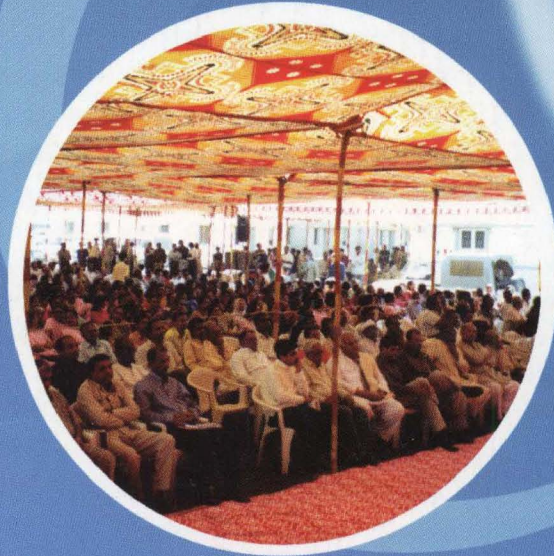
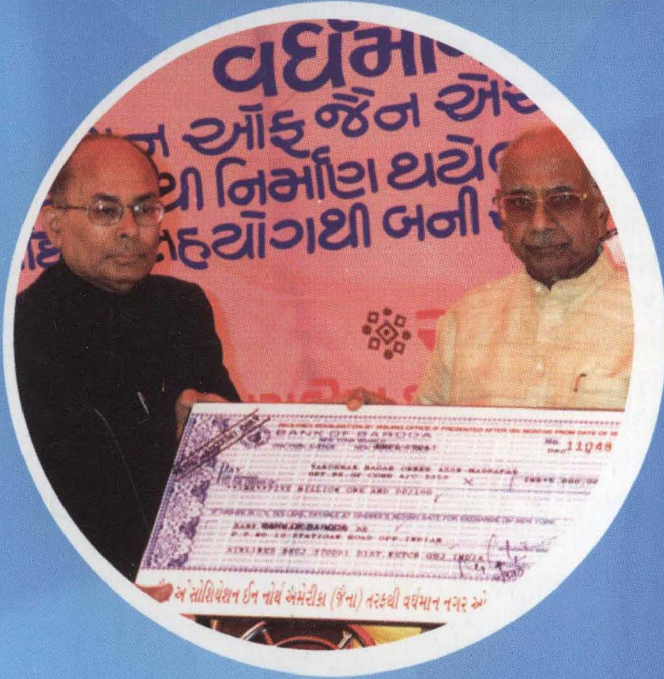
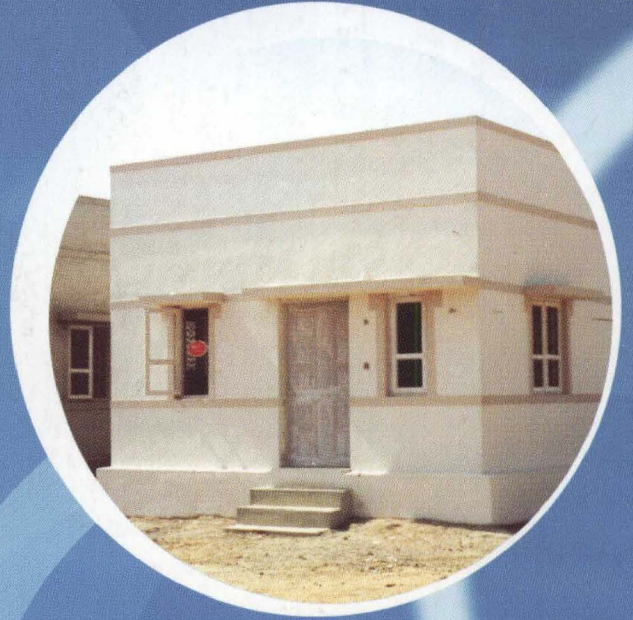
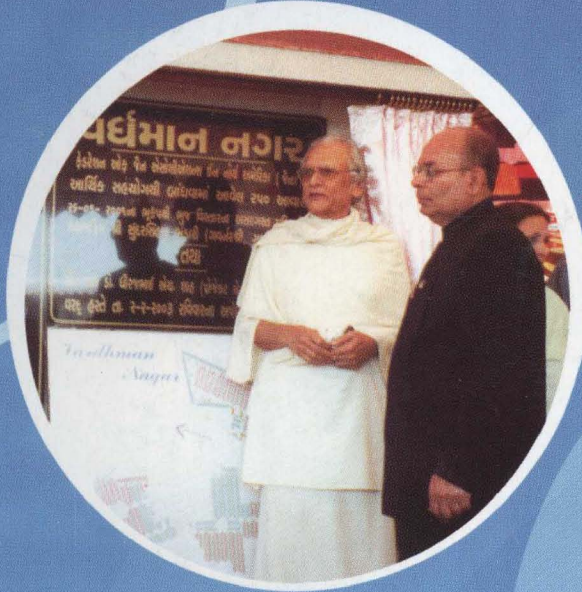


