laws and charter per earlier resolution of March 2002 executive committee meeting in Chicago.

Chairman assured us that he would submit guidelines and requirements of JAINA membership for acceptance by the executive committee. All above application were accepted unanimously.

**YJA report** by Ronak Shah and Suchita Shah: They were able to accommodate only 800 youths from total application of 1,000+ youths. They had over 16 sessions, various workshops and social activities. At the request of JAINA executive committee their initial budget of \$450,000 was reduced to \$325,000 without sacrificing quality or the content. They felt they might have made over \$90,000+ profit. This was achieved by cost cutting and aggressive fund raising campaign. 40% of the profit will go to local New Jersey Sanghs. They will spend the money for the youth activities. YJA's goals are as follows:

**Regional conferences:** To increase the participation at the local level, and reduce the time between conventions, they would like to hold six regional conferences. The local sanghs would have to pick up part of the cost. Some shortfall may come from the convention surpluses.

Veeraytan: They want to send 20 volunteers to work with Veeraytan. The total air and land cost will be about \$1,000 pp. YJA will be willing to subsidize \$200, if Jain Sangh would subsidize \$600 so the final cost to youth will be \$200.

Habitat for Humanity: They would build house with habitat for humanity agencies.

They agreed to help JAINA raise funds for their 2003 convention.

**Temple Committee Guideline:** Fourteen members were added to this committee with the following tasks:

Teerthodhar Committee: Kirit Daftary reported collecting over \$15,000 from various Jain Centers and JAINA trust. JAINA has paid off \$9,500 worth of bills. We are expecting additional bills of at least \$15,000 more from the rehab center and equipment.

Besides this JAINA has sponsored September month for Vaiyavach of Sadhu and Sadhvi in India. Shri Navkar Sarvar Kendra of Ahmedabad would carry this out. We expect to serve aryuvedic medicine to over 1000 monks in Gujarat area only.

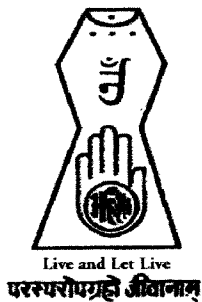
**Scholar committee:** Nirmal Dosi reported that scholars are not going through JAINA any more. Each of them has their own sponsors. They have been requested to bring insurance from India before they leave the country. Except for few most of the scholars are not insured. We have lined up information about insurance companies in India and US. All of this information will be sent to all scholars through their local sponsors. The newly appointed insurance task force would look into covering existing conditions and evaluation of various affordable insurance policies. Anop Vora appointed Dr. Sulekh Jain, as chair this task force. Dr. Sushil Jain, Kirit C. Daftary, Nirmal Dosi and Pravin Vakani will aid him. Mr. Vakani is health insurance agent who can help us identify and evaluate various possibilities. With this information there is no reason for any scholars to be under or uninsured.

**Public Policy:** Dr. Sushil Jain pointed out that under new legislation, churches can now support or oppose political candidates. The question remains should we speak up or remain quiet? For example, IF a candidate supports display of 10 commandments in the public building only, then we don't want to support such candidates. We much rather support candidates who promotes religious freedom. We could even hold fundraiser for candidates who believe in our issues and causes. Such practices were not allowed in the past. In the same fashion, if we were to join political organization and if the candidate endorsed by the organization may or may not be supporter of Jain principles and beliefs. For example promoting of slaughterhouse would be a big issue with us. In such a circumstances it would be difficult for JAINA to misalign them selves from such organization in the middle of the game plan. Dr. Sushil Jain proposed a motion that JAINA should not become member of any political organization such as NFIA and others. Anop Vora seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous and the resolution was approved. Dr. Bipin Parekh pointed out that our constitution does not allow us to get involved in Political activities.

**Education Committee:** The first set of 2000 CD has been distributed and order of second set of 2000 copies is already in works. Their first phase of having Pathshala material is already completed. They are now in their phase II. This involves adding Sutras and Stavans, curriculum enhancements and continual refinement of the material. They would like to see that they add teachers aid and have more of training workshops. Deadline for the phase II is currently set for September 2003. They feel that even though the CD have gone out, but now we have to make them use it on a regular basis. They will also make sure that there are sutras of all three traditions to make sure that all benefit by its publications.

*Minutes prepared by Kirit C. Daftary, Secretary, JAINA*





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VP Northeast

**Dr. Sushil Jain**

Past President

**Dr. Mahendra Pandya**

Jai Jinendra!

The Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA) with host Jain Center of Cincinnati & Dayton is pleased to provide details on the 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Jaina Convention to be held at the Greater Cincinnati Convention Center from July 3-6, 2003. The theme of the convention is *Jainism: the Art of Living* and celebrates the religious and cultural aspects of our everyday lives.

The preparation is underway at full speed with only months to go! Each committee is working to make this the best most memorable convention ever. The local Mahila Mandal is designing decorations to take advantage of the Cincinnati Convention Center. For the first time this year a quilt with panels from the various Jain Centers in North America will be on display.

During the day, there are a variety of speakers and seminars to expound on our knowledge of Jainism and how it applies to every aspect of our daily lives, from yoga & meditation sessions to cooking to hearing from Jain entrepreneurs and educators. To balance the day, the evenings will offer a showcase of culture for all ages from garba to a variety show to professional groups from India as well as for the first time, Night Rhythms.

The Youth committee has been extremely active. Another first for this convention is the service project. There will also be sessions by the youth for the youth and college related seminars to share our experiences with one another. The older youth will be able to share their experiences with the younger youth and show how the principles of Jainism can be practiced.

In keeping with tradition, the temple committee will dazzle the convention attendees with a beautiful rachna (model) of Shatrunjay Tirth.

The promise of mouthwatering meals will keep convention goers coming back for seconds as the food committee finalizes the preparations. To maintain the freshness and aroma, most of the food will be cooked on site daily by a team of cooks that will arrive in Cincinnati, specifically for this event. Each meal will have a choice of Indian or Western food including the availability of vegan food.

Registration information: rates and forms, for the 2003 JAINA Convention are included in this publication for convenience. Online registration is also available at [www.jainaconvention.org](http://www.jainaconvention.org) along with many of the details of the convention. We encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of the early bird registration savings and register now! This will ensure the success of our convention. Please visit our website, [www.jainaconvention.org](http://www.jainaconvention.org), for up-to-date information about the convention.

We are always open to the comments and suggestions to make this a "must attend" event for the whole family. Please contact any of the committee members listed in this publication.

We cordially invite you all to attend *ONE OF THE BEST CONVENTIONS EVER* and intend to leave you with a lifetime of pleasant memories!

We look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati!!

Mr. Anop Vora  
Convener

Dr. Surendra Singhvi  
Co-Convener

Ms. Soha Shah  
Co-Convener



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UPCOMING CONVENTION:

- ❖ Programs for all ages
- ❖ Programs in all languages (English, Gujarati, Hindi)
- ❖ Sadhus, Munis, scholars and dignitaries to speak in general session, panel discussion and break out sessions.
- ❖ Debates, discussions, seminars and workshops
- ❖ Cultural program (Group dances, group songs, Solo/Duet songs, Skits) with Jain Centers of N. America participating
- ❖ Professional entertainment programs and Bhavna to be performed by professional artists from India
- ❖ Jain Networking Forum (JNF) formerly known as MIS
- ❖ Alumni reunions
- ❖ Jain art and exhibits
- ❖ Daily Pratikraman, Yoga and Meditation classes
- ❖ Businessmen's opportunities to explore
- ❖ Workshops on women's issues
- ❖ Creation of Temple      ❖ Daily Puja
- ❖ Youth programs including seminars, discussions, and fun activities.
- ❖ Many exhibition & commercial booths for learning and shopping opportunities
- ❖ CME Medical Seminar
- ❖ Jain, Vegan, and Western Vegetarian cuisine will be served

## FOR THE FIRST TIME:

- ❖ Elegant but short opening ceremony
- ❖ Senior citizens to be honored at the opening ceremony
- ❖ Youth Service Project      ❖ Senior Citizen Workshops
- ❖ Official breaks for all, each day with surveys and drawings
- ❖ Social Dinner-First day, Welcome Reception Dinner-second day, and Exhibitor's reception dinner-third day
- ❖ Professional Development Series, Career Fair and Personal Development workshops
- ❖ "Night Rhythms" for youth members. Come dance to the beat of any drummer you choose: Reggae, Hip Hop, Bhangra/Hindi or Latin/Salsa
- ❖ Dinner Theatre for youth members. Sit back and enjoy
- ❖ Fresh meals cooked at convention hall daily by a team of 30 cooks who are flying in specifically for this convention.
- ❖ Food available all the time to maximize flexibility in family and personal schedules.
- ❖ Family/Group photographs/videos will be available via a professional cameraman
- ❖ JAINA Quilt: Share the unique aspects of your JAIN Center with the attendees at the 2003 Convention. A quilt that identifies all Jain Centers around the nation will be created and displayed during the convention. To find out how your Jain Center can participate, contact Ranjan Punatar at [punatar@hotmail.com](mailto:punatar@hotmail.com)

## JAINA YOUTH

- ❖ Age Specific Seminars and sessions (8-12 Years, 13-17 Years, 18 and UP)
- ❖ Jain Networking Forum (JNF): New and Improved, more Participant Friendly
- ❖ Youth Service Project Saturday morning: Volunteering at several different non-profit organizations doing a variety of things including: Stocking shelves, re-packaging food items, painting, basic construction, clean-up organization, recording children's books for the less fortunate. All transportation will be provided. Requests on what to bring will be forwarded in the future issues.
- ❖ Dinner Theatre: Evening dinner entertainment for youth including: Comedian, and One act plays, and more.
- ❖ Night Rhythms: Night of live music, dancing, and mingling on a "street" of different music genres, dancing lessons, coffee & beverage cafes, street performers and so much more.
- ❖ Jain Academic Bowl (JAB): Challenge your mind in the arena of Jainism. Go head to head in a non-threatening competition with teams throughout North America and the world.
- ❖ Professional Discoverment: Learn about the "real world." Open your mind to new and exciting careers. Brush up your interview techniques and your resumes.





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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Names in Bold are Contacts for each committee



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## FUND RAISING

Show Your Generosity and Love to Jainism. We cannot charge exorbitant fees and turn away a large segment of our Jain population and youth, we depend upon your donation. Help us to keep the tradition of Jainism through generations. See our newly created Temple at site. All Sanghpati, Grand Patrons, Patron, Grand Benefactors, Benefactors and Sponsors will receive special preference in Seating, Registration & Accommodation

### **SANGHPATI \$50,000**

(Usually 1, unless multiple families decide to share)

Leading the Opening Procession

Seating with dignitaries on a stage in the opening ceremony

Short speech to audience

Recognition in the Opening and Closing sessions

Special badges/Gold Sash/Gold Lapel Pin

Picture and message (letter) in the Souvenir Book

### **GRAND PATRONS \$15,000**

One morning session, seating with dignitaries on a stage

Recognition in morning session on the stage

Special badges/Silver Sash/Gold Lapel Pin

Picture in the Souvenir Book

### **PATRONS \$10,000**

(Swamivachhal Jaman) Banner on a dinning hall recognizing the patron for the donation

Recognition in morning session on the stage

Special badges/Silver Sash/Gold Lapel Pin

Picture in the Souvenir Book

### **Grand Benefactors \$5,000**

Recognition in morning session

Special badges/Gold Lapel Pin

Picture in the Souvenir Book

### **Benefactors \$2,000**

Recognition in morning session

Special badges, Picture in the Souvenir Book

### **Sponsors \$1,000**

Recognition in morning session

Picture in the Souvenir Book

### **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Sponsors for Events \$25,000

Jain Centers or individual donors will be recognized by a banner at the event hall, in opening ceremony, and in the souvenir book.

Sponsors for Scholars	\$1,000	Recognition in Souvenir
Friends	\$500	Recognition in Souvenir

Temple opening

Ceremony and Aarti \$15000

24 Deri Divo **and** Aarti \$500 each

Each Pooja \$125

Kumarpal Aarti **and** Procession Ghee Boli.

## **PHYSICIANS CME CONFERENCE**

"Physicians—Good News. There will be CME (continuing medical education) for physicians and health care professionals. Please fill registration form for CME. For more information call Dr. Hemant Shah 937-885-1842 or Dr. Mahesh Shah 937-836-8080

Registration form is available on

**[www.jainaconvention.org](http://www.jainaconvention.org)**

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## HOSPITALITY

- Hotels listed and the convention center are located within 20 minutes of the Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport.
- Please mention, "The JAINA Convention" when making reservations to receive the reduced rate at the hotels listed based on availability.
- The hotels are all connected to the convention center via the Skywalk.

### CONVENTION CENTRE:

Cincinnati Convention Center  
525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Tel: 513.352.3750, Fax: 513.352.6226

### HOTEL INFORMATION:

#### HYATT REGENCY *AAA Rating : 4 Star*

151 W. Fifth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Rate : \$95+tax, Upto 4 people per room  
Ph: (513)-579-1234, Toll Free: 1-800-233-1234

\* A small portion of hotel rate may benefit JAINA Convention

### HILTON CINCINNATI NETHERLAND PLAZA

*AAA rating : 4 Star*  
35 W. 5th Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Rate : \$95+tax, Upto 4 people per room  
Ph: (513)-421-9100, Toll Free: 1-800-445-8667

### CROWNE PLAZA

*AAA Rating : 3 Star*  
15 W. Sixth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Rate : \$89 + tax, Upto 4 people per room  
Ph: (513)-381-4000, Toll Free: 1-888-279-8260

## INVITATION TO RENT A BOOTH

At the Convention, we are planning to have an exhibition dealing with different products. The number of exhibitors associated with a specific type of product will be limited. We will serve snacks in the exhibition hall twice a day to increase traffic in the hall. Rates for booths will be as follows:

Corner booth	\$1250
(not available to non-profit organizations)	
Other than corner booths:	\$1000
Non-profit organizations:	\$550 (Non-Jains)
Non-profit organizations:	\$300 (Jains only)

- All booths and locations will be allotted on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Floor plan is available.
- Registration to the convention is mandatory for all exhibitors. Complimentary registration for two persons will be provided for all reservations received before January 31, 2003, after which registration, @ \$90.00/person, to the convention will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- All the booths will include the following in the basic price: (1) 10 x 10 ft booth space, (2) one 8 ft skirted table, (3) two Chairs, and (4) Organization name.

- You can not display any products or conduct business at the booth, which violates the basic principles of Jainism. The selection committee will use its judgment and may reject the application.
- A formal contract shall be sent to you, which will include rules, regulations, terms, and conditions, and application form for additional furniture, janitorial services and power supply requirements.

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of merchandise to be displayed and sold \_\_\_\_\_ Booth

Preferences: Choice 1 ( ) Choice 2 ( ) Choice 3 ( )

Number of persons registering for the convention \_\_\_\_\_

Make the check payable to JAINA Convention 2003

**Please send this form along with your check to:**

Vinod K. Jain, 1045 Hyde Park Dr., Dayton, OH 45429-5851  
Ph: (937) 435-9950, E-mail: vinod.jain@notes.udayton.edu



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## SOUVENIR BOOK

The theme of the Convention is *Jainism: the Art of Living*. We are planning to publish a Souvenir book, consisting of articles on various aspects of Jainism. We invite you to submit an article, no longer than 1500 words, in English, Hindi, or Gujarati some of the suggested topics are listed below. For complete list of topics and other relevant information on submitting article and to place an advertisement please log on to [www.jainaconvention.org](http://www.jainaconvention.org)

### LIST OF SUGGESTED TOPICS:

1. Jainism from Lord Rishabhadev to Lord Mahavir
2. Development of Jain Literature
3. Jainism and World Peace
4. Jainism and the Ethical Treatment of Animals
5. Do Plants have Souls - Why do Jains eat vegetables?
6. Why should Jainism be designated a Minority Religion in India - Historical Facts and Fallacies
7. The Role of Jain Elders in Modern Society
8. Can Ahinsa bring peace in a world plagued by terrorism?
9. Should Jain faith participate in interfaith dialogues? What are the pros, cons, and the proper approach whereby Jains can respect all faiths while standing for Jain principles?
10. What are the common elements that bring all religious faiths together?
11. Love and compassion for animals - why do people eat non-vege food?
12. Jainism and Ecology
13. To be or not to be a nonviolent person. Cause and effect.
14. Role of women in Jain households and Jain society.
15. What can we learn from our religious moral stories?
16. Jain stories for young children.
17. Anekantavad, Syadvad, and Nayavad.
18. Jain arts, music and architecture.
19. History of Jainism in North America
20. Concept of soul in Jainism
21. Jain theory of karma - how is it different from other concepts of "destiny"?
22. Jain ethical values.
23. Importance of yoga and meditation from the Jain point of view.
24. The Anuvratas: how easy to practice and benefit to the society at large.
25. Is there is salvation of woman in Jainism, why or why not?
26. What is required in general for a female to lead the Jain community?
27. Understanding and respecting the various sects of Jainism.
28. How good affects human behavior from food we eat.
29. Jain cosmology and cosmography - What validity, in the space age?
30. Is there a hell and a heaven? Can we prove it with the help of astronomy?
31. What are the role, duties and responsibilities of Jain monks and nuns in the western world?
32. Jainism and Investing in Unethical and Socially Irresponsible business?
33. Courage to be different, to be Jain, to remain Jain in Western culture.
34. Developing inner power from Jainism to cope with lures and deceptions in modern age.