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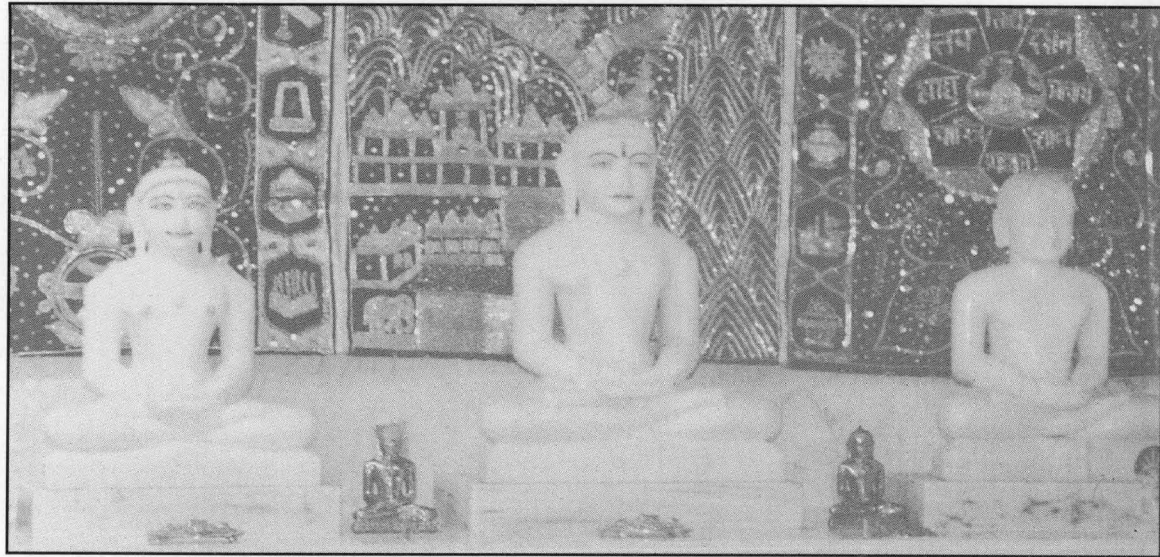
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अहो! अहो! श्री सदगुरु, करुणासिंधु अपार
आ पामर पर प्रभु कर्यो, अहो! अहो! उपकार (१२४)

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 सहु हीन;
ते तो प्रभुअे आपियो, वर्तु चरणाधिन (१२५)

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

- Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra, Srimad Rajchandra -

We dedicate ourselves to ceaseless efforts of
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Dear Dharmabandhu

I am reporting to you JAINA's activities and achievements for the period since the last issue. The JAINA Executive Committee is dedicated to enhance your Society's Jain activities. We welcome your constructive input at anytime. You may send me an e-mail at president@jaina.org.

- JAINA Convention at Cincinnati is not too far now. It Starts on July 3, 2003. If you have not registered, please do so as soon as you can as the fees will go up on April 16, 2003. You can register on line at www.jainaconvention.com. The newly revised Pathshala books will be unveiled and sold at this convention. The registration fees is not sufficient to cover convention expenses. I request all of you to consider donating to the convention funds.
- On Feb. 2 keys to 250 newly built homes in VARDHAMAN NAGAR for resettlement of earthquake affected families in Bhuj were handed over. Gurudev Shree Chitrabhanuji. Blessed the new owners. Hon. Governor of Gujrat Shree Sundersinh Bhandar unveiled the marble plaque naming JAINA, Jain Center of America and India Earthquake relief organizations of Michigan at the entrance of Vardhaman Nagar. This was truly a proud moment in JAINA's history and I wish to congratulate Dr. Dhiraj Shah, our Past President for shepharding such a large humanitarian project over the last two years. For more details, see the feature article in the inside pages
- Four Medical Camps were held in India during Jan. and Feb. 2003 done in Bidada Kutch, Rajkot and Disa in Gujarat and in Sagar Madhya Pradesh. The North American team of Drs. led by Dr. Manibhai Mehta and Dr. Mahendra Pandya, our past presidents.
- JAINA JNF (Jain Network Forum) is in full swing now. This is the on JAINA website www.jaina.org, a place where an young Jain visits another young Jain for friendship, matrimonial or for many other relationship. The JNF database contains all JNF/MIS(Marriage Information Services) candidates from conventions like JAINA, YJA and YJP. Candidates can search the database of more than 500 plus candidates providing personal profile, activities, and future plans with their pictures. Any Jain member can register by sending annual dues of \$30 and personal details form. To register please visit www.jaina.org and follow JNF link. or e mail jnf_mis@hotmail.com Alternatively by mail to Bipin Parikh /Sunilkumar Jain 464 Stratford St. Des Plaines IL 60016.
- JAINA Yatra to Samet Shikherji and the surrounding places was completed successfully and all members were very satisfied with the management by Dilip V. Shah. Along with Yatra the group visited opening of the Jain school in Lachhwar (Birth place of Lord Mahavir) paid for by JAINA member donations. The yatri have donated good sums towards support of these school children. A sum of US\$250 makes up for support of one child for three years.
- We have revised completely our mailing list starting with the last issue. We added about 1500 more members. I thank all the societies for in their society's current membership list. If we missed any member, please contact JAINA head quarter. We issued a pullout copy of JAINA at a Glance in December issue. Please detach it and use it.
- This is an opinion poll for medical doctors. We want to set up medical services for needy Jains in the USA on the web. I want you to respond if you are interested. If so, how would you set up the organization? And through email how often would you support for consultation.

Jai Jinendra !



Bipin Parikh, President

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JAINA gives out awards at every convention to recognize the individuals who have contributed significantly in line with the principles of Jainism. Three types of awards to be issued and their numbers are as follows:

1. JAINA Ratna (1)
2. JAINA Adult Recognition Awards (10)
3. JAINA Youth Recognition Awards (5)

The awards will depend upon the criteria shown below. We request individuals and Jain Centers to nominate those who meet these criteria by filling out a nomination form available from Kamlesh Amin. Please return the form with the supporting documents to the **JAINA Headquarters, P.O.Box 700, Getzville, NY 14068 before April 15th, 2003**. The committee consisting of Anop Vora (Chairman), Dr. Dilip T. Shah (Vice Chairman), Dr. Mahendra Mehta, Dr. Parveen Jain, and Ms. Suchita Shah will review the nominations and make the selections. Any living and practicing Jain residing in North America is eligible for any of these awards.

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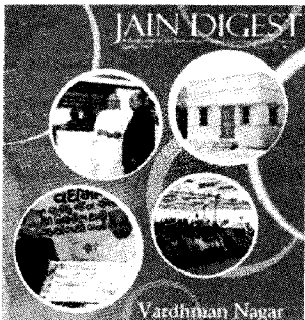
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4. Good natured, kind, honest and humble and other good traits worth mentioning.