**Send your article and or ad to Dr. Vinod K. Jain, 1045  
Hyde Park Dr, Dayton, OH 45429-5851  
Phone: (937) 435-9950 E-mail:  
[vinod.jain@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:vinod.jain@notes.udayton.edu)**

### SOLICITATION FOR AN AD

We request you to submit an advertisement for this Souvenir book. The following rates apply for placing an advertisement:

<b>Back page (color only)</b>	<b>= \$ 4500.00</b>
<b>Inside covers</b>	<b>= \$ 3500 (color only)</b>
<b>Full page</b>	<b>= \$ 1500 for color</b>
<b>Full page</b>	<b>= \$ 1000 for B &amp; W</b>
<b>Half page</b>	<b>= \$ 600</b>
<b>Quarter page</b>	<b>= \$ 400</b>
<b>Business card</b>	<b>= \$ 250</b>

We would appreciate your support and promote your business among our community by placing an ad. Please send your **Camera Ready Copy of the Advertisement** along with check payable to Jaina Convention 2003 to Dr. Vinod K. Jain  
**Deadline: January 31, 2003**

### "Chalo Palitana (Cincinnati) Jaiye"

For Jains, Palitana Tirth has unparalleled attraction for number of reasons:

- First Tirthankar Rishabhadev visited this place 99 times.
- Except Neminath other 23 Tirthankars delivered their first Sermon at this place.
- It is considered "Siddhashetra" of all times by Agamas.

It has nine hill-tops and consists of 108 large temples and 872 small shrines, with some 7000 images of Shri Jina, all temples consisting of such lovely architecture.

Jain Society of Greater Cleveland has started to create the Mountain of Shatrunjaya at the convention. More than 30 volunteers have started working on this project.

You will see the beauty of the mountain, trees, and shrubbery in the backdrop of blue skies. Also you will hear the music of water streams running down the mountain. With creative lighting, ambiance created will arouse the feelings of holiness and reverence. Just sit quietly in the front of this Tirth Model and you can sing "Stavans", do "Chaityavandan", meditate or whatever your heart desires!



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<b>JULY 3-6, 2003</b>								
<b>REGISTRATION FORM:</b> <b>Register online at <a href="http://www.jainaconvention.org">www.jainaconvention.org</a></b>								
<b>STEP 1: CONTACT INFORMATION:</b> This information <u>must</u> be completed in order to receive your registration confirmation.								
Address: Street/ Apt#		City		State/Province	Postal Zip Code			
Home Phone	Fax	Email			Country/Region			
<b>STEP 2: PRIMARY AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS:</b> For all members including primary individual, please specify the activity preferred and the Total Fees per person in the far right column. <b>Date of birth is MANDATORY.</b>								
Last Name	First Name	Sex M/F	Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY	INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES from chart in Step 3	JAIN NETWORKING FORUM (\$55/Person)	ALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Age 13-35) (\$45/Person)	SERVICE PROJECT (Age 13-35) (FREE)	TOTAL FEES (\$/person)
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<b>Number of attendees requesting VEGAN food for all four days</b> _____				<b>Day Care needed</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>STEP 3: INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES:</b> Please choose the correct fee amount from the chart below.								
		EARLY BIRD JAN 15 <sup>th</sup>	JAN 16 <sup>th</sup> to APR 15 <sup>th</sup>	APR 16 to JUN 15 <sup>th</sup>	JUN 16 <sup>th</sup> to JUL 06 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES FROM STEP 2</b>		
<b>CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 5)</b>		<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>DONATION</b>		
<b>YOUTH (AGE 6 UP TO AGE 17)</b>		<b>US \$60.00</b>	<b>US \$80.00</b>	<b>US \$100.00</b>	<b>US \$120.00</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT (US \$)</b>		
<b>ADULTS (AGE 18 &amp; UP)</b>		<b>US \$90.00</b>	<b>US \$110.00</b>	<b>US \$130.00</b>	<b>US \$150.00</b>			
Cancellation charges based on TOTAL FEES per person from STEP 2.		\$50.00 or 25% (whichever is higher)				NO REFUND		
<b>Postmark of registration form will determine applicable registration fees</b>								
Please make your check (US\$) payable to: JAINA CONVENTION 2003. Mail registration form and check to:  JAINA CONVENTION 2003 PO BOX 778 MASON, OH 45040-0778  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:registration@jainaconvention.org">registration@jainaconvention.org</a> PHONE: 937-848-3228				<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FROM STEP 3:</b> \$ _____ Charge my: <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover Card #: _____ Name of Cardholder: _____ *CVV Code: _____ Signature: _____ Exp. Date: _____ *CVV Code is the last three numbers on <u>back</u> of credit card.				
<b>STEP 4: SIGNATURE:</b> Primary registrant must sign and date below.								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On site registration begins at 12:30pm on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003. CASH, CHECKS and CREDIT CARDS will be accepted during onsite registration. Most programs will be at the Cincinnati Convention Center.</li> <li>Those members planning to attend the JNF activities must complete the attached JNF Registration Form and mail with Convention Registration Form.</li> <li>Tickets for Service Project are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. Deadline for registering: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Liability waivers must be signed at the convention center by all participants. Parent or legal guardian must sign liability waiver if participant is under 18 years of age.</li> <li>Youth activities include Dinner Theater, Night Rhythms and Service Project.</li> <li>Receipt of confirmed registration will be mailed or emailed to you. Registration payment receipt will be mailed by December 2003.</li> <li>Registrant must bring confirmation letter and picture ID to registration desk to collect registration material.</li> <li>Bounced checks will incur a \$25.00 additional fee. All credit card transactions will be done online by Registration Committee.</li> <li>ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS will be given after June 15, 2003 or at the Convention for registration charges.</li> <li>ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS will be given for JNF and Youth activities</li> <li>JAINA and the Jain Center of Cincinnati-Dayton are not responsible for loss, injury or damage of any kind to registrants and or guests.</li> </ul>								
SIGNATURE OF PRIMARY REGISTRANT:			DATE:		Would you like to receive the monthly email concerning information about the 2003 Convention and future conventions? <input type="checkbox"/>			
Official Use Only:	Post Mark Date:	Amount:	Check No:	Registration ID:	Updated DB:	Checked By:		

## COMMITTEE NEWS....

### TEERTHODHAR COMMITTEE

Teerthodhar Committee was the sole sponsor for the entire month of September 2002 for the Sadhu Vaiyavach activity. Shri Navkar Sarvar Kendra visited Shankeshwar, Patan, Mehsana, Khambat, Limbdi, Surat, Rajkot, Ratanpur, Vadhwani and surrounding areas with their Vaidraj and Hadvaidya. Here is the overview of number of Sadhu-Sadhvi who received various medical treatments:

Aryurvedic Medicine:	460 +
Orthopedic Treatment:	150+
Eye Camp:	128 Sadhu-Sadhvi's received eye treatment and prescription glasses.

Items Donated to Sadhu Sadhvi: Hot water bags, water bag, Kneecap, mosquito net, Almond oil, Balm, and wheel chairs.

**REIKIE CAMP:** "Reikie" is very important for Sadhu Sadhvi who may be traveling or are in small towns where there is no medical facility. "Reikie" is the best help during such times. Two days each of first and second degree Reikie "Atmik Shakti" kiran chikitsa camp was attended by 60 Sadhu-Sadhvi. They felt that this would help them and others for the healing purpose.

**AMENDER MUNIJI:** As you know Muniiji suffered quite a serious stroke around June 25, 2002. With the blessings and support of good souls, we have been able to pull him out from the danger. He is recovering very well but not yet ready for his preaching routine. JAINA has paid for his medical expenses of \$9,600. International Jain Sangh has played very important role in looking after his health. They are paying for their rehab equipment, therapy and medicines. For more information please contact Kirit C. Daftary, @ 254-776-4209 or netrat@att.net

### Vardhman Nagar Progress Report:

Below is latest status of our project in Bhuj, Kutch, Gujarat

Finish work in progress	8	units
Completed up to slab level	108	units
Completed up to lintel level	39	units
Completed up to sill level	59	units
Completed up to coping	36	units
Completed up to plinth	6	units
Total	250	

**They are planning for construction of dispensary and school building in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of Nov. 2002.**

*R. C. Shah, Secretary, Vardhman Nagar Owners' Association*

### SAMET SIKHARJI PILGRIMAGE JANUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 2, 2003

JAINA is very happy to announce once again a pilgrimage to Samet Sikhar and nearby Tirths. This 16 day Yatra of many holy places is in cooperation with Veerayatan. Samet Sikhar is where 20 Tirthankars of Vartman Chauvisi attained Salvation (Nirvana). Traveling through Bihar has always been considered a difficult endeavor and a Sangh Yatra is the only real choice for most people.

For those of us living in North America this is a rare opportunity to join a Sangh to Samet Sikharji and other nearby Tirths.

We also plan to visit Temples of Delhi, Shouryapuri (Agra), Aligadh (KanjiSwami Ashram), Ayodhya, Banaras, Rajgir, Guniyaji, Pawapuri, Kundalpur, Lachhwad (Kshatriyakund), Champapuri and Bodhigaya.

Registration will be first come first served basis. We expect that Yatra will be fully subscribed. Many of you have inquired if a relative or friend living in India could join our Yatra. Our planned capacity for this Yatra is 160. We will be happy to include your relatives, if we have any space. In addition to the above-mentioned temples, we will be spending 2 nights at Veerayatan. At Veerayatan, Yatri will get a chance to see "Compassion in Action" - message of Mahavir put in practice by Acharya Chandanaji and others.

Sadhvis of Veerayatan are in the poorest region of the country. In Lachhwad, we will be visiting school built with donations from JAINA Yatri of 2001 and is being managed by Veerayatan.

Our tentative date for starting of the yatra from Delhi is January 18. Our Yatra will end in Patna on the evening of February 2. We will be traveling by Air-conditioned train and we hope to charter a special train if we have sufficient number of Yatri. The cost of the land portion of the pilgrimage within India is US\$990. This includes all traveling within India by bus or train, accommodation in hotels or Dharmasala, tips, \$30 registration fee and all the meals. \$100.00 of the \$990 will be earmarked for "Yatra Fund". The Yatra Fund will be used for donations to temples and institutions we visit.

METRO TRAVEL of Iselin, NJ has offered a special airfare from New York, Newark or Chicago on Air India of \$890 including taxes. Call Kalpana at METRO TRAVEL 732-283-0200. or meet us in New Delhi on the morning of the 18th January. For further information please call Anil Shah, 18 Stout Ct., East Brunswick, NJ 08816, Telephone: (732) 651-8734

Please do not purchase air tickets until you receive a written confirmation from JAINA that you have been booked for the Yatra. You must check with your travel agent regarding refund policy for the airfare.

*Dilip V Shah, Philadelphia, PA*

Bidada Sarvodaya Trust in BIDADA, Kutch (Gujarat) is a success story of unparalleled magnitude. Twenty-eight camps have been completed successfully so far. Over 2.0 million patients have been treated at NO COST to them at these ANNUAL camps. The camp attracts patients from over 900 villages in Kutch; patients come to these camps from villages as far as 50 miles away. In the past more than 80 doctors and volunteers from USA and over 200 doctors and volunteers from Bombay have come together and donated their time, talents and their expertise to these camps. "Wheels of Hope"- A JAINA Medical Equipment and Supplies program provides Surgical, Laboratory, and Operating room supplies. This program has also provided beds, mattresses, wheel chairs, walkers and crutches for the disabled and the handicapped.

*What are the reasons for tremendous success of this camp? Vijay Chheda, their US based trustee summarizes it below:*

- Professional environment and plenty of help from Paramedical, Lab technicians, and Nurses
- Loyalty from a number of doctors from USA; some of them have been attending the camp for the last 10 years.
- Patients requiring major surgeries are transferred to Mumbai. The trust provides all treatments free of charge including surgeries in Mumbai.
- Patients treated at the camp are given regular follow-up examinations even after completion of the camp.
- Tremendous facilities provided for the Doctors, Volunteers, and the patients

Results and success stories from the camp are communicated to over 2000 people!!

The 29<sup>th</sup> Medical and Dental camp starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003, will cover 22 medical specialties. It is estimated to serve more than 18,000 patients and perform over 700 surgeries. This year there is a special focus and concentration on children's problems and diseases.

We encourage you strongly to experience this camp in person by visiting this professional facility once while visiting India. You will be very happy, richly rewarded and blessed by donating your talents, expertise and a bit of your time to help the poor, the sick and the disabled!

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## **WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A LIFE MEMBER OF JAIN DIGEST**

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The most important task of Jain Digest is to provide identity to Jains. Each issue of JAIN DIGEST is a result of love for scores of volunteers. The editor in chief is assisted by regional editors, associate editors, regular and guest columnist all living in different part of continent. They all work by fax, phones and E-mail to put together a snapshot of our community in timely fashion producing the most visible evidence of unity among Jains of North America. Without pinning monetary value on time and efforts of the volunteers, it costs about \$40,000 per year to publish four issues of Jain Digest and send to every family in North America and Jain Sanghs abroad free of charge.

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JAINA is committed to continue quarterly publication of Jain Digest free of charge by raising funds from generous donors. We don't know how long these donors will continue to subsidize Jain Digest. Therefore it is essential for all of us to become a life member of Jain Digest, by contributing tax deductible donation of \$151.00. It will assure all of us and our future generations to continue to receive Jain Digest and help us and our youth to maintain our Jain identity and to be proud Jain.

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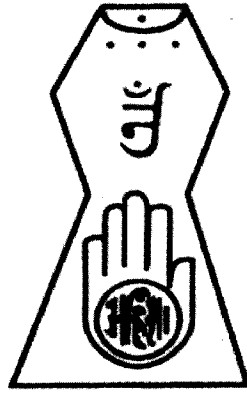
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## THE JAIN TEACHINGS

### 1. *Ahimsa* (non-violence)

The Jain ecological philosophy is virtually synonymous with the principle of *ahimsa* (non-violence), which runs through the Jain tradition like a golden thread.

*“Ahimsa parmo dharmah” (Non-violence is the supreme religion)*

Mahavira; the 24<sup>th</sup> and last *Tirthankara* (Path-finder) of this era, who lived 2500 years ago in north India consolidated the basic Jain teachings of peace, harmony and renunciation taught two centuries earlier by the *Tirthankara* Parshva, and for thousands of years previously by the 22 other *Tirthankaras* of this era, beginning with Adinath Rishabha. Mahavira threw new light on the perennial quest of the soul with the truth and discipline of *ahimsa*. He said:

*“There is nothing so small and subtle as the atom nor any element so vast as space. Similarly, there is no quality of soul more subtle than non-violence and no virtue of spirit greater than reverence for life”*

*Ahimsa* is a principle that Jains teach and practice not only towards human beings but towards all nature. It is an unequivocal teaching that is at once ancient and contemporary. The scriptures tell us:

*“All the Arhats (Venerable Ones) of the past, present and future discourse, counsel, proclaim, propound and prescribe thus in unison: Do not injure, abuse, oppress, enslave, insult, torment, torture or kill any creature or living being.”*

In this strife-torn world of hatred and hostilities, aggression and aggrandisement, and of unscrupulous and unbridled exploitation and consumerism, the Jain perspective finds the evil of violence writ large. The teaching of *ahimsa* refers not only to wars and visible physical acts of violence but to violence in the hearts and minds of the human beings, their lack of concern and compassion for their fellow humans and for the natural world. Ancient Jain texts explain that violence (*himsa*) is not defined by actual harm, for this may be unintentional. It is the intention to harm, the absence of compassion that makes action violent. Without violent thought there could be no violent actions. When violence enters our thoughts, we remember *Tirthankara* Mahavira's words:

*“You are that which you intend to hit, injure, insult, torment, persecute, torture, enslave or kill.”*

### 2. *Parasparopagraho jivanam* (Interdependence)

Mahavira proclaimed a profound truth for all times to come when he said: “One who neglects or disregards the existence of earth, air, fire, water and vegetation disregards his own existence which is entwined with them”

Jain cosmology recognizes the fundamental natural phenomenon of symbiosis or natural dependence, which forms the basis of the modern-day science of ecology. It is relevant to recall that the term ‘ecology’ was coined in the latter half of the nineteenth century from the Greek word *oikos*, meaning ‘home’ a place to which one returns. Ecology is the branch of biology, which deals with the relationships of organisms to their surroundings and to other organisms.