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Photo 1: Top left: Gurudev Chitrabhanu and Dr. Dhiraj Shah after unveiling the plaque recognizing contribution by JANA

Photo 2: Bottom left: Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Project Chairman, presenting a check of Rupees Five Million to the Governor of Gujarat Sundersinh Bhandari for the victims of Earthquake.

Photo 3 Top right: Model house in Vardhmannagar

Photo 4 Bottom Left: People watching Key handing ceremony at Vardhmannagar.

TRIUMPH OF HUMAN SPIRIT OVER NATURE'S FURY

VARDHMAN NAGAR AND JAINA

Dilip V. Shah, Philadelphia

History will record February 2, 2003 as a golden day for people of Bhuj and JAINA, for on that day, JAINA fulfilled a pledge by delivering keys to 250 newly built homes to victims of the devastating earthquake on January 26, 2001. The earthquake left 30,000 dead, 300,000 injured and 3 million people homeless.

Devastation of Bhuj by the earthquake cannot be measured by the number of deaths or the number of collapsed buildings. The rubble from the destroyed homes, schools, hospitals,

movie theaters, government offices, all merged with each other in mountains that were awful to look at. Thousands of dreams were piled on top of those bricks and mortar hills waiting to be carted away. Those who had lost everything were consoling others who had lost even more. People from all over the world rushed in willing to help but after a few weeks as they realized the enormity of the resettlement job, they left in exasperation. Donations of food, clothing and money poured into a town that had no infrastructure to absorb

all the goodwill and gifts. Military personnel arrived to maintain law and order while eerie silence persisted. The government promised help in rebuilding and no one took solace from those pronouncements. Those promises are still unfulfilled. Hundreds of thousands of families are still living in tents or temporary one room aluminum houses.

JAINA started a fund to help the victims of the earthquake. Jains in the US and Canada gave generously without even know-

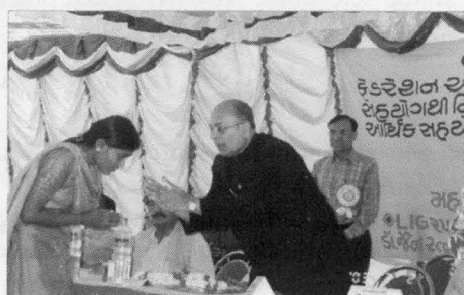
ing how the help will be sent. The first JAINA delegation reached Kutch within days of the disaster with relief supplies and surveyed the damage. For months, the authorities kept making statements as to how the government help would be delivered. A maze of guidelines and policy statements often confusing, other times con-

tradictory, all had to be digested. To this date, no building permits have been issued within the city limits of Bhuj. The grand design by the town planners is still "work in progress".

After many more visits by members of the World Community Service of JAINA, a real plan of action was created and Dr. Dhiraj Shah was appointed as the Project Manager. Fortunately, Jains of Bhuj and JAINA got together and decided to build a new town, 4 miles outside of Bhuj. It will have 1,125 homes and other amenities. JAINA did

not just raise the money but was involved from the beginning in acquiring the 70 acre land; planning, obtaining government blessings, permits and help in infrastructure (roads, water supply, electricity and sewer

lines). Criteria to help individual families had to be worked out keeping in mind losses of each family – loss of earning member – economic losses-physically handicapped- widows with children-old aged couples who did not have family members to support and no source of income etc. Streamlining of grants from government and arranging for loans from banks. All these matters had to be resolved amicably and quickly so that actual construction could begin. Dhirajbhai made many trips, wrote letters and called upon all his resources for the project.



TRIUMPH OF HUMAN SPIRIT OVER NATURE'S FURY(Cont.)

JAINA is donating Rs 2,51,00,000 (Two Crores and fifty one lac Rupees) for the Nagar project. The financial help from JAINA went only to the 250 families who were classified as low income families. Other 875 families will benefit from the hospital, dental clinic, primary and secondary school, a science center, a computer center, community prayer hall and the library.

Seven thousand people attended the key handing over ceremony by Governor of Gujarat Shree Sundersinh Bhandari who was the chief guest of the day. A member of parliament and many state and local elected officials were also present. Gurudev

Shree Chitrabhanuji was the special invited guest who blessed all the new owners and talked of the duty of the privileged ones to help the needy. In addition to Dhirajbhai, JAINA was represented by Pramodaben Chitrabhanu, Lataben Champsee – regional Vice President, Bachubhai Ajmera Chairman of World Community Service and Dilip V Shah, Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee.

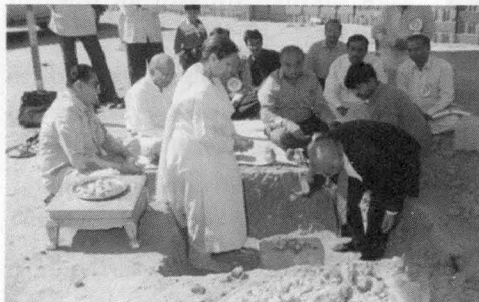
Dhirajbhai spoke at the ceremony detailing the role JAINA played in the building of Vardhman Nagar and detailed past humanitarian projects carried out by JAINA not only in India but all over the world. He spoke about the earthquake affected Morbi- Malia-Miyana where Jainas have built primary school in Sumtinagar as well as in Samkhiali near Bhachau and donation to Rajkot Blood Bank of 400 beds and 400 wheel chairs. He ended his remarks by saying that in providing this help, Jains overseas are only paying interest on the investment made by the motherland in educating them.

After the key handing over ceremony, Lataben Champsee of Toronto Canada laid the foundation stone for the school that will be built on the site. As you know, Jain Society of Houston presented a check of Rs. 11,90,000/- to Vardhman Nagar Association, for Dental Clinic on Feb.2,2003 in presence of Governor Sundersinh Bhandari. The groundbreaking ceremony of this was carried out by Mr. Bachubhai Ajmera, Chairman of WCS. This donation was obtained with the help of Shri. Uday Jain, Regional V.P. of JAINA from



SOUTHWEST.

Kantibhai Shah, President of Vardhman Nagar Owners Association thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone of the need to continue to work together as only thirty five percent of the work is finished and a lot remains to be done. Lastly he invited everyone for Swamivatsalya lunch. Joy was the order of the day as people lined up to shake hands of the proud new owners of homes.



The next day, thirty five more families from BHUJ were identified as needing help in getting homes. They approached Gurudev Chitrabhanuji with their request for assistance. After listening to their plight, Gurudev was the first one to contribute for this additional project and asked JAINA to see if they can be accommodated too. After consultation with other committee members, JAINA has indeed agreed to help these families too. They will have to be settled few miles away from Vardhman Nagar under the supervision of Bidada Sarvoday Trust as all the homes in Vardhaman Nagar have been allocated.

You and me can't bring back those who left this world because of this massive natural calamity, but let us continue to help those who are fighting for survival. As Jains, we can do no less. JAINA thanks all the Sanghs and individuals who donated generously as well as many Sanghs and the individuals who have carried out Gujarat earthquake relief work independently.

Photos on Page 4 clockwise: Governor of Gujarat, Sundersinh Bhandari handing over the keys to the victims of earthquake, Dr. Dhiraj Shah, handing over keys to the victims of earthquake, US Consul visiting Vardhmannagar along with other Leaders in Jain Community, A Snatra Pooja prior to key handing over ceremony. A row of houses in Vardhmannagar

Photos on Page 5: Top Lataben Champsee, Regional VP of JAINA from Canada performing ground breaking ceremony of the school at Vardhmannagar. Bottom Bachubhai Ajmera, Chairman, World Community Services performing ground breaking ceremony of Medical, Dental clinic in Vardhmannagar.