The ancient Jain scriptural aphorism *Parasparopagraho jivanam* (All life is bound together by natural support and interdependence) is refreshingly contemporary in its premise and perspective. It defines the scope of modern ecology while extending it further to a more spacious ‘home’. It means that all aspects of nature belong together and are bound in a physical as well as metaphysical relationship. Life is viewed as gift of togetherness, accommodation and assistance in a universe teeming with interdependent constituents.

### 3. *Anekantavada* (the doctrine of manifold aspects)

The concept of universal interdependence underpins the Jain theory of knowledge, known as *anekantavada* or the doctrine of manifold aspects. *Anekantavada* describes the world as a multifaceted, ever-changing reality with infinity of viewpoints depending on the time, place, nature and state of the one who is the viewer and that which is viewed.

This leads to the doctrine of *syadvada* or relativity, which states that truth is relative to different viewpoints (*nayas*). What is true from one point of view is open to question from another. Absolute truth cannot be grasped from any particular viewpoint alone and because absolute truth is the sum total of all the different viewpoints that make up the universe.

Because it is rooted in the doctrines of *anekantavada* and *syadvada*, Jainism does not look upon the universe from the anthropocentric, ethnocentric or egocentric viewpoint. It takes into account the viewpoints of other species, other communities and nations and other human beings.

### 4. *Samyaktva* (equanimity)

The discipline of non-violence, the recognition of universal interdependence and the logic of the doctrine of manifold aspects, leads inexorably to the avoidance of dogmatic, intolerant, inflexible, aggressive, harmful and unilateral attitudes towards the world around. It inspires the personal quest of every Jain for *Samyaktva* (equanimity) towards both *jiva* (animate beings) and *ajiva* (inanimate substance and objects). It encourages an attitude of give and take of live and let live. It offers a pragmatic peace plan based, not on the domination of nature, nations or other people, but on equanimity of mind devoted to the preservation of the balance of the universe.

### 5. *Jiva-daya* (compassion, empathy and charity)

Although the term “*ahimsa*” is stated in the negative (*a*=non, *himsa*=violence), it is rooted in the host of the positive aims and actions which have great relevance to contemporary environmental concerns.

*Ahimsa* is an aspect of *daya* (compassion, empathy and charity), describe by a great Jain teacher as “the beneficent mother of all beings” and “the elixir for those who wonder in suffering through the ocean of successive rebirths”.

*Jiva-daya* means caring for and sharing with all living beings, tending, protecting and serving them. It entails universal friendliness (*maitri*), universal forgiveness (*kshama*) and universal fearlessness (*abhaya*).

Jains, whether monks, nuns or householders, therefore, affirm prayerfully and sincerely, that their heart is filled with forgiveness for all living beings and that they have sought and received the forgiveness for all beings, that they crave the friendship of all beings, that all beings give them their friendship and that there is not the slightest feeling of alienation or enmity in their heart for anyone or anything. They also pray that forgiveness and friendliness may reign throughout the world and that all living beings may cherish each other.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Jains,

Jai Jinendra! Thanks to all for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of JAINA. I consider it to be a great honor, and I will do my best to further the JAINA cause. First, I would like to congratulate all of the past presidents for making JAINA a truly world-renowned organization. They have done a great job in promoting JAINA, such that it is now recognized by world-leading organizations such as the United Nations, World Religion Council, and the US and Indian governments.

Your JAINA is working very hard to facilitate your Jain living needs. It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to watch so many JAINA volunteers selflessly promoting various JAINA activities. Let me mention just a few:

- **Pathshala** teacher's conference was held in Los Angeles with the support of the Jain Center of Southern California, Los Angeles. 26 North American Jain Centers' teachers attended the conference.
- Celebration of Ahimsa Varsh: Started with **Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan's** ahimsa conference in Edison, N.J. on March 13-14 2002.
- United Nations Celebration of **Mahavir's Message** meeting. 165 members participated of which at least 40 Non-Jain members were present and shared their views on Ahimsa. Thanks to Arvind Vora and the Jain Center of America, New York for organizing this program successfully.
- The first nationwide video **JAINA broadcast** presentation on TV Asia was on March 28, 2002. The theme was Mahavir's message and the broadcast was graced by the messages from Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji and Dr N.P. Jain.
- Beginning the **JAINA Day** Program at the Jain Center of Chicago in the form of a town hall meeting was on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2002. Mr. Dilip V. Shah is planning more meetings nationwide. Mr. Ramesh Shah's "efforts for hospital supplies to India" was very much appreciated by members of local center.
- The **Pratishtha mahotsav** at **Boston** was a great success. Also the **Pratishtha mahotsav** in **Detroit** temple for 24 tirthankars in Bhoomti went very well as planned.
- World Community Service of JAINA has joined hands with World Medical Relief, Inc of Detroit and Sloan-Kettering cancer research center of NY and obtained **medical equipments and supplies** worth one million dollars for the Ujjain Charitable Trust Hospital. The container full of life saving materials for the poor and the needy is already on its way to India.
- A Jain school built in **Lachhwad** (Bihar) from the donations collected jointly by the Tirthodhdhar Committee and the Pilgrimage Committee is fully functional – Thanks largely due to efforts and guidance of Acharya Shri Chandanaji of Veerayatan. I call upon all of you to sponsor a child's education cost of \$250 for five years in the land where our Lord Mahavir was born and where today Jainism is almost extinct. Please contact Kirit Daftary or Dilip V Shah if you would like to sponsor a child.
- **YJA Convention 2002** was a grand success. Every participant was happy that they could attend the convention in Mahwah NJ. Soon after that, the YJA members selected the new executive board. The Co-chairs are: Ronak Shah and Suchita Shah.  
They have many new activities planned around the Internet and many regional conferences. Let us applaud a great job done by previous exec. Committee led by Chintan, Birud and Ronak.
- Congratulations to Pravin Shah of JAINA Education Committee for releasing **JAIN Education CD** containing 2,000 files, which contain 10,000 pages of, printed material covering variety information on Jainism in English. The cost of each CD is only \$5.00 including postage. Dr. Pradip and Darshana Shah are coordinating the distribution of the CD. Email – [Pradpks1@aol.com](mailto:Pradpks1@aol.com) if you wish to get one.
- Our World Community Services projects are progressing at designed pace. "**Varthaman Nagar**" near Bhuj has already started construction of houses and school plans are completed. The **medical assistance program** has shipped many containers full of hospital supplies to designated hospitals in India.
- JAINA started the "**World Trade Center Victim's Relief Fund**" and stand ready to help in anyway it can. JAINA has already contributed \$13,000 to the victims to Fireman's Fund.

- In the same venue, **Veerayatan's** Acharya Chandanaji's organization has set up 23 regular and vocational teaching institutes in Kutch and Saurashtra. Some of our young adults, **Shayana Parekh** and **Kimberly Parekh**, are going there to teach vocational education for one or more years.
- Please browse on the website **jaina.org** and examine a variety of items available to you like JNF and JAINA Focus. The JNF-MIS (Jain Network Forum-Marriage Information Services) participation activity, which was started online during the last convention, has been continued. We have created the **JAINA Focus** newsletter on the same website. This newsletter is intended to get to you timely information with convenient access via the Internet. I urge all Jains to inform Mr. Samprati Shah for publication requests of any reportable achievement, which he and his committee will then evaluate for, need to include in JAINA Focus.
- To facilitate your donations activities we at JAINA have established **credit card** acceptance services. Please contact our treasurer Girish Shah for details.

In new topics,

- We are working on ways in which all member societies can have access to **highly acclaimed scholars** from all over the world. I have requested all the presidents of larger Jain Centers to provide some portion of the time for scholars to lecture at smaller centers in the surrounding areas.
- **YJP** has planned their **Fifth annual convention** on October 12-14 in Montreal, Quebec. Please contact Sanjay Shah or their website.
- Planning for the **YATRA 2003** of Sameet Sikhar and nearby Tirths covering 87 Kalyanak bhoomis is well underway. Anyone interested should register soon as number of seats is limited and strictly on first come first served basis. Contact Dilip V. Shah at [dilipvshah@aol.com](mailto:dilipvshah@aol.com) for details.
- **12th Biennial JAINA Convention** is planned for July 3-6 2003 at Cincinnati. Under leadership of Anop Vora, Dr. Surendra Singhvi and Soha Shah with Convention Board and many committees, all activities are progressing at full force. Don't forget to register early in early bird phase starting Oct 15 2002.
- Our plans are underway to **broadcast** via Internet on topics like "Let's visit Delwada Temples" or "The lecture series for Paryushan parva" or "How similar is Jainism and modern science" etc.
- JAINA has decided to work on another milestone in instilling Jain Sanskar into our children at a very early age. The JAINA Publication Committee (JPC) has started an ambitious project of publishing a series of **Jain Sanskar Animated Stories** on CDs or VHS tapes for Children. Contact Dr. Premchand Gada at [gadapb9jafna@pol.net](mailto:gadapb9jafna@pol.net) for details.

*Again, I thank you very much to let us (the Executive committee) serve you. And with your support, we plan to do much more. I want to build many sadhermic bhavans near our Jain Centers.*

Thank you, and Jai Jinendra.

- Dr. Bipin Parikh – President, JAINA

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## **JAINA AT A GLANCE**

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*Gurudev Chitrabhanu Ji*

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The Federation of JAINA is the umbrella organization of local Jain Associations (Sanghs) in U.S.A. and Canada. Other Jain organizations established for specific purpose are also affiliated member of JAINA. The purpose of the organization is to preserve, practice and promote Jainism.

**ORIGIN:** An Umbrella organization for all Jain organizations (not individuals) in North America was initiated at the first Jain Convention held in Los Angeles in 1981. At the second Jain Convention in New York in 1983, JAINA was established and formally constituted.

JAINA is the only organization representing all the JAINS living in U.S. and Canada without bias classification based on sect, language, or region. It has provided a forum to foster friendship and unity among various Jain communities of North America.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote religious and educational activities related to Jain religion and to promote study and understanding of Jain religion.
2. To assist existing Jain associations and promote the formation of new Jain associations throughout North America.
3. To provide and promote academic and cultural interchanges and cooperation among Jains in North America, India and other countries.
4. To assist and to promote charitable and humanitarian community service activities in North America, India, and other countries.
5. To promote vegetarianism and non-violence.
6. To assist in the establishment of Jain Temples, Sthanaks, Pathshalas and other facilities for carrying on Jain activities.
7. To establish liaison with governmental and other agencies in pursuance of the above objectives.

### **ORGANIZATION**

The JAINA organization functions through its many units. Over 300 volunteers are involved in efficiently running this organization. They include:

The Board of Directors	86
Directors-at-Large	7
The Executive Committee	11
Committee Chair & Co-Chairpersons	41
Jain Digest, Editorial and Managing Editor Board	13
JAINA Charitable Trust	98
Member Organization's Presidents	61
2003 Convention: Convention Board	8
2003 Convention: Activity & Advisory Board	13 or more
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Started in 1999, it has now become an annual feature. It is one of the well participated and well responded activities of JAINA..

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JAINA is committed to see that each of the centers has a Pathashala. To this end in cooperation with local center teachers, workshops have become an important feature in each center. JAINA is also preparing a uniform Pathashala curriculum in cooperation with other Jain centers in North America. JAINA published Education and Literature CD.

**JAINA LIBRARY:** Chairperson: Virendra Shah (310) 326-5685.

The main library with 8,000 books is in Los Angeles, with a branch in Canada.

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This committee is doing publication of Pathashala books, Comic books and other educational material..

**JAINA WEBSITE:** Chairperson: Girish Shah (408) 378-8765.

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## JAINA ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### JAINA CONVENTIONS:

2003 JAINA Convention Convenor: Mr. Anop Vora (585) 473-9290

This biennial event started in 1981 has become a unique socio-religious event for the entire Jain community of North America. Over 5,500 Jain brothers and sisters attended the Eleventh Biennial Convention held in Chicago in July 2001. Our Jain Monks, Bhattarakas, Scholars, and Dignitaries from all over the world graced the occasion. 2003 JAINA Convention will be held in Cincinnati, OH and hosted by Jain Center of Cincinnati & Dayton, OH

### AHIMSA DAY CELEBRATION:

Chairperson: Dr. Surendra Singhvi (937) 885-7414

- To celebrate Ahimsa day to create awareness about.
- Non-violence Hall mark of Jainism
- To celebrate coincide with Gandhi's Birthday in October

#### Accomplishments:

- To Celebrate at Siddhachalam every year.
- Speech at Inter faith Peace Conference in Cincinnati & Dayton, OH.
- Proclamation in Columbus, OH by Mayor.
- Received Greetings from President Clinton

#### Future Plans:

- To get all Jains Centers involved.

### ANNUAL CALENDAR:

Chairperson: Mr. Rajeev Pandya (718) 816-0083

- Our mission is to publish colorful calendar with photographs of ancient Jain temples located throughout India. It also lists the history behind each temple. The calendar has multicolor dated with American days and Jain Tithis. It also lists Tirthankara's Janma and Moksha Kalyanaks.

#### Accomplishments:

- Have successfully published the calendars for three years, 2000-2002. We have received positive and encouraging response from our Jain community.

#### Future Plans:

- To continue publication of calendars.

### GOVERNMENT & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

: Chairperson: Dr. Dhiraj Shah (716) 773-1314

- To foster interaction, dialogue and communication with Jain organizations throughout the world
- To have a good working relationship with US, UK & Indian & other government

#### Accomplishments:

- Attended World Parliament of Religions in S. Africa – 1999.
- Participated in World Jain Confederation in Bombay, India – 2001
- Awarded Certificate of Registration by United States Agency for International Development.
- Approved by Ministry of Welfare & Social Affairs of Government of India.
- Working with American Red cross on funds raising for Indian Earthquake.
- Working with Direct relief International for supplying Medical Equipment to India
- Working with Mission of Love, B.U.S.E.S. International & Inter Vol to ship Dental Chairs, Wheel Chairs & Medical Supplies to India.
- Chairperson Dr. Dhiraj Shah was only Jain from North America who was awarded **Jain Ratna** on 2600<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Lord Mahavir by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

#### Future Plan:

- Applied for United Nations Non-Government Organization (NGO) status.
- To create more relationships to receive medical and other supplies in Disaster & Emergency situation.

### JAIN POOJA & MARRIAGE:

Chairperson: Mr. Naresh Shah (516) 741-9269

- To perform Pratistha ceremony.

- To perform various kinds of Pooja.
- To perform Maha Pooja.
- To perform ceremony for Jain Wedding.

#### **INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES:**

Chairperson: Dr. Manoj Dharamsi (703) 620-9837

- To provide FREE exchange of Religious views with other major Religions on the world.
- To promote inclusion of Jain Symbols and Holidays in the calendar of NCCJ (National Conference of Christians & Jews).
- To promote Harmony, Tolerance & Peace with all other religions.
- To promote “ANEKANTAVAD” in practice.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- Co-Sponsor of the World parliament of Religions held in Chicago – 1993.
- Jain Symbol and Holidays included in calendar published by NCCJ.

#### **JAINA CHARITABLE TRUST:**

Chairperson: Dr. Mahendra Pandya (718) 816-0083

With the contribution from its 100 members, the Trust has received over \$200,000 and has contributed over \$100,000 to various worthy causes such as securing Jain Books, conventions (JAINA & YJA), Temples, Medical Institutions, JAINA General Fund etc.

#### **JAINA PATRON PROGRAM:**

Chairperson: Mr. Hasendra Shah (562) 404-2851

This program was initiated in 1997 to enable JAINA to meet its essential expenses. With a yearly expense of about \$100,000 to maintain a headquarter, continue the publication of Jain Digest and other such activities, it is imperative for all to become JAINA PATRON with an annual contribution of \$251 or become Grand Patron for Life by contributing \$5000.

#### **TEMPLE GUIDELINES:**

Chairperson: Dr. Jagat Jain (716) 688-0104

- To promote unity and harmony amongst all Jains
- To develop multiple guidelines for interior of Jain temples including how to get Marble and Pratimaji from India.

#### **Future Plans:**

- To create a complete resource book for Jain Center construction and expansion.,

#### **EDUCATION:**

Chairperson: Mr. Pravin K. Shah (919) 859-4994

- To provide Jain religious education to children, youths and adults by conducting classes, workshops and lectures at various centers in North America and other countries.
- To prepare Jain educational material for children, youth and adults in North America.
- To prepare pathshala teachers who in turn teach Jain to local community.
- To provide medium for interactions among Pathshala teachers of North America.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- Now almost all Jain Centers in North America have regular Pathshala or Swadhyay program and members are gaining knowledge about Jainism through their local teachers or visiting scholars.
- CD containing JAINA Education and Literature published.

#### **Future Plans:**

- To prepare master database of all people connected with Jain education and establish e-group member list on Internet.
- Quarterly electronic newsletter covering various aspects of Pathshala activities.
- To organize workshops and convention at various locations to educate Jain community at large.
- To establish a website for Jaina Education material.

#### **JAIN NETWORK FORUM (JNF): – Jain meets Jain**

Chairman: Mr. Sunil Jain (630) 705-1884

The JNF database contains all registered JNF/MIS members and all future registered members of YJA, YJP and JAINA conventions. Jain Network Forum program is accustomed to member's needs, their interest and their future plans. They will have the opportunity to complete a personal profile about weekly activities, personal hobbies and future plans. The members will be able to search the JNF database by choosing the criteria that matter to them and then they will be able to view each matching candidates profile and picture.

**YOUNG JAINS OF AMERICA (YJA):**

Chairpersons: Mr. Ronak Shah (918) 269-7665.

Started in 1989, YJA is growing fast in its membership. YJA seminars are a regular feature of JAINA Conventions. The first YJA Convention was held in Chicago in 1994.

- Our mission is to be recognized nationally and internationally as an umbrella Jain Youth organization for establishing a network to share heritage and religion through youth.
- To raise awareness about Jain ideals and principals in North America and in the world.
- To create a forum for sharing religion.
- To instill a sense of pride among Jain youth about their heritage.
- To address the problems, difficulties and concerns facing Jain youth.
- To assist and promote charitable community activities.
- To prepare Jain youth to become successful Jain Leaders of tomorrow.
- To develop friendship among Jain youth
- To foster and strengthen local Jain youth groups.

**Accomplishments:**

- Project Ahimsa (Gujarat Relief): Help JAINA for Earthquake victims in Gujarat.
- Project Adinath (Website update): Created online Pathshala classes. Created network so Jains can communicate easily with each other.
- Successful biennial convention on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, 2002 in New Jersey.

**JAINS PROFESSIONALS (YJP):**

Chairperson: Sanjay Mehta (718) 347-3083

This association is an affiliate member of JAINA. It is a forum for young Jain professionals to network and to meet other successful role models in our community.

- To raise awareness of Jain principals through educational and interactive discussion
- To promote application of Jainism in Professional & social aspects of our lives.
- To facilitate peer networking.
- To arrange community service.
- To provide mentorship to younger youth.
- To collaborate with YJA, JAINA & other Jain organizations.

**Accomplishments:**

- Four (4) Conventions
- Seminars in Jain Ethics in science, art, business and medicine.
- Social responsible investing
- Living exploration of inner self: Effect of ego, anger, greed & deceit.
- Dual Culture & Renegotiating identity.
- Living exploration inner self: Impact of FIVE VOWS: non-violence, truth, non-stealing, chastity & non-possessiveness.

**Future Plans:**

- More conventions, Seminars and Interaction

**MARRIAGE INFORMATION SERVICE – Jain Digest:**

Chairperson: Mr. Hasmukh Shah (727) 934-6141

- To promote Jainism to marry among Jains and participate the principals of Jainism in day-to-day life.
- To help Jain youths to gradually involve themselves in Jain organizations to advance the rational philosophy of Jainism between the parent and following generations, particularly born and raised in North America.
- Institutions of marriage and family to continue to be the foundation of cultural values of the society in formation and taking roots outside of India, particularly in the West.
- Creating awareness about the selection process in marriage among the Jain community through scientific techniques of communication and counseling based on information.
- To promote better communications and counseling for our youth.

**Accomplishments:**

- A number of Jain young male and female members have participated in our Marriage Information Service (MIS) registry program and have used this valuable service successfully.

**MEDIA WATCH / PUBLIC RELATION:** Chairperson: Dr. Sushil Jain (301) 670-0519

- To monitor media for misrepresentation of Jain Faith.
- To educate especially Non-Jains about our faith.
- To educate our community about civil rights.
- To empower to fully realize our rights. To build bridges of Understanding.

**Accomplishments:**

- Arrange Jain Pilgrimage exhibit at Smithsonian Museum.
- Multi-pronged protest against Sun Micro System in their attempt to use JAIN as their trademark.
- Speech at Million March in Washington, D.C. to address "Family Based Values".
- Represented JAINA at Interfaith Alliances.
- Represented JAINA at White House conference on faith based & community initiatives.
- Organized Jain Prayer at Maryland House of Congress, US Congress and Ohio State House.

**Future Plans:**

- To arrange JAINA Prayer at US Senate.
- To continue same efforts more vigorously.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairperson: Mr. Kamlesh Shah (301) 838-9778

- To prepare Constitutional & Educational material for forming a new Center.
- To provide a medium for interactions among Jain Centers.
- To encourage growth of Jain Centers.

**Accomplishments:**

- Now almost all Jain Centers in North America have regular Pathshala or Swadhayay.
- Have 57 Jain Centers.

**Future Plans:**

- To continue fostering and planting seeds.

**PILGRIMAGE:** Chairperson: Dilip V. Shah (215) 561-0581

In October 1998, JAINA had its first ever YATRA to Shri Sammed Shikharji. With its success, JAINA now has a Pilgrimage Committee with a mandate to organize at least one Yatra every year. In January 2001 our sangh had a memorable and enriching Yatra to Jain Tirths in Gujarat and Rajasthan.

**SCHOLAR'S VISITATION:** Chairperson: Mr. Nirmal Dosi (732) 390-0296

- To promote Jainism and spread education program to make our human life successful.
- To help local associations with scheduling dignitaries.
- Arrange to have scholars guide and grace the Paryushan / Daslaxana celebration.
- To help to get dignitaries to come to North America and prepare prior invitations.
- To help in Temple Sthapanas at each center from level of Bhoomi Poojan to final stage of the temple.
- To promote Jain wedding ceremony by distributing Jain wedding disk prepared with help from our local scholars.
- Arrange medical checks and help for scholars / monks whenever needed through selfless services for many of our volunteer doctors.
- To promote donations to needy institute with the help of dignitaries.

**Accomplishments:**

- Regularly sponsors and coordinates visit of many Jain scholars, monks, nuns, bhattarakas, artists, and Jain leaders to North America.

**Future Plans:**

- To promote scholars visitation for interest to Jain youth.
- Provide guidelines for rules to follow when inviting scholars and Munies from India.

**SENIOR CITIZENS:**

Chairperson: Mr. Kantilal Shah (949) 459-8299

- To collect and distribute information concerning benefits, programs offered by the States and Federal government, such as Social Security benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, Transportation and Housing benefits.
- To provide advise on Estate Planning, preparation of Living wills / Trust, Long term care.
- To plan for social activities.

**Accomplishments:**

- Have organized various activities for the seniors, like bus trips to various home temples, recreation parks, musical programs, picnics, Rangoli competition and religious poojas in Los Angeles areas.

**Future Plans:**

- Planning transportation facility for seniors so they can visit Jain Center frequently.
- Exploring the housing facility for seniors.
- We welcome any new ideas from Jain communities for betterment of our seniors.
- Senior Citizen Discount method

**TIRTHODHDHAR:**

Chairperson: Mr. Kirit Daftary (254) 776-4209.

This recently established committee has done very important work by taking care of our Living Tirths, our Sadhus, Sadhavis and Educational Institutions back in India.

**Accomplishments:**

- Jain School built in Lachhwad (Bihar) from the donation collected and is fully functional.
- Provided medical help for Sadhavis in Ahmedabad.
- Providing medical support to Amrender Muniji's sickness.

**V.R. GANDHI SCHOLARSHIP:**

Chairperson: Mr. Pravin C. Shah (516) 248-8265

- To promote and encourage studies in Jainism
- To promote message of Universal love and non-violence through education.
- To commemorate historical visit of V.R. Gandhi to West in 1893 to represent Jainism at World Parliament of Religions.
- To provide scholarship for advance studies in Jainism.

**Accomplishments:**

- Award of 5 scholarship to students studying M. Phil. & Ph.D. in India.
- Promoted the project in India and USA through various media.

**Future Plans:**

- To award 10 scholarship in the year 2001-02

**WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

Chairperson: Mr. Bachubhai Ajmera (301) 924-8070

- To provide Humanitarian Services all around the World with emphasis on India.
- To provide Medical Services to disadvantaged and poor people.
- To RUSH to emergency disasters such as: Earthquake, Floods, Hurricane, Famine

**Accomplishments:**

- Helped victims of Earthquake in Lathur (Mah.), Northridge (CA), Uttar Kashi (U.P.), Kobe (Japan), and Kutch (Gujarat)
- Conducted Medical Camps in Kutch & Veerayatan, Pune, Mangrol (India)
- Helped war victims in Rwanda
- Adopted 2 villages in Kutch during cyclone
- Provided financial help to war victims of Kosovo
- Rebuilt village in Orissa, India
- Donated number of Medical Equipments, Clothes, Blankets, Water Bottles, Wheel Chairs, Dental Chairs in India.

**Future Plans:**

- Rebuild 2 villages in Kutch, Gujarat
- Rebuild Community Center
- Rebuild Primary & Secondary Schools



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The five fundamental teachings of Jainism are deeply rooted in its living ethos in the unbroken continuity across the centuries. They offer the world today a time-tested anchor or normal imperatives and a viable route plan for humanity's common pilgrimage for holistic environmental protection, peace and harmony in the universe.

## JAIN COSMOLOGY

Jains do not acknowledge an intelligent first cause as the creator of the universe. The Jain theory is that the universe has no beginning or end. It is traced to *Jiva* and *ajiva*, the two everlasting, uncreated, independent and co-existing categories consciousness in *Jiva*. That which has no consciousness is *ajiva*.

There are five substances of *ajiva*:

1. *Dharma* – the medium of motion
2. *adharma* – the medium of rest
3. *akasha* – space
4. *pudgala* – matter
5. *kala* – time

*Pudgala* (matter) has form and consist of individual atoms (*paramanu*) and conglomerates of atoms (*skandha*), which can be seen, heard, smelt, tested and/or touched. According to Jains, energy, or the phenomena of sound, darkness, shade, heat, light and the like, is produced by conglomerates of atoms.

The *Jiva* (soul) has no form but, during its worldly career, it is vested with a body and becomes subject to an inflow of karmic 'dust' (*asravas*). These are the subtle material particles that are drawn to a soul because of its worldly activities. The *asravas* bind the soul to the physical world until they have brought about the karmic result when they fall away "like ripe fruit" by which time other actions have drawn more *asravas* to the soul.

With the exception of the *arihantas* (the ever-perfect) and the *Siddhas* (the liberated), who have dispelled the passions, which provide the 'glue' for the *asravas*, all souls are in karmic bondage to the universe. They go through a continuous cycle of death and rebirth in a personal evolution that can lead at last to *Moksha* (eternal release). In this cycle there are countless souls at different stages of their personal evolution: earth-bodies, water-bodies, fire-bodies, air-bodies, vegetable-bodies, and mobile bodies ranging from bacteria, insects, worms, birds and larger animals to human beings, internal beings and celestial beings.

The Jain evolutionary theory is base on a grading of the physical bodies containing souls according to the degree of sensory perception. All souls are equal but are bound by varying amounts of *asravas* (karmic particles), which is reflected in the type of body they inhabit. The lowest form of physical body has only the sense of touch and are therefore able to experience pleasure and pain, and have souls. Mahavira taught that only the one who understood the grave detriment caused by destruction of plants and trees understood the meaning and merit of reverence for nature. Even metals and stones might have life in them and should not be dealt with recklessly.

Above the single-sense *Jivas* are micro-organisms and small animals with two, three or four senses. Higher in order are the *Jivas* with five senses. The highest grade of animals and the human beings also possess rationality and intuition (*manas*). As a highly evolved form of life, human beings have a great moral responsibility in their mutual dealings and in their relationship with the rest of the universe.

It is this conception of life and its eternal coherence, in which human beings have an inescapable ethical responsibility that made the Jain tradition a cradle for the creed of environmental protection and harmony.

## NAMASKAR MANTRA

### NAMO ARIHANTANAM

*I bow to the arihantas – the ever – perfect spiritual victors*

### MANO SIDDHANAM

*I bow to the siddhas – the liberated souls*

### NAMO ARYAIYANAM

*I bow to the acharyas – the leaders of the Jain order*

### NAMO UVAJJHAYANAM

*I bow to the upadhyayas – the learned preceptors*

### NAMO LOE SAVVA-SAHUNAM

*I bow to the saints and sages everywhere in the world*

### ESO PANCH NAMUKKARO

*These five obeisances*

### SAVVA – PAVAPPANASANO

*Erase all sins*

### MANGALANACH SAVVESIM

*Amongst all that is auspicious*

### PADHAMAMHAVAI MANGALAM

*This is the foremost.*

*On the front cover: Symbol of JAINA officially adopted during the 2500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lord Mahavir's Nirvana (1975). The hand signifies friendly re-assurance and ethical responsibility of every individual. The word Ahimsa (Non-Violence) appears in the center of the palm.*

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# A TRIBUTE TO ANANDGHANJI

Dr. Pravin L. Shah, Reading, PA

## YOGIRAJ ANANDGHANJI ( 1600-1682 A.D.)

During the last two thousand years, we have been blessed with at least a dozen most eminent Acharyas in Jain religion including Acharaya Umaswati, Kundkund, Pujayapad, Samant Bhadra, Siddhasen, Haribhadra, Amrutachandra, Hemchnadra, Yasovijayji Upadhyay and Yogiraj Anandghanji and Shrimad Rajchandra. Each of these great seers has made monumental contribution to Jain philosophy and culture.

While Jain literature has been highly enriched by the epic writings of each of the above Jain Masters, it is accurate to state that the main credit for reviving Jineshvar Bhakti-yoga in Jain religion must go to Anandghanji who lived the life of a great Yogi some three hundred and fifty years ago. It is believed that Anandghanji lived approximately 125 years after Mira Bai. A unique aspect of Anandghanji's writing is that his devotional Stavans are equally popular in Digambar and Svetambar Jain followings. Anandghanji composed the most popular "Tirthankar-Stavan-Chovisi" which contains 24 Stavnas named and dedicated to each Tirthankar. In addition he has composed more than two hundred Bhajans which resemble the style of writing of Mira bai and Kabirji and Surdasji.

## TIRTHANKAR CHOVISI :-

The entire T-Chovisi is written by Anandghanji in Gujarati and has been expanded by (1) Motilal Kapadia (2) Maneklal G. Javeri. (3) Rev. Buddhisagarji and (4) Dr. Kumarpal Desai. Each author has made an admirable effort to explain the spiritual depth of Anandghanji's T-Chovisi. Pandit Sukhlalji has stated that if a disciple studies noting else but the T-Chovisi and submerges himself in the spiritual flow of Anandghanji, one can attain the self realization in no time.

Anandghanji's T-Chovisi is an outstanding treatise which combines and beautifully integrates the three great spiritual pillars of self realization: (1) Gnan-yog, (2) Bhakti-yog, and (3) Adhyatma-yog. For example, in his first Stavan, the author uses the metaphor of "Pritam" or beloved master for Lord Aadinath and declares that once I have pleased my master, I am united with Lord Adinath from now until eternity. Let us submerge in the divine nectar of Anandghanji's first verse of this epic stavan:

*Rushabha Jineshvar Pritam Mahro'*

*Or Na Chahu re Kanth:*

*Rijyo Sahib Sang Na Parihare,*

*Bhange Saadi Ananat*

He describes many of our worldly relationships as nothing but illusion or false leading one to despair or pain and misery while the true and genuine surrender in devotional love

with Lord Tirthankar illuminates the heart of the disciple with divinity and enlightenment. The author, however, puts a condition for pleasing the master that one must completely surrender to the Lord without any deceitful motives. The author says the real worship to my Swami or the Lord is to melt away my ego and identity, and completely surrender to the Lord in devotion and Bahakti-yog. Shrimad Rajchandra has translated the first Stavan in great depth and is an excellent reference to study (see Shrimad Vachanamrat letter 753).

In the second Stavan, the author warns us that in order to recognize the true Master, one can not use the physical eyes but one needs the divine vision which can be granted only by the grace of God. Here, he emphasizes the importance and need of a spiritual teacher to attain self realization. Let us rejoice the second verse of the second Stavan which is really a very divine verse for a true disciple to find the real path to salvation:

*Charam Nayan Kari Marag Jovatan Re,*

*Bhulyo Sayal Sanasar;*

*Jene Nayane Kari Marag Joiae Re,*

*Nayan Te Divya Vichar.*

*Panthdo Nihadu Re Bija Jin Tanu Re*

The author says the most common mistake one makes is in finding the right teacher for the spiritual awareness based on his own judgment which is full of self ignorance. One truly needs the divine vision to find the right teacher and the path for self realization begins only after one has known and surrendered to the Sadguru.