LACHHWAD ON OUR MIND

Dilip V Shah, Philadelphia

Lachhwad is the town where our Kshatriyakund Teerth is located. Over two thousand years ago, Bhadrabahu Swami gave a vivid and detailed description of Kshatriyakund in the Kalp Sutra. This is the land of Shri Mahaveer Swami's Janma and Diksha Kalyanaks. It was a capital city during the reign of King Siddharth. This land of three kalyanaks of our last Teerthankar is one of the poorest towns in Bihar today. Yatris on Pilgrimage of Shree Samet Sikharji try to include pilgrimage of Kshatriyakund but many are afraid to go to Lachhwad because of the unfounded fears of being robbed or killed. But it is true that there are no Jain families living in Lachhwad today. Most of the population is known as Adiwasias and they are Non Vegetarians. Message of Mahaveer in the land of Mahaveer is all but forgotten.

Until last year, our Temple and Dharamsala were the only brick and mortar building in Lachhwad. There are no industries, hospitals or any kind of job opportunities. The only available income in town was cutting wood from the trees on the mountain or from pilgrims. Doliwalas make about two to three thousand rupees a year if they are lucky. Kids earn from begging. Most kids do not attend school. The cycle of poverty will keep rolling on and on from one generation to the next without any hopes of better days. JAINA Yatris of 2001 Pilgrimage visited the only school in town and were moved by the horrible conditions in which the kids were studying. The school had no roof. Students would stand under the tree during rains. Our Yatris decided to do something. Fortunately on their next stop at Veerayatan, Acharya Shree Chandanaji agreed to build a school with the JAINA support. Within 5 days of that understanding between JAINA and Veerayatan, someone in Lachhwad donated the land for the school!

Two years later, this January, the 2003 JAINA pilgrims got to visit the new Teerthankar Mahaveer Vidyalay built and run by Veerayatan. The school with ten classrooms and 150 students is nothing short of miracle created in just 18 months. It is still a work in progress. Concrete columns rising from the terrace and construction crews are unmistakable signs of more good things to come. By May 2003, three hundred more students will be added. Some of our Yatris had tears in their eyes as they heard the young ones in uniforms recite Navakar Mantra and other devotional songs.

The school is operational but it is in dire need of help. The fifty Rupees fee per month pays less than twenty five percent of the cost of running the school and most parents in that town can not even afford the fee, the cost of uniforms or the school supplies. The Pilgrimage Committee and the Teerthodhhar Committee of JAINA are working together to support this school and in a sense become Teerth Rakshak of Lachhwad. Yatris of 2001 Pilgrimage were the catalyst for this project.

2003 Yatris have also done their part. One couple has committed \$5,000 to purchase the adjacent land parcel that will be used as a playground and for future expansion. Another Yatri has pledged computers and sewing machines for the students. In exchange for schooling costs of their children, all fourteen

karmacharis of our Dharmasala pledged to become vegetarian. For the next school year beginning in May, we decided to grant one hundred scholarships of \$250 each for the needy students of Lachhwad that will last three years and cover tuition, uniforms and school supplies. Our Yatris have pledged 40 scholarships and will help raise the remaining scholarships. Half of the \$250 from each scholarship will go towards supporting the child and the other half will be awarded to school to

lessen their deficit. The three year scholarships are need based and will continue even if the child does not do well. The scholarship program will be administered in USA by Niyati Sheth of Edmond, OK and Nik Daftary of Waco, TX

We at the Pilgrimage Committee and the Tirthodhhar Committee of JAINA are convinced that this school will bring lots of good things to our Teerthbhoomi. Every Doliwala, or town person we came in contact with in Lachhwad appealed our Yatris to get their children admitted into the "American School". Imagine what your \$250 will do. For less than twenty-five cents per day, a child will be educated, obtain Jain Samskar and one day break out of the cycle of poverty. Jain pilgrims will be seen in the town not as targets but as benefactors of the town. What can Jains or JAINA do in India that can have more profound impact than educating the poor? Vidya Daan lasts a lifetime!

If you would like to help, please contact: Dilip V Shah at (215) 561 0581 or Kirit Daftary at (254) 776-4209



A Passage to the Gods: Siddhachalam to Shikharji

Naresh Jain

The evening before boarding the plane at JFK airport in New York, my wife Sarla and I visited the Siddhachalam temple to seek blessings for a successful pilgrimage with an intensive itinerary put together by the JAINA Pilgrimage Committee. There are 120 sacred sites associated with the 24 Jain Tirthankars. The location of 21 sites is not clearly known or extinct. This pilgrimage covered 91 out of the possible 99 sites.

Forty-seven yatis gathered at Siddhartha Hotel on January 18, 2003 in a fog-ridden New Delhi amidst the coldest winter of the last 40 years. This was truly an International Sangh comprising of American, Canadian and one U.K. citizen. In the afternoon, the yatra started with a warm welcome as well as a send off arranged by the Delhi Jain Samaj (DJS).

On second day we took a 100 Km. bus trip from Delhi to Hastinapur, the site of 12 sacred events of Lord Shantinath, Kunthunath and Arnathas well as the legendary capital of the Mahabharata epic. The Jambu Dvipa shrine is very inspiring. Rekhaben Gandhi doing varsitapa laid a brick in the huge replica of Astapada Mountain under construction. After an overnight stay at the Hotel in Meerut and a visit to a local temple, we traveled 165 Km. to Aligarh where a new pilgrimage complex inspired by Shri Kanjishwami was nearing completion. After an overnight stay at the Agra Palace hotel, the Tuesday trip included Shouryapuri, the birthplace of Lord Neminath and the famous Taj Mahal. On Wednesday, we reached Ratnapuri and we saw the site of Dharamnath Swami.

On January 23rd, the sixth day, we went to Ayodhya, the sites of 19 Kalyanaks, the most after Shikharji; as well as the Janma bhoomi of Bhagwan Rama. These sacred sites are associated with Tirthankars Adinath, Ajitnath, Abhinandanswami, Sumatinath and Anantnath. After visiting the Adinath temple, some of us chose to skip lunch to visit the other four sites by auto rickshaw which are managed by the Adinath Temple trust, as well as the Ram Janma Bhoomi.

After overnight at the Taj Ganges Hotel in Varanasi, we went to Bhelpur, the birth place of Lord Parshwanath. The next stop of Bhadaini is the birth place of Lord Suparshwanath on the river Ganges and that location is called Jain Ghat. We visited Parswanath Vidyapeeth associated with the Benaras Hindu University which has produced over 150 publications and 60 scholars of Jainism. We met the two graduates who were the recent recipient of JAINA scholarships funded by 2001 JAINA yatis. Then we went to Chandrapuri and Sinhpuri, the sites of Chandaprabhu and Sreyansnathswami kalyanaks. Late in the evening we drove to Sarnath and visited the Digambara temple.

In the evening we boarded our train onward to Gomoh and then by bus to Rujuvalika where Lord Mahavir attained kevalgyan under the Shal tree on a river bank.

On January 26th, we rented a doli, put a tricolor flag on it and started the pahad yatra of Shikharji at 4:30 A. M. We went to all tonks (holy spots) including the remote Chandaprabhu tonk and the steep as well the highest Parswanath tonk. I heard someone asking why our Tirthankars came to Shikharji for Nirvana in such remote and steep hills. I looked around and the peaceful and blissful air gave the answer. Next morning we visited the temples of Shikharji, witnessed the regional poverty and questioned the wisdom of pumping wealth in to the temples instead of compassion activities. We drove to the train station and left for Bhagalpur.

On Tuesday, January 28th, we visited Champapuri associated with Vasupujyaswami, the only site of all five kalyanaks of a Tirthankar. After night at the Lachhwad Dharamshala, we visited the Tirthankar Mahavir Vidya Mandir, a school adopted and created by the efforts of 2001 JAINA Yatra Sangh and operated by Veerayatan. In the afternoon we climbed the hills of nearby Ksatriyakund, the site of Janma and Diksha Chyavana of Lord Mahavir.