In the third Stavan the author describes the prerequisites for a disciple to enter into the Adhyatma-Marg and in the fourth Stavan, Anandghanji points out how difficult it is to attain Samyak Darshan. In the fifth Stavan the author describes a complete process of Adhyatma yog by defining the nature of Bahir-Atam, Antanr-Atama, and Parmatma. Let us examine Anandghanji's enormous powers of poetic and spiritual expressions from the 5<sup>th</sup> verse of the 5<sup>th</sup> Stavan:

*Bahiratam Taji Antar Atama,*

*Rup Thai Thir Bhav Sugnani;*

*Paramatamnu Ho Atam Bhavavu,*

*Atam Arpan Dav Sugnani*

The author guides us to give up our external object orientation and enter into self analysis by meditating on the self by concentrating on the divine inner nature of Lord Sumti Nath and to surrender to Him fully to attain self realization.

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In the 13<sup>th</sup> Stavan, the author praises Lord Vimal Nath as Anandghanji has attained self realization and is over joyed by the divine grace he has received from the Lord. Verse 4 of the 13<sup>th</sup> stavan is an epic by itself:

*Sahib Samarath Tu Dhani Re, Pamyo Param Udar;  
Man Visarami Valho Re, Aatam Cho Addhar.  
Vimal Jin Ditha Loyan Aaj, Mara Sidhya Vachhit Kaj*

Anadghanji says to Lord Vimal Nath that my mind has now found a permanent place to rest in your lotus feet as I have found the most graceful and generous Master who has gifted me with self realization. Seeing the divine "Murti" of the Lord, Anandghanji says all my problems and miseries are over and now I am the ever lasting soul with bliss and happiness as he describes in the following Stavan:

*Ab Ham Amar Bhaye Na Marengo  
Asha Oran Ki Kya Kije;  
Gnan Sudharas Pije*

The master key for attaining self realization is summarized by the author in the 15<sup>th</sup> Stavan. Let us review the most important verse of this immortal composition of the author:

*Pravachan Anjan Jo Sadguru Kare,  
Dekhe Param Nidhan Jineshvar;  
Hruday Nayan Nihade Jagadhani,  
Mahima Meru Saman Jineshvar.  
Dharama Jineshvar Gau Rangsu*

Anandghanji declares the universal principle for self realization which can only be attained when one receives the true grace of the teacher (Sadguru). When the third eye called the divine vision or "Agnanetra" opens up, one can see the treasure of the universal truth and infinite knowledge in his own self and the illusion of the materialistic wealth vanishes. At the same time all the bondage of Karma melts away and one attains the state of a Siddha.

In conclusion, Yogiraj Anandghanji has made a monumental contribution to the spiritual seekers of all faith by showing us a complete step wise process in each of his compositions on how to immerse in the divine nectar of Adhyatma "Masti" and experience the divine peace by surrendering to the Lord. Let us pray to Lord Mahavir for His divine Grace using the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of Anandghanji's 24<sup>th</sup> Stavan:

*Virji Ne Charne Lagu, Virpanu Te Magure.*

## AFFILIATE NEWS:

### JAIN MEDITATION INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Vegetarian Society had organized this year's convention at Udaipur, the picturesque lake-city. Gurudev, the spiritual guiding spirit of the Society, traveled to Udaipur immediately upon his return from the United States. The convention was held from Sept 28 to Oct 2nd, 2002 at Hotel Paras Mahal.

The theme of the convention this year was *Wealth of Health through Yoga - Mental, Physical and Spiritual*. The program was structured and conducted very ably by Dr. D. G. Gunde, who is a Senior Orthopedic Surgeon and the Director of G.J.G. Yoga Academy, having conducted over 500 workshops all over the world and also for leading corporates. Other useful programs were: *Diet Therapy* by Dr. Pratima Joshi; *Man and the Mind* by Shri Anil Kumar Malpani; and *Conservation and Recycling of Resources* by Dr. M.M. Bhamgara. Messages regarding the relevance of vegetarianism and the success of the conference were received from the President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and other leading spiritual leaders.

### MAHAVIR INTERNATIONAL

Taking advantage of Gurudev's presence in Udaipur, Mahavir International organized a meeting at the Town Hall to discuss the urgent latest developments in the Meat Industry in India. The Tenth Plan proposals of the Ministry of Agriculture were discussed, particularly to set up another 50 slaughter houses. Gurudev spoke on the need to curb violence against innocent animals, which have wider serious repercussions by culminating violence in society. Minister Dr.(Mrs.) Girija Vyas, a noted scholar, also spoke on the occasion. Happily, it was decided to drop the proposal for the additional 50 slaughter houses.

### JAIN PRAYER AT QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

In London, Alliance for Religions & Conservation had organised a multifaitth function to Celebrate our Special Creation and the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II. 9 faiths had been requested to present their message to the people of this earth. Jains through Institute of Jainology had chosen to recite 'Maitri Bhavnu Pavitra Zarnu'. The English translation was recited first and then the Gujarati version was sung in a classical style. There were about 300 dignitaries of various faiths present. Our presentation was very well received and Her Majesty had asked several questions to the leader of our singing group Mrs Shila Maru. The singing was performed by the members of Young Jains.

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### SOUTHWEST

*Jadavji Kenia, Regional Editor*

#### HOUSTON, TX

Jain Society of Houston celebrated Paryushan Parva in the presence of Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta. We had Khelaiya Music Group from Mumbai to perform Bhavanas. Among other dignitaries, Srimati Tarlaben Doshi visited us during the month of September. Also Samaniji Pratibha Pragyaji and Jagat Pragyaji are conducting the Swadhyay two Sundays of each month.

JSH participated in the Religion Consciousness program arranged by the City of Houston. There was a presentation Jain religion by local scholars, and small program by our children arranged with the help of Samanijis. Our weekly Pathshala started in the middle of August. We have a total of 115 students registered for this year. There are five classes and a 3-year rotating curriculum, which is suggested by the JAINA Education Committee.

Under the direction of Ms. Shilpi Desai, our new JSH Fellowship (youth) President, the youth group activities started with a seminar given by the Samanijis. Youth participated in JSH Annual Sapana Boli program. The Youths were rewarded to bring in each Sapana based upon the points earned by attendance of the regular Pathshala, listening to the lectures by the Jain scholars, and by volunteering time in the center activities. The Fellowship organized a fund raising program to subsidize the cost of attending the YJA Convention. A current active Youth Project is to host a regional conference in Houston for the Jain youth.

JSH contact is our current president Shanti Gala at 281-398-7402 or secretary Dilip Kapasi at 281-980-4567 or [Dilipmeena@yahoo.com](mailto:Dilipmeena@yahoo.com).

#### DALLAS, TX

During the summer of 2002 we had many dignitaries starting with Shri Pawan Kumar Jain in May followed by Dr. Hukum Chandji Bharill in early June. Dr. Bharill as usual continued with his lectures on Samay Saar. Shastri Abhaykumar Jain visited in late June and presented a series of lectures on Kriya, Parinam and Abhipraya (Bhaav). Sunandaben Vohra came in late July and continued her discourses on Adhyatam Saar. Nautambhai Vakil joined us in August and gave discourses on simple topics such as Samayik, Pratikraman and Tapa and explained the importance of doing as much as possible without giving excuses. Tarlaben Doshi also visited us in August and she beautifully explained the Tattvas using Choghadia for analogy. Pandit Dhirajbhai Mehta came after the Das Laxan Parva and covered the Eight Drushtis Sajjay by Pujya Yasho Vijayji Maharaj which is based on Yog Drushti Samuchchaya Granth by Pujya Hari Bhadra Suri Shvarji Maharaj. He also elaborated on 12 Anuvrat and emphasized that all but two (Pausadha and Atithi Samvibhag) can be observed even in this country and the only way to reduce karma is to put good charitra in practice.

Paryushan Parva celebration began with daily Pratikraman and Tapasya for eight days leading to the Das Laxan Parva. Swapna darshan ceremony began with Snatra Puja followed by usual Ghee bolis. Samvatsari Pratikraman for adults, Pratikraman during Das Laxan, Pratikraman in English were conducted. Besides 9 upvas by Bhupendra Shah there were many Atthais. Two of the Tapasvis were just 13, Priya Patel daughter of Shravan and Pragna Patel and Ruby Shah. We had Swami Vatsalya on Sep. 22. Diwali celebration is planned for November 3, 2002.

JSNT contact is our current president Minaxi Rathod at 903-868-1174. JSNT web site is [DFWJains.org](http://DFWJains.org).

#### PHOENIX, AZ

Jain Center of Greater Phoenix was very fortunate to host Jinchandraji Maharaj in August. This visit was followed by Paryushan and Das Lakshana celebration. During Paryushan days, members got together daily for lecture, swadhyay, and pratikaman. A large number of children and adults did various tapasyas.

For details on the center's activities, visit [http://members.tripod.com/jain\\_phoenix/](http://members.tripod.com/jain_phoenix/). Contact for Jain Center of Greater Phoenix is Mehul Rajparia at 602-795-4987, email: [jain\\_phoenix@hotmail.com](mailto:jain_phoenix@hotmail.com) or [mrajpari@sybase.com](mailto:mrajpari@sybase.com).

#### TULSA, OK

At Tulsa Jain Sangh we are on the move to finish our dream of Derashar and a hall. Construction started in late August and is planned to be finished in December 2002. We are hoping and planning to have Pratishtha ceremony sometime between April and August 2003. As usual we all need help from each other and we will keep you informed of our progress. Jinchandraji Maharaj and Gurudev Chitrabhanuji have been invited to bless our Pratishtha ceremony.

In late August Tarlaben Doshi blessed us with her simple style of religious discourses. In September we were blessed by Shadhvi Shubhamji. During Prayushan we were blessed by Pramodaben. This was one of the best Prayushans we ever had. She delivered discourses on Kalpsutra and Prayushan parva. Her style was so simple and convincing with appropriate religious examples that eight days just flew by in a very short time. During Paryushan parva we had good number of Tapasyas. Please contact Kanti Shah for any additional information at 918-369-31563 or [kanaru@aol.com](mailto:kanaru@aol.com)

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### WEST

*Chandrakant Parekh, Regional Editor*

#### LOS ANGELES, CA

Jain Center of Southern California (JCSC) began construction of Jain Bhavan Phase I. The new facility, to be completed in about 15-18 months, will add over 42,000 square feet of space for an auditorium, classrooms, kitchen, dining hall, an exhibit area, and subterranean parking. New website, [www.jaincenterexpansion.com](http://www.jaincenterexpansion.com), has been created to report the construction progress.

JCSC was blessed with the visits of several dignitaries during the past few months. Sunandaben Vohra, Nautambhai Vakil, Pandit Dhirubhai Mehta lectured on various topics. Gurudev Chitrabhanuji motivated the members to support and offer donations for the Jain Bhavan expansion project. Paryushan Parva was celebrated under the leadership of Pujya Jinchandraji Maharaj, Bandhu Triputi. His explanations from Kalpa Sutra and his teachings of special mantras and prayers were enlightening and inspiring. Over 1500 members participated in the sapna ceremony and Swamivatslaya dinner. Tapasvis observed a number of Varshitaps and up to 16 upvas. Das Laxana Parva was celebrated under the guidance of Nirmalbhaji Doshi, an eminent Jain scholar from India.

JCSC arranged for Jinchandraji Maharaj to represent Jainism amongst twelve religious faiths participating in an interfaith prayer meeting organized in memory of the victims of September 11th. Jain Center Youth Council members were amongst 300 volunteers who created the world's largest Rangoli using colored rice.

Information on all activities and programs are posted on JCSC website at [www.jaincenter.net](http://www.jaincenter.net). For additional information, contact Nitinbhai Shah, President, at 714/506-6699 or [nitin.shah@med.va.gov](mailto:nitin.shah@med.va.gov).

### SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Jain Center of Northern California (JCNC) successfully celebrated the Paryushan Parva and the Das Lakhshana under the guidance of two dignitaries - Gurudev Chitrabhanu, Shri Shantibhai Kothari. Dr. Jaykumar Upadhye offered religious discourses and Vidhaans during Das Lakhshana. The enthusiastic celebrations included a novel sapna ceremony system, a tapasvi parna program, and a tapasvi recognition program.

JSNC members unanimously approved the Second Amended Bylaws. Over 500 students enrolled in four educational programs - Jain Shala, Gujarati Shala, Hindi Shala, and ESL (English as Second Language) - are managed with 72 teachers and volunteers. Elections for the open positions on the Board of Directors as well as the Executive Committee are scheduled for November 16.

Information about regular activities and forthcoming programs are posted on JCNC's website at [www.jcnc.org](http://www.jcnc.org). For additional information, please contact Jay Itchhaporia, JCNC President, at 408/263-8739 or e-mail: [Itchhaporia@yahoo.com](mailto:Itchhaporia@yahoo.com).

#### SACRAMENTO, CA

Jain Center of Greater Sacramento (JCGS) celebrated Paryushan Parv under the guidance of Samniji Bhavit Prajnaji and Saminiji Vineet Prajnaji. Activities included daily pratikraman followed by lectures, a sapna ceremony, and a skit presented by children. Annual Jain Camp was organized Aug 16-18 in Sausalito. A picnic was well attended by the members.

JCGS organizes a number of activities, religious celebrations, and lectures by visiting dignitaries. For additional information, please contact Mohini Jain, JCGS President, at 530/756-4655 or e-mail: [mohini\\_jain@msn.com](mailto:mohini_jain@msn.com).

### SAN DIEGO, CA

Jain Society of San Diego celebrated the Paryushan Parva with daily lectures by Taralaben Doshi. Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated with sapna ceremony, parnu, bhavna and swamivatsalya dinner. Tapasvees observing nine upvas, athais and various tapasyas were recognized during the bahuman program. Children also participated actively in observing the tapasyas. Jainshala kids were also recognized. Manekmuni and Jinchandravijayji visited the society to deliver lectures.

Regular activities organized by JSSD includes - a monthly Jainshala for children, adult classes, swadhyay by Girishbhai Shah, a weekly pooja every Saturday at Shri Mandir, and feeding the homeless. For additional information, please contact Kokilaben Doshi at 858/679-7645 or e-mail: [kdoshi@sandiego.edu](mailto:kdoshi@sandiego.edu).

### SEATTLE, WA

Jain Society of Seattle (JSS) organizes various activities and religious celebrations. For additional information about JSS and its activities in Seattle area, please contact Devkumar Gandhi, JSS President, at 425/235-4848 or visit the website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jainsocietyseattle/>

### NORTHEAST

*Dinesh Chheda, Regional Editor*

#### WASHINGTON, DC

Paryushan Parva celebration was graced by Samani Mangal Prajnaji and Samani Prasanna Pragayji. 18 Members stayed with them at the Jain Center during the Parva. Over 600 people participated in the Swapna ceremony program, each Swapna was carried to the beats of music, and



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the procession was led by a group of young dancers performing different dances for different swapnas. Samvatsari Pratikraman in English & Gujarati were well participated. Pratikraman was followed by the program of honoring all Tapasvis. Dharini Khona did 16 days fast, and there were 7 atthais. Das Lakshan Parva was celebrated under the guidance of Mr. Ramnikhbhai Savla, a Jain scholar from India.

Various Pravachan programs by Jain scholars/Munijis from India were held during summer. Pandit Dhirajlalji, Jinchandraji, Sunandaben Vohra and Manak Muniji. Mr. Heera Ratan Manek, who has not eaten any solid food for the last 7 years and has also performed Jain fast for 411 days, spoke on how it is possible for him (and also, for any one else) to survive on solar energy.

A fun and health fair was held at the Jain Center. Everyone took advantage of the free medical check up including EKG.

Ayambil programs were held at the Jain Center. Panch Kalyanak, Antaray Karma and Vastuk Poojas were held at the Jain Center. The Association of United Hindu and Jain Temples of Metropolitan Washington arranged a Diwali Mela program on October 26th. It featured cultural programs, Pooja, food stalls, Indian merchandise stalls, etc. Over 15,000 persons attended the program.

Jainshala started on Sunday Sept 22. These include 5 classes for children and 3 classes for adults. Children's classes include 5 levels of classes with regular curriculum. After completing the 5 levels of classes, children are given oral and written exams. After passing these exams, they are graduated. The adult's classes include the newly started beginners' class covering basic principles of Jainism, and 2 advanced classes covering Shant Sudharas and Samaysar. The teachers are Anjali Dalal, Pravin Dand, Veena Dand, Rajni Gosalia, Arvind Mehta, Atul Shah, Kamlesh Shah, Ranjan Shah, Rupal Shah, and Kashmira Vaywala.

### NEW JERSEY, NJ

Sangh members were fortunate to hear lectures from Jinchandraji Maharaj and swadhayay conducted by Pandit Dhirajlal Mehta, Kiranbhai Parekh, Sunandaben Vohra, and Smt. Tarlaben Doshi

A Health Fair was organized, more than 15 doctors and many others volunteered their services to make the Fair a success.

Students of Pathshala were awarded certificates for completing / graduating a year and also had their annual summer picnic. More than 200 students at three different locations attend Pathshala classes on a regular basis.

Center was very fortunate to have five Maha Pujans during the month of June that were performed by well known Pujankar Shri Narendrabhai Nandu and his wife Smt Anilaben Shah. These Maha Pujans were Shanti Snatra, Sidhachakra, Bhaktamar Stotra, and Padmavati Devi.

Paryushana was celebrated with vigor and enthusiasm under the auspicious presence of Chandrakantbhai Mehta. Chandrakantbhai gave lectures on various topics relating to Jain philosophy that showed the greatness of our Jain religion and how a shravak can attain Moksha. Arvindbhai Bhandari again volunteered to be a Paryushana's guest speaker for youth. Jain Center had more than 55 Tapasvis who did 8 or more Upvas. Tapasvis were felicitated at the Derasar.

The fund raising drive for the Franklin Township site, that Jain Center has already purchased, is getting good support from the members. Bhumi Pujan and Shilanyas are scheduled for the Spring of 2003.

Dedicated members keep Dehrasar open every Sunday afternoon. This year the Dehrasar was also kept open for Drashan on Saturday afternoons starting from April till end of October with the help of very supportive members.

If you are visiting New Jersey / New York City area and would like to visit or attend a program, please call Shri Virendra Shah at 732-329-3236

### CANADA

*Dr. Mahendra Mehta, Regional Editor*

### TORONTO: ON

Paryushan Parva: The celebrations began with three scholars from Tapovan in Ahmedabad, visiting Toronto. There were 'Pravachans' in the afternoon, 'Stavans' in the evening and talks after the Pratikramans.

The Tapascharyas were also remarkable this year. There were two Tapasvis fasting for 16 days each, thirteen fasting for 8 days and many fasting for 3 or less days. The Sangh honoured the Tapasvis on the last day of their fast and there was Parnas next day at the Jain Centre. The number of people who came to participate in the ceremony on a working day was testimony to their faith and respect for the Tapasvis.

The 'Das Laxana' celebrations began soon after the Paryushan. Induben Jain, a Jain scholar from India gave talks on each of the ten laxan. Induban made the celebrations very interesting and there were children in the audience asking questions and discussing finer points of the scripture.

Dadawadi Tirthyatra: This year's yatra was organized for the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. 55 JSOT members started on early Saturday morning and the first stop was at Detroit Jain Mandir. We were received with warm welcome and soon joined in a puja. The new Mandir was a beautiful Tirth that was awe inspiring. We were then treated to a sumptuous lunch.

We soon headed for Chicago and reached the Metropolitan Chicago Jain Mandir in late afternoon. Again we were

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warmly received and led into the inner sanctum. After brief puja, we were entertained with a warm meal. The evening Bhavna began after the meal and lasted until 10.30 pm. The bus then took us to our motel where we retired for the night.

Next morning after a heavy Indian breakfast, we headed for Cincinnati. We were met by local members of Jain Sangh. We saw a presentation of Nem-Rajul story, followed by Gandhiji, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Rosa Park and Nelson Mandela.

We then headed for Columbus and stayed the night at a nearby motel that belonged to Rashmibhai and Rekhaben, previously of Toronto. We took part in an hour Bhavna that included some Stavans composed by Rashmibhai himself.

Our last stop was in Cleveland. We were met by another Toronto family of Pravinbhai and Pritiben Mehta. We had puja, dinner and stavan singing.

**Aymbel Oli:** A group Aymbel after Snatra Puja was organized at the Jain Centre and about 30 members took part.

Congratulations to Mrs. Arti Pulin Chandaria who has been recognized for her yeoman service within the South Asian Initiative at the Royal Ontario Museum by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Arti will receive The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal (the special award to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne as Queen of Canada).

One of our members, Dr. Vastupal Parikh, has published a very modern treatise on Jainism that many North American Jains will enjoy reading.

**Ladies Meeting:** The first meeting of Jain Society's women members took place at the home of Rupal and Subhas Mehta and was organized by Sonal Patel, women's representative on Executive Committee.

There were over 70 attendees and they took part on a talk on how to improve on our diet, a make-up session and an enjoy-

able presentation on Mediterranean cooking. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

**Mira Kamdar**, the author of "*Motiba's Tatoo: A Granddaughter's Journey into her Indian Family's Past*", came to Toronto and impressed around 75-Gujarati language lovers at the informal discussion, comparing her *Motiba's* (grandmother's) early, twentieth century life, with the end of the century.

Mira selected three interesting portions from her book and read them. The first part was the description of how the book was written. Then she explained in detail her visit to *Kuldevi*, her own clan goddess, mentioning the social customs and traditions of weddings then and now. She also spoke briefly about her forthcoming novel. The question answer session was very interesting with all types of questions from the audience and equally satisfying responses from Mira.

## MIDWEST

*Manubhai Doshi, Regional Editor*

## CHICAGO, IL

Paryushan Parva was celebrated under the guidance of Yogeshbhai, was invited to give discourses. Samanis Pratibhaprajna and Jagatprajna gave discourses in English. Dr. Shantibhai Patel also gave discourses on that occasion. Evening Bhāvanās were performed by Lalitbhai Dhami, who came from India along with Yogeshbhai. The Swapna Darshan ceremony was organized in the presence of about 2000 people. The society collected about \$ 100,000 in gheeboli. Samvatsari Pratikraman was conducted in English and Gujarati. More than 1500 people took advantage thereof. Many people observed austerities on that occasion. One person observed Varshi Tap, one observed 15 days' fast and about 50 persons observed Atthāi. Moreover, about 100 per-

sons, inclusive of some young children, observed Attham. Dashlaxanā Parva was celebrated under the guidance of Abhaykumar Jain.

Rajendra Kamdar of Rajkot gave discourses on the Jain fundamentals on September 27, 28 and 29.

Mahavir Senior Center organized a pilgrimage to St. Louis on September 28. 50 people participated in that pilgrimage.

Arrangements for Āyambil were made at the Center on October 13, 20 and 21. More than 300 people in all took advantage thereof.

Ātmasiddhi anniversary and Laghurajswami's birth day were organized on October 20. More than 100 people enthusiastically participated therein.

A musical evening was organized on November 1, when music was played by Rupal and Piyush Shah of Khelaiya group of Mumbai. About 700 persons enjoyed the musical program.

On the occasion of Deepāvali, a group Ashtaprakāri Poojān was organized on November 3, when the meaning of each stanza was explained to about 50 participants in English as well as in Gujarati. Thereafter Siddhachakra Poojan was performed in the afternoon.

On the occasion of Lord Mahavir's Nirvān day, Nirvān Ladu was offered in the early morning on November 4.

The Snātra Poojā was organized on November 5 on the occasion of the new year's day.

Mahavir Mahila Mandal celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 10 in the presence of about 500 people. On that occasion they felicitated Chandrakantabhai, the founder of the Mandal. Thereafter it presented a variety program, inclusive of Garabā, Lord Mahavir's initiation etc. Dr. Megha Doshi, who was the chief guest, gave an inspiring talk on that occasion.

Shrimad Rajchandra's 134<sup>th</sup> birth day was celebrated on November 17.

# AHINSÄ, THE NONVIOLENCE

- Manubhai Doshi, Chicago, IL

*Eyam Khu Nänino Säram, Jam Na Hinsai Kanchana*

*Ahinsäsamayam Chev, Etävante Viyāniyā*

*Samansuttam*

Not to kill any living being is characteristic of the enlightenment. Equanimity coupled with nonviolence is the essence of religious science.

Mahātmā Gāndhi was born on October 2, 1869. He has been universally acknowledged as the apostle of Ahinsä, the nonviolence. As such October 2 or some other date in the month of October is celebrated as Ahinsä day. It is therefore worthwhile to write about nonviolence in this issue of Jain Digest, particularly bringing out his contribution to the concept of Ahinsä.

Almost every individual belongs to some religion. The Indo-Äryan religions are more concerned with wandering of the worldly beings from birth to birth and their principal objective is to get rid of the said wandering and to attain the liberation. The term 'liberation' connotes the perfect purity. As such, spiritual pursuit consists of overcoming the defiling instincts so as to attain the purity. These overcoming and attainment interact upon each other. It is not possible to attain the purity without overcoming the defilement and merely overcoming it without the objective of purification leads nowhere. Lord Mahavir laid emphasis on the former, because at that time there was too much talk of inherent purity of soul. There were many persons, who laid down their own doctrines. Quite a few of them insisted that soul is pure and it always remains unadulterated. As such the spiritual pursuit consists of nothing else but of understanding the inherently pure nature of soul.

They were right in the absolute sense. It is, however, a fact that the worldly soul happens to be in the state of imperfection. The exclusive emphasis on the inherent purity leads to ignoring the present imperfect state. Jainism therefore lays emphasis on the way of attaining the purity and lays down nonviolence, restraint and austerity as the means. As such, Dashvaikālik Sutra states: Dhammo Mangalam Utkittham, Ahinsä, Sanjamo Tavo; Devävi Tam Namanssanti, Jassa Dhamme Sayä Mano. It means: Religion, comprising nonviolence, restraint and austerity, is supremely blissful; even gods bow to him, whose mind always stays in religion.

There is a vital significance in associating restraint and austerity with nonviolence. It is not possible to observe nonviolence without resorting to restraint. A nonviolent person cannot afford to behave as he likes. He needs to lead a restrained life.

Moreover, he has to undergo the rigors and hardships, that he may come across. For being equipped to undergo the same with equanimity and peace of mind, he needs to observe austerities. As such, restraints and austerities are inalienable parts of non-violence.

Ahinsa can be conceived in three phases. The first one is: 'Live without hurting others.' In this concept nonviolence is restricted to human beings. That is normally observed by all the civilized societies. The second is: 'Live and let live.' In this concept nonviolence is extended to other living beings. That is mostly observed in India. The third is: 'Protect other life even at the cost of your own.' That is Jain concept. With that concept in mind, Lord Mahavir risked his life and went to the abode of venomous snake Chandkaushik for conveying the message of nonviolence. That concept is vividly exemplified in the following story.

One of the principal disciples of Lord Mahavir was Muni Metärya. He is popularly known as Metäraj Muni. Once he went to the house of a goldsmith for alms. The goldsmith was making barley shaped grains of gold to be embedded in jewelry. Seeing the Muni at his door, he left his work and went inside to get some food. Meanwhile, a pet bird came and swallowed the golden grains taking them to be the barley. As the goldsmith came out with food, he saw that the golden grains were missing. Hence he asked the Muni about the same.

For Muni it was a dilemma. He could not tell a lie and if he spoke the truth, the goldsmith would kill the bird for getting the grains out of its stomach. The Muni would then become instrumental to causing the violence. He therefore kept mum. The goldsmith asked him again and again, but the Muni would not reply. Since no reply was forthcoming, the goldsmith concluded that the Muni was hiding the grains somewhere. He could not afford to lose the costly grains and therefore decided to use force for getting the same back.

As normal force did not yield the result, he decided to resort to more violent means. He brought a moist lace of leather and tied it tight around Muni's head. Then he made the Muni to stand under the sun. As the lace began to dry by the solar heat, it started compressing Muni's head. The compression continued to increase, as the lace became drier. Ultimately, Muni's eyes came out on account of too much pressure. But he took the pain as a consequence of his evil Karma and bore it with equanimity. That accelerated Nirjarä, the process of eradicating Karma. All his Karmas were thus destroyed and he gained the omniscience.

## Ahinsa, the nonviolence(cont.)...

Meanwhile, the bird could not digest the golden grains and excreted the same. As the goldsmith saw that, he repented very much for the distress perpetrated by him. But it was too late, because Muni's soul had already left the mortal body. Here is the case of sacrificing own life for protecting the life of others. The Muni could have saved his life as well as that of the bird, if he had fabricated a story acceptable to the goldsmith. That would, however, amount to telling a lie, which the Muni could not do. Jainism insists on avoiding violence as well as lying. As such, the Muni did not want to speak anything, which could lead to either of them.

Now let us review the concept of nonviolence in historical perspective. Its first phase of not killing other human beings was prevalent in India during very ancient times. But there was no bar against killing animals. Even the Rushies (Muni) did not have objection to eating meat. That pattern seems to be prevalent even among Jains. We learn about the birds and beasts confined in a yard for giving feast to the wedding party of Lord Nemināth. The Lord objected to the slaughter of animals on such grounds and adopted the renunciation. Another example occurs during the time of Lord Pārshwanāth. By virtue of his occult knowledge, he noticed snakes in the firewood, which was offered in the Panchāgni Tap of Kamath. The Lord intervened at the cost of courting Kamath's wrath and saved the snakes from being annihilated.

The concept of extending nonviolence to the animal life, however, might not have made much headway. The animal sacrifices were adopted and they took a gigantic proportion by the time of Mahābhārat. Horse sacrifices were in vogue and there are also mentions, though rare, of human sacrifices. Moreover, there were several social customs in which violence was implicit. Brahmins considered themselves as the agents of gods and looked down upon others. The condition of women was far from satisfactory. Polygamy was the order and multiple wives became a symbol of eminence. Shudras were treated as worse than animals and their miseries knew no bounds. Lord Mahavir had to lay down his message under such conditions.

He could see that every being seeks to live happily; as such no one has the right to hurt others. For that purpose he laid down nonviolence as the creed. He held the ritual sacrifices as irreligious and declared that self-control is the true sacrifice (Uttarādhyayan Sutra Chapter 25). He insisted that one becomes Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya or Shudra by his deeds. That very chapter therefore lays down equanimity as the criterion for monasticism, Brahmacharya for Brahminism, enlightenment for Muni and Tap for Tāpas.

He did not rest merely by laying the message, but actually put it into practice. Metaraj, who was raised in the home of a

Shudra, was given the high rank of a Ganadhar. Similarly a Shudra named Haribal (the same book chapter 12) was initiated and was sent for alms to a sacrificial Mandap. Chandanbālā, though born as a princess, was undergoing the life of a bonded worker. The Lord gave her the privilege of offering alms at the end of his fast for 5 months and 25 days. Moreover, he gave equal status to the females in his order. Accordingly Chandanbālā became the head of nuns' cadre and even queen Mrugāvati had to become her pupil. Similarly he gave equitable status to lay women. Revati, Sulasā and Jayanti were known Shrāvikās of his order. The former two are now in heavenly abode and are supposed to be 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Tirthankars in the ensuing Utsarpini. The last was highly learned. She could even raise questions in the Lord's assembly.

Of all these measures, non-violence in the sense of not killing animals took roots in various parts of India. Vegetarianism grew in Gujarat with the onset of Chāvdā rule in the middle of the 8<sup>th</sup> century under the influence of Shilgunsuri. Its growth was accelerated during Solanki dynasty, which was set up in 10<sup>th</sup> century and it was well established during the administration of Jain ministers like Vimal, Santu, and Udayan. It reached the pinnacle with the proclamation of Amāri (forbidding of animal slaughter) by Kumārpāl under the inspiration of Hemchandrāchārya. Since Mārṇād was a part of Kumārpāl's dominion, that was also covered and vegetarianism was established there. Hinduism slowly adopted it in other parts of India and that trend grew under the influence of Vallabhāchārya and Rāmānujāchārya.

But there was a setback on several other fronts during the medieval times. Untouchability took stronger roots and the condition of Shudras became more miserable. The plight of woman worsened; she had to be married as per choice of her elders and remain loyal to her husband irrespective of his drawbacks, vices etc. In case, the husband died, she had to cremate herself along with his dead body. The child marriage became the rule and widows were forbidden to remarry.

This was the condition till the advent of Gandhiji on the scene. He gave a new dimension to the concept of Ahinsā and developed it on a scale not conceived earlier. He knew that the sense of justice lies within every heart. But when the inner voice is suppressed by force, not only does one succumb to such force, but may also start cooperating with the injustice. It was not within the nature of Gāndhiji to tolerate the injustice. He considered it as a spiritual suicide. As such he urged not to give way to injustice and gave the call to resist the same non-violently. Since that constituted the fight for truth, he termed such resistance as Satyāgrah.

## Ahinsa, the nonviolence(cont.)...

The strength of Satyāgrah lies in the fact that every one has a soft corner at heart. That may be shrouded by the evil tendencies, but it can be awakened by compassion and by willingly undergoing the pain and hardships that may be caused by the adversary. What is needed is a heart throbbing with love and affection. That is called Vātsalya. One need not harbor ill-feeling for any one. That can prompt even the wicked to reciprocate. The internal purity and just as well as moral character can arouse kind feeling even among the wicked people.

Gāndhiji had pacified the temper to an extent where he felt affection even for those who differed from him. He had eradicated the fear. Alone and unprotected, he braved the threats of assassins. He declared that if he were to die comfortably in bed, he should not have been called the Mahatma. Food meant to him nothing more than the fuel to keep the bodily machine running. He kept rigorous control over all other needs and had annihilated the desires

The concept of nonviolence was till then mostly restricted to not causing physical hurt. The concept meant that if some one hurts or abuses us, we should not reciprocate and should forgive him. Gāndhiji insisted on extending the concept to every level. If a drunk abuses, if a delirious hurts us, do we retaliate? Do we not pity their lot? The wicked also are disease stricken and should be dealt with compassion. His concept of just treatment to everyone, refusal to tolerate injustice and equality of every one led him to fight against the social evils like untouchability. He called it a bane and fought against it till it was eradicated. Similarly he removed the fetters that the women were suffering from and brought them in line with the males.

His main contribution lies in use of Ahinsā in the political realm. Since foreign rule was the greatest injustice to the people of India, he started the struggle for independence and gave the call for civil disobedience. By abstaining from violence during the struggle, he wrested the moral advantage from the British rulers. By breaking the law peacefully, he showed the injustice of the law. By accepting punishment voluntarily, he confronted the captors with their brutality. By undertaking fast unto death, he demonstrated the extent to which he was willing to go for defending the truth. He thus rendered the continuation of British rule an impossibility. That eventually resulted in grant of independence.

Gāndhiji's approach is grossly being misused at present. The people resort to Satyāgrah for redressing their grievances, but disregard his insistence on moral standards. Their grievances are mostly feigned and are against the interests of the society. They forget that Gāndhism minus morality is not merely

zero; it has a negative value. The sooner they turn from that, the better would it serve Gāndhiji's cause.

Surprisingly enough, Jains had adopted several abuses from the Hindu community. Untouchability was the foremost. Since we had borrowed the concept that eclipse occurs by virtue of obstruction caused by Rāhu and Ketu, and since they were considered evil planets close to the rank of Shudra, we believed our temples to be polluted by an eclipse and they were required to be washed after an eclipse. We had also adopted the lower stature for women and were embedded with the concept of higher and lower classes, etc. The Jain concepts of non-possession and the purpose of monastic life were distorted. Gāndhiji's mission changed that. His contribution to Jainism is thus immeasurable. No wonder that thousands of Jains, inclusive of some monks, joined his movement and accepted his leadership.

His concept of non-possession or Aprigrah is of utmost importance to Jainism. He termed non-possession as essential for observance of Ahinsa. Non-possession normally leads to inactivity, to parasitism; Gāndhiji rendered it active while practicing it to the utmost extent. Many of his close followers managed to see that their sons were well placed. Nehru, in particular, virtually set up his dynasty. But the progeny of Gandhij became a part of the common folk.

In the name of Ahinsa we, Jains, have developed pacifism. We have encouraged inactivity on the ground that every activity leads to Karma. But Jainism has no objection to the laymen undertaking the required activities. It urges doing everything with Yatanā, the awareness. We are familiar with the concept of Samiti. Yatanā is the essence of Samities. We should observe that to the possible extent and undertake the activities with detached mind. We should also develop the sense of amity for all. By virtue of birth in a Jain family, we have inherited the privileges, like vegetarianism, non-alcoholism, tolerance and not killing or hurting. We should become conscious of those privileges and go ahead by developing servicing and helping attitude. Can we afford to remain unconcerned at the distress faced by others?.

On the global scale we are now witnessing two contradictory trends. One is the rise of vegetarianism in West on health ground. We need to bring the significance of prevention of cruelty to the notice of such people. The second is the rise of terrorism in the form of hijacking, suicidal attacks etc. Its roots lie in fanaticism, intolerance, misplaced faith and easy availability of weapons of mass destruction. How to avert that is a problem. It seems that only way is to extend compassion and the right understanding to the evil-doers. There is no alternative. That method will take time but we need to have patience for that.

## JAINA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## PEOPLE IN NEWS...

JAINA Financial Statement as Oct 30\2002

(1) JAINA General Funds	\$30,422
(2) Subcommittees Balances	
Publication Committee	\$7,064
Jiv Daya Committee	\$0
World Community Service	\$13,442
Temple Guidelines Committee	\$1,359
YJA	\$2,125
Virchand R. Gandhi Committee	\$8,338
Mahavir Memorial Committee	\$83
N.A. Jain Family Assistance Program	\$5,319
Tirthoddhar Committee	\$12,106
Pilgrimage Committee	\$1,020
Calendar & Mini-Library Committee	\$1,980
Book Store Committee	\$14,330
JNF Committee	\$862
World Jain Confederation(WJC) Account	\$291
Public Affairs Committee	\$970
Education Committee	\$2,843
YJP	\$2,269
JAINA Convention Fund	\$7,423
<b>COMMITTEES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,824</b>
(3) JAIN Digest Endowment Fund	\$83,344
(4) YJA Convention 2002 Fund	\$133,132
(5) JAINA Charitable Trust balance	\$152,806
(6) WCS Gujarat Earthquake Balance	\$349,798
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$831,346</b>

Submitted By  
Girish Shah, Treasurer

## JAIN RATNA AWARD

JAINA Congratulates **Lalit Pansar** of Toronto, Canada on being conferred the Jain Ratna Award. He was selected for his dedicated work of promoting "Jain Shasan" and its principles in India and in foreign land is recognized in India. His dedication and sacrifice to renovate old temple in Dhari and do the pratistha and pratistha in Khambha, inspite of his ill health, he worked hard with all the peoples in town and with Manojbhai Haran, Dahyabhai and others.

*Jain Rath Pad Pradhan Samaroh Samity* of Lathi, president Mr.Ratanlal M Desai of Calcutta and blessing from Acharya Padma Sagar ji Mahareaj, selected him for a honorable 'Jain Ratna' award for unforgettable services provided by him towards Jain philosophy promotion and humanitarian work for Sewa International.

Samity presented this award at a grand opening ceremony of Arihant Hospital and Research Institute for special surgery, Indore, M.P. India on July 17 2002. In the presence of thousand of people and "Chaturvidh Sangh" Inauguration ceremony was done in the direction of *Shri Manoj ji Haran, Sirohiwale*. The ceremonies graced by Acharya Ji, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, the Mayor and other dignitaries of Indore. Over 4,000 people attended the ceremony.

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**M954:** Alliance invited for handsome, talented, vegetarian, US citizen, Gujarati boy, born Oct 77, 5'8", 160 lb, BS, Licensed physician asstt, well employed with prestigious group, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 718/962-1069. Email: [vzaveri@yahoo.com](mailto:vzaveri@yahoo.com)

**M855:** Gujarati parents invite proposals with biodata / photo for handsome, bright, vegetarian son, born Feb 77, 5'8", 160 lb, MBA (USA), ACCA(UK), working as an Accting Manger with large organization, from cultured, educated, vegetarian, pretty Gujarati Jain citizen girls. Call: 909/789-9817. Email: [cshah2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cshah2003@yahoo.com)

**M864:** Gujarati parents invite alliance for very handsome, fair, brilliant, vivacious, vegetarian, US born son, Oct 76, 5'11", BS (civil engg), very well employed as Quality Engineer, from cultured, educated, pretty girls. Call: 334/283-5340 Email: [jaygosalia@hotmail.com](mailto:jaygosalia@hotmail.com)

**M882:** Gujarati parents invite correspondence for handsome, talented, very successful, vivacious, vegetarian son, born May 77, 6'0", well settled Computer Professional in NYC, from cultured, family oriented vegetarian girls. Call: 631/423-9647. Email: [doshi59@indiatimes.com](mailto:doshi59@indiatimes.com)

**M892:** Jain, Hindi speaking, parents invite proposals with biodata / photo from professional vegetarian girls, for very handsome, fair, Canadian born son, Nov 73, 5'10", MD (Gestroentrology). Email: [matrimonial77@hotmail.com](mailto:matrimonial77@hotmail.com)

**M953:** Jain parents invite proposals with biodata & photo, for handsome, intelligent, vegetarian, non-smoker, US raised son, Oct 76, 5'8", 145 lb, pursuing MBA (final year) at a top Ivy League University, from cultured, educated, family oriented, slim, pretty, vegetarian girls. Call: 651/735-4775. Email: [jainsphere@yahoo.com](mailto:jainsphere@yahoo.com)

**M956:** Alliance invited for handsome, talented, vegetarian Gujarati boy, born July 76, 5'8", 140 lb, Electronic / Comp Sc Tech, from cultured, educated girls. Call: 361/485-1133. Email: [shone007@hotmail.com](mailto:shone007@hotmail.com)

**M965:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome, vegetarian, non-smoker, non-drinker, US born son, May 75, 5'6", 140 lb, 4<sup>th</sup> yr. MD / PhD student in a top-notch university, from US raised, professional girls. Call: 408/263-1311. Email: [amanat95035@yahoo.com](mailto:amanat95035@yahoo.com)

**M966:** Gujarati parents invite responses for good looking, vegetarian, intelligent, green card holder son, born July 80, 5'4", 125 lb, B-Com, well employed, from cultured, vegetarian girls. Call: 847/758-8709 or 847/470-1759.

**M969:** Gujarati parents invite responses for handsome, outgoing son, born Nov 75, 5'8", 145lb, MD, 2<sup>nd</sup> year resident, expected to start Cardiology fellowship 2004, from well educated girls. Call: 609/978-8221.

**M955:** Gujarati parents invite correspondence with biodata & photo, from Gujarati, caring, beautiful, educated, family oriented girls, for well settled handsome vegetarian, soon to be citizen, April 74, 5'8", MS, Computer- IT Professional son. Call: 614/734-1971. Email: [raj5804@yahoo.com](mailto:raj5804@yahoo.com)

**M970:** Immigrant Kutchi parents invite proposals for vegetarian, handsome, Bombay born son, June 78, 5'6", 160 lb, BS (statistics), Master (software application & programming), successful business manager in a software firm in Bombay India, willing to settle in USA, from cultured, vegetarian girls. Call: 301/990-6719, 301/598-3093. [haria5h@aol.com](mailto:haria5h@aol.com)

**AM226:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for US born, handsome, fair, vegetarian son, July 73, 6'0", 175 lb, MD, working in N. California, from educated, vegetarian girls. Call: 510/482-0860.

**AM364:** Gujarati parents invite proposals with biodata / photo for handsome, fair, intelligent, successful son, June 72, 5'5", 140lb, BS (Marketing/ Econ), well employed as legal liaison with reputed US corp., from educated, cultured, pretty Gujarati girls. Email: [sanju177@hotmail.com](mailto:sanju177@hotmail.com)

**AM373:** Physician, Harvard Fellow, Pediatric Otolaryngology, handsome, fair, Jan 69, 5'9", 160 lb. Parents invite proposals from Gujarati professional educated pretty girls. Call: 604/271-8944. Email: [xplanet@shaw.ca](mailto:xplanet@shaw.ca)

## MATRIMONIALS - FEMALE

**AM372:** Proposals invited with photo / biodata for very fair & handsome, accomplished, dynamic, vegetarian boy, born April 72, 5'11", 145 lb, Highly educated with several post-graduate degrees to credit, working as Assistant Chief Technology Officer of a large global organization on east coast. Serious enquiries only please. Email: shubhshadi@yahoo.com

**AM374:** Gujarati parents invite correspondence from caring, cultured, family oriented girls, for handsome, vegetarian, green card holder son, born Dec 69, 5'4", owns a business. Call: 510/744-9794. Email: stejal@attbi.com

**M973:** Gujarati professional parents invite correspondence for handsome, outgoing, vegetarian son, born Nov 75, 5'8", BS (Comp Sc), employed with IBM as System Administrator, from educated, vegetarian girls. Email biodata / photo to: andyjsah@aol.com

### FEMALE

**F293:** Gujarati parents invite responses for beautiful, charming, virtuous, vegetarian, US raised daughter, Feb 73, 5'5", 115 lb, MS (Chem), well employed, from cultured, educated, professional boys. Call: 201/861-7367. Email: jaan19@hotmail.com

**F581:** Gujarati parents invite responses for beautiful, professional, cultured daughter, born Dec 73, 5'1", 110 lb, BS (molecular biology), biotech / software professional in Silicon Valley, CA, from well educated professional vegetarian boys. Call: 408/272-6833. Email: ph\_matrimonial@yahoo.com

**F621:** Gujarati parents invite correspondence for beautiful, US born / raised vegetarian daughter, Dec 73, 5'7", MD, doing 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. Residency (internal medicine) in New Jersey, from cultured vegetarian MD / DO boys. Call: 407/366-8810. Email: sachitatoria@hotmail.com

**F703:** Alliance invited for beautiful, talented, slim, caring, virtuous, US citizen, Gujarati girl, born July 65, 5'3", BS (Chemistry), MLT (ASCP), well employed, issue less divorcee, from cultured, educated match. Call: 847/776-0191.

**F628:** Alliance invited by Gujarati Jain family for beautiful, slim, charming, caring, vegetarian daughter, born April 74, 5'3", MS (Management), BS (Comp Sc), well employed, blend of east / west, family values, outgoing with good sense of humor, from cultured, vegetarian, well educated boys. Call: 732/549-8684.

**F716:** Jain parents invite proposals with biodata / photo from professional vegetarian boys for their beautiful slim charming daughter, born 73, 5'6", BS (ME), well employed in Toronto, Canada. Call: 514/684-9087. Email: jain\_pawan@hotmail.com

**F766:** Physician parents, Hindi speaking invite correspondence with bio-data & photo, for very beautiful, fair, vegetarian, US born daughter, 25 yrs, 5'9", MS (Finance). Contact: 757/424-5290 or write PO Box 61831, Virginia Beach, VA 23466.

**F773:** Alliance invited by Jain parents (Intl. Business Family) for swiss born / citizen, beautiful, fair, charming, vegetarian, Physician daughter, Oct 76, 5'6", MBBS-Geneva, working with Geneva Hospital, from well educated, professionally settled, handsome boys. Tel: 0041-22-8850355. Email: sanghvigeneva@yahoo.com

**F782:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for beautiful, attractive, caring, slim, vegetarian daughter, born Oct 76, 5'4", 110 lb, RN, well employed as RN at EMH, from educated, cultured boys. Call: 440/284-3947. Email: shahres@msn.com

**F819:** Alliance invited for beautiful, slim, charming, vegetarian Gujarati girl, born Sept 76, 5'3", 110 lb, BS (Physical Therapy), well employed as Therapist in Hospital, from cultured, educated boys. Call: 847/884-9025. Email: shah\_ush@yahoo.com

**F876:** Hindi speaking parents invite correspondence for very beautiful, fair, slim, talented, vegetarian daughter with strong family values, born Nov 76, 5'3", MD, doing 1<sup>st</sup> yr residency, from cultured, MD boys. Call: 713/821-5338. Email: agarwal@fbns.net

**F906:** Gujarati uncle invite proposals for beautiful, fair, slim, talented, vegetarian, family oriented niece, born Jan 81, 5'1", B-Com, well employed, from cultured, educated boys. Call: 813/977-1550x2566931/728-2663. Email: daysinnnorth@msn.com

**F908:** Correspondence invited for Gujarati Jain vegetarian, beautiful, fair, values both cultures, talented, US born girl, July 77, 5'8", BE (IE), pursuing MBA, well employed with reputed co., from well educated, vegetarian, cultured boys. Email: shah\_amp@yahoo.com

**F910:** Jain family invite proposals for attractive, fair, slim, vegetarian, India raised girl, born Dec 76, 5'0", 86 lb, B-Com (Fin), Gemologist, employed with Jewelers, from cultured, educated boys. Email: khyatmintts@yahoo.com

**F920:** Correspondence invited by parents for pretty, talented, family oriented, intelligent, caring, virtuous, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, Sept 75, 5'6", MBA in progress, from similar valued, cultured, well educated, professional boys. Email: ajiyer@aol.com

**F957:** Physician parents, Hindi speaking invite correspondence for beautiful, charming, talented daughter, 23, 5'9", pursuing MBA, currently working in a prestigious firm. Call: 757/424-5290 or write: Box 61831, Virginia Beach, VA 23466. Email: mrk7e@hotmail.com

**F958:** Gujarati parents invite responses for cultured, attractive, fair, accomplished, vegetarian daughter, Dec 71, 5'3, BS (Comp Inf system), well employed, from cultured, educated boys. Call: 905/472-1201. Email: b1shah@hotmail.com

## MATRIMONIALS - FEMALE

**G959:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for beautiful, talented, vegetarian, US citizen daughter, July 76, 5'4", 121 lb, MS (Biochem), well employed as research scientist, from cultured, well educated boys. Call: 847/296-9796. Email: puppy3rd@hotmail.com

**F960:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for beautiful, slim, charming, talented, Australia Citizen / raised daughter, May 79, 5'5", BE (Software), well employed, from cultured, educated, vegetarian, professional boys. Currently she is in Australia and willing to settle in USA or Australia. Visiting USA during Feb 03 (909/861-2677). Email: parswa2@yahoo.com.au Australia Ph: 61-2-4950 0327.

**F961:** Alliance invited for beautiful, cultured, intelligent, vegetarian Gujarati girl, born March 72, 5'3", 120 lb, B-Com, Dip. (Mgmt), from cultured, vegetarian, educated, handsome boys. Call: 516/437-5918. Email: vadaliah@hotmail.com

**F962:** Alliance invited for beautiful, slim, talented, vegetarian Gujarati girl, born July 77, 5'1", 100 lb, MS (physical therapy), well employed as Rehab Director, from cultured, well educated professional boys. Call: 904/476-778. Email: zdesai22@hotmail.com

**F963:** Alliance invited for pretty, charming, talented, vegetarian, US raised Gujarati girl, Sept 71, 5'3", JD (Law), practicing lawyer in own law firm, from cultured, well-educated, professional boys. Call: 407/876-0559. Email: kiblaw@bellsouth.net

**F964:** Jain parents invite proposals with biodata & photo, for pretty, slim, family-oriented, intelligent, vegetarian, US raised daughter, Nov 78, 5'7", BS, working with Fortune 500 co., from well educated, handsome, preferably US citizen. Call: 651/735-4775. Email: Jainstar1@yahoo.com

**AF298:** Alliance invited for pretty, slim, attractive, vegetarian, well rounded, east west balanced, US raised dtr, born Oct 75, 5'5", 110 lb, MBA (Fin), well employed, from cultured, professional, vegetarian, non-smoker boys. Call: 718/454-4069.

**F967:** Alliance invited by Gujarati parents for beautiful, charming, slim, brilliant, accomplished, vegetarian, US raised daughter, Sept 78, 5'8", MS (Medical Science), well employed as Physician Assistant, from, US raised, well educated, vegetarian professional. Call: 602/971-0149. Email: latim100@yahoo.com

**F968:** Alliance invited for beautiful, attractive, virtuous, talented, vegetarian Gujarati girl, born May 73, 5'3", 125 lb, MS (MIS), well employed, from cultured, well-educated, professional boys. Call: 614/474-3887. Email: kshah0505@hotmail.com

**F971:** Alliance invited by Physician for beautiful, slim, vegetarian daughter, born April 81, 5'0", 105 lb, B-Com, appearing M-Com, own business in India, willing to settle in USA, form vegetarian, cultured boys. Call: 410/750-0662 or 301/474-3327 Email: shwe\_pie@rediffmail.com

**F972:** Gujarati parents invite alliance for very pretty, charming, slim, caring, business entrepreneur, vegetarian, US born daughter, April 76, 5'7", 120 lb, BS (Marketing), from Gujarati Jain professional, cultured, non smoker boys. Call: 973/945-4499. Email: chemintl24@aol.com

**AF375:** Gujarati parents invite responses for very beautiful, fair, slim, talented, vegetarian daughter, born June 75, 5'3", well employed, from professional, vegetarian boys. She is in India and willing to settle in USA. Call: 585/442-4553. Email: rajendra\_sheth@hotmail.com

**AF381:** Alliance invited for slim, virtuous, beautiful, very fair, talented, vegetarian sister, 27 yrs., 5'4", 115 lb, BS, MCA (Masters in Comp Applications), with Indian values, residing in UK & working with an esteemed organization but willing to relocate to US, within UK or to India. Serious inquiries only please. Email: matrimarriage2002@yahoo.com

**AF376:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for pretty, cultured, vegetarian dtr, born May 74 5'3", 125 lb, MD, doing 2<sup>nd</sup> year Residency in Pediatrics, from educated, cultured vegetarian boys. jain1946@yahoo.com

**AF377:** Alliance invited for pretty, slim, cultured, intelligent, US citizen, Gujarati girl, March 74, 5'2", 107 lb, BBA (CIS), well employed, from well educated, cultured, professional boys. Call: 281/804-5572. Email: j9shah@hotmail.com

**AF378:** Gujarati Physician invite responses for beautiful, slim, family loving vegetarian daughter, born March 80, 5'3", 110 lb, MBBS, from professional cultured vegetarian boys. She is currently in India & willing to settle in USA. Call: 510/744-9794 or 949/551-4596. Email: shahfamily1@cox.com

**AF379:** Parents invite proposals with photo / biodata for charming, beautiful, athletic, dynamic personality, vegetarian, US born daughter, Sept 77, 5'2", 105 lb, BS Statistics, pursuing MBA, well positioned in a reputed co., from US raised, professional, well-educated boys. Call: 847/667-3426. Email: ssheth@allstate.com

**AF380:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for beautiful, slim, charming, vegetarian, daughter, Dec 76, 5'4", 110 lb, MD, doing 1<sup>st</sup> year residency in Internal medicine, from well educated, professional boys. Call: 706/855-7045. Email: tvmdr02@yahoo.com

**AF382:** Gujarati parents invite proposals with biodate / photo for beautiful, fair, slim, virtuous, vegetarian, cultured, US born daughter, January 77, 5'4", 115 lb, Medical Student (MD 2004), from well educated, handsome, cultured, professional Gujarati / Jain boys, preferably MD. Email: paras627@hotmail.com

**F974:** Parents invite proposals for beautiful, cultured, vegetarian daughter, born Nov 77, 5'2", 4<sup>th</sup> Year Medical Student, pursuing radiology residency, from vegetarian, professional boys. Email biodata / photo to: dshah78@optonline.net



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Jai Jinendra,

With YJA Convention 2002 completed and a new board elected, YJA focuses on its goals for the upcoming year. The new board convened this past August in Chicago for four days. There was very little sleep and a lot of chai, but the projects that were drafted plan to be the best ever. Our hope and mission for this year is to play "a much great part in our member's daily lives." To that end, YJA has taken some significant steps...

YJA will host six Regional Conferences during the next six months. "Regional Fest" will kick off Thanksgiving Break in Houston and conclude during Martin Luther King weekend in Atlanta and Chicago. Other destinations include Toronto, Los Angeles, and Easton (PA) during Winter Break. Spots are filling up fast. Register online at [www.yja.org](http://www.yja.org) or contact [karishma.shah@yja.org](mailto:karishma.shah@yja.org) for more information.

YJA has taken steps to building an educational, interactive, and open discussion portal for Jain youth and parents with the addition of Paryushana Section on our website. YJA created "Michammi Dukkadam" e-cards for Jains worldwide to show their forgiveness. YJA also added a new segment to the website explaining the meaning and importance of Paryushana. With continuing website projects, we hope to spread Jain ideals to young Jains across North America.

This December and January, YJA will be sending 10 youth to the Veerayatan site in Bhuj (Kutch), India. Veerayatan is an international organization established over 29 years ago by Acharya Shri Chandanaji, the first woman to receive the title of Acharya in the Jain tradition. Veerayatan is committed to extending the concept of spirituality and service to humanity. The youth will be helping the earthquake affected town by teaching, providing health care, and performing administrative tasks. YJA can also use your financial help to subsidize the Jain youth who will be helping those less fortunate. Please contact [ami.shah@yja.org](mailto:ami.shah@yja.org) for more information and how you can help!

With YJA growing year after year and continually initiating more projects, this year's board has created an ad-hoc committee for YJA Convention 2004. This creation will allow YJA Executive to focus on other national projects while still hosting an unbelievable national convention. The ad hoc committee will supervise the local convention committee in the throwing the best convention yet! If you are interested in joining the select ad-hoc committee, please email [chairs@yja.org](mailto:chairs@yja.org).

Thank you,

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# Compassion in Action

YJA has teamed up with Veerayatan, an organization dedicated to spreading service and spirituality to humanity, this winter to give back to those less fortunate in our homeland. YJA's sole goal is to "spread and promote Jainism through the youth" and there is no better way to fulfill that than to put "Ahimsa in Action." We are sending 10 youth to Bhuj, India from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup>. The Bhuj site was created in response to the Earthquake in Gujarat. These youth will help teach and perform administrative tasks during the day. They will make a tremendous difference in the lives of orphaned kids in the Bhuj area, by putting compassion in action. **Please help by making a donation, which will go towards subsidizing the youth YJA will send.**

Please contact Ami Shah, [ami.shah@yja.org](mailto:ami.shah@yja.org), for more information on how to help out in this wonderful cause.

## Host City Convention Committee Wanted!

This past July 4<sup>th</sup>, YJA hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> biennial nation youth convention in New Jersey entitled "Walking the Path of Jainism." It was an overwhelming success. Nearly 1000 youth gathered and shared their heritage, learning from scholars and meeting other like-minded youth from all over the world.

With YJA Convention 2002 closed, the journey begins for YJA Convention 2004. The New Jersey Convention Committee performed an outstanding job, providing more sessions and greater variety than any previous convention. It will be a tough feat to beat, but each YJA Convention continues to be better every time.

YJA Executive will release the bid guidelines for Convention 2004 in January 03. Potential host cities will have two-three months to write a bid packet, providing details for the next convention and stating why they should be the host city.

If you are interested in hosting a convention, please email [cochairs@yja.org](mailto:cochairs@yja.org). A convention takes a year and a half of solid work, fifteen committed members, a supportive community, but the culmination of all that hard work is unbelievable.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### 2<sup>nd</sup> JAIN 21 CONVENTION, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Jain21 Convention is scheduled for February for 14–17, 2003, Valentine's/President's Day long-weekend, at the luxurious Westin-South Coast Plaza Hotel in the beautiful Orange County, California. The purpose of this convention is to provide a forum for Jain singles from all across the world to meet and develop friendships that may result in life-long relationships. Following the overwhelming success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Jain21 Convention held in May 2002 in Los Angeles, California, this exciting 4-day event will feature several more events including interactive icebreakers sessions, a night out in town, an exciting night of raas-garba, sessions on yoga and bhangra, and new activities to increase the chances of making more friends. Based on the popularity of the 1<sup>st</sup> convention, the potential attendees are advised to register early, as only limited spaces are available. Early bird registration is now in process. Additional information about the convention and registration is available at [www.Jain21.com](http://www.Jain21.com) website or by contacting Kunal Shah at [Kunal.Shah@Jain21.com](mailto:Kunal.Shah@Jain21.com) or 562/417-2700 and Vipin Vadecha at [Vipin.Vadecha@Jain21.com](mailto:Vipin.Vadecha@Jain21.com) or 909/861-2677.



## HOW JAINISM WORKS IN THE REAL WORLD

### Midwest Regional Conference

*Location:* Jain Center of Chicago, Bartlett, IL

*Date:* January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002

THIS CONFERENCE IS GEARED TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING HOW JAINISM WORKS IN THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD. DISCUSSION WILL BE GEARED TOWARD CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS OF EVOLUTION, ANIMAL RESEARCH, AND TECHNOLOGY ALONG WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF SESSIONS INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS, LECTURES, AND QUESTION/ ANSWER SESSIONS. THE WEEKEND ALLOWS FOR THE ATTENDEES TO MEET EACH OTHER DURING ACTIVITIES. THE NIGHT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ICEBREAKERS AND BOWLING.

Contact: Midwest RC, Nirali Vora, [nirali.vora@yja.org](mailto:nirali.vora@yja.org)

## THE PHILOSOPHY OF JAINISM VS. MODERN SCIENCE

### South Regional Conference

*Location:* Jain Center of Houston, Houston, TX

*Date:* November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002

Over the past few years, revolution in science has amazed us. Further, the parallelism with Jain Scriptures written centuries ago is a phenomenon. This conference is geared towards bringing out the similarities with Jain philosophy and the scientific world. Presentations will be given by the Samanjis, the Houston, and Dallas Youth Groups. Attendees are guaranteed to have fun and meet youth from across the South region.

Contact: South RC, Rishabh Khara, [rishabh.khara@yja.org](mailto:rishabh.khara@yja.org)

## THE DUAL IDENTITY CRISIS: PHILOSOPHY VS. SCIENCE

### Southeast Regional Conference

*Location:* Holiday Inn Select, Atlanta, GA.

*Date:* January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Do you wonder how science conflicts with your religion in your everyday life? How much does Jain philosophy govern our life? The weekend will answer these questions and more through discussions, lectures, and debates. Attendees explore and reflect upon their everyday lives. Other activities include a semi-formal, cultural show, garba, yoga, and meditation.

Contact: Southeast RC, Priya Palvia, [priya.palvia@yja.org](mailto:priya.palvia@yja.org)

## AHIMSA UNEDITED

### Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

*Location:* Best Western Easton Inn, Easton, PA

*Date:* December 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002

Have you ever really wondered what ahimsa is? Do you apply ahimsa to your everyday life? To what extent can you have fun and at the same time live Jain? Sessions are planned in order to answer these questions and more. Topics include Veganism, Raw Foods, Dating and Relationships. Interactive sessions and discussion have been planned in order to allow the participants to meet each other while learning Jainism.

Contact: Mid Atlantic RC, Dipa Talati, [dipa.talati@yja.org](mailto:dipa.talati@yja.org)

## DIVERSITY AND THE JAIN WAY

### Northeast Regional Conference

*Location:* Holiday Inn Select, Toronto, ONT

*Date:* December 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002

This conference will showcase the importance of Anekantavaad to the youth by incorporating Jain principles. The Jain philosophy will be compared with other religions. Youth will discuss how to incorporate compassion into their everyday lives. Exciting lectures and discussions will be coordinated by local speakers with hands-on involvement through a temple visit. Other activities being planned are a museum outing and a raas garba.

Contact: Northeast RC, Lily Jain, [lily.jain@yja.org](mailto:lily.jain@yja.org)

## DESTINATION: MOKSHA

### West Regional Conference

*Location:* Ramada Inn, Anaheim, CA

*Date:* December 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002

Why do you practice Jainism? Learn about the ultimate path of Jainism through interactive sessions and lectures led by youth groups and local speakers. The weekend is planned to be discussion oriented to allow for youth from across the region to meet each other and have a good time while learning about topics like the four passions and Anekantvaad. Also planned is a dance and trust games.

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SIX CONFERENCES IN SIX MONTHS

# ATTENTION

Jai Jinendra!

This issue of Jain Digest has come to you from a new mailing list we have created from membership data provided by various member societies of JAINA. Although this new mailing list is larger than the previous list that was built over 12 years of additions and deletions, some of the recipient of Jain Digest in the past may not receive this issue. The most likely reason for that is they may not be listed by any member society of JAINA or their society has not forwarded their membership list to us. Jain Digest managing board sincerely wants to thank to Tina Shah and Hitesh Shah of Schaumburg, Illinois for compiling and editing listing form various Jain societies to update Jain Digest mailing list.

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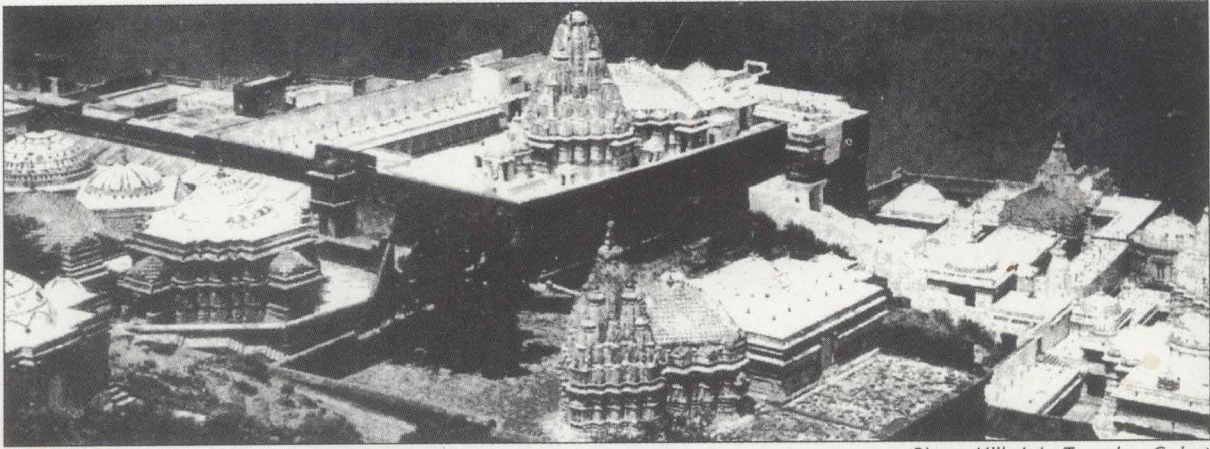
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