On Thursday, January 30th, we made a trip to the remote village of Kakandi, the site of four sacred events of Suvidhinathji. In the afternoon, we visited the temples of Guniyaji and the famous Jalmandir of Pawapuri, the site of lord Mahavir's Nirvana. The view around the sunset was breathtaking. Late that evening we reached the temple of Kundalpur and then went to Veerayatan in Rajgiri for a three night stay.

On Friday, we climbed the fifth hill of Rajgiri, visited local temples by tongas and enjoyed the modern buildings and museum of Veerayatan. Rajgiri is a pilgrimage place for Jains, Hindus and Buddhists and is reverently mentioned in Ramayana as well as in Mahabharata. In the afternoon we visited the ruins of Nalanda, an ancient 5th century University. Invaded, destroyed and rebuilt several times, we saw the remains of the main Stupa, stair cases, dorms, rooms and terraces. It is believed that this is the only area where both Mahavir and Buddha spent quite some time, even though they did not meet each other.

On Saturday we went by bus to Bodhgaya. Here Prince Siddharth attained enlightenment under a Peepal Tree and became the Buddha. We visited the beautiful Mahabodhi Temple, the successor of the original Bodhi Tree, the footprints of Buddha, the stupas, the Thai Temple with gold lacquered tiles, a monastery, as well as the 80 feet high statue of Lord Buddha in Dhyana Mudra.

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JAINA World Community Services

JAINA HUMANITARIAN WORK GETS MOMENTUM IN INDIA THROUGH WHEELS OF HOPE-MEDICAL PROGRAM!



• R A J K O T :

Dhiraajbhai and I were guests at Medical BUS “ Keys and Title Handing” over ceremony at “LIFE” Building in presence of more than 100 guests. WoH has started supplying medical equipment and supplies through Rajkot Blood Bank. Also we visited Young Star Blood Bank and Rajkot Voluntary Blood Bank and offered them Blood Centrifuge Machines and Refrigerator. Blood Bank has printed beautiful and artistic 4 page brochures with Photos for WoH.

• **VADODARA:** I was invited at Inauguration Ceremony of Diagnostic Center at Premdas Jalaram Hospital. WoH has supplied CT Scan Machine, X-ray Machine and Mammogram Machine to help them to start this center. WoH also visited United Way of Baroda to establish the relationship to help 30 more Non-Government Organizations (NGO's) through them.

• **DISA:** With help of our President Bipinbhai, W.o.H has been instrumental to start a medical camp for 2 days. Dr. Manibhai Mehta and Dr. Dinesh Shah along with USA volunteers provided badly needed medical services.

• **BOMBAY:** I met the board of trustees of Hira-Mongi Navneet Hospital run by Pragati Foundation. This is a brand new hospital with 160 beds located in Mulund having state of art physical and medical facility. They have requested W.o.H.

During month of Dec and January, Ramesh Shah, Director of WoH made a visit to India to analyze and observe firsthand the impact of last two (2) years of shipping medical equipment and supplies to various hospitals and clinics. WoH did visit number of places in Gujarat. Following is the summary:

help in locating expensive medical equipment through donations in USA so they can save crores of rupees in start-up costs.

Lion Tara Bapas Hospital in Sion already started using all our beds and mattresses and asked for more surgical and lab supplies.

• **SHRAMA YATRA-II:** 10 youth from YJA worked at Veerayatan at Bhuj in administrative capacity helping Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji and 3 worked at BIDADA 29th Medical Camp. Also. They did “Vruksha Ropan” (Tree Planting) at Community Center of Vardhamannagar project outside Bhuj.

• **BIDADA, Kutch:** W.o.H. donated eye lenses and more wheel chairs for 29th Medical camp. They are planning to send Mukesh Doshi, their Prosthetist and Orthotist consultant to USA in July to select the equipment for their newly built Rehabilitation Center.

• “ JAINA-World Community Services is expanding by leaps and bounds. Join the Journey of Lord Mahavira's Compassion and Love.” Dhiraajbhai, our founder said. What can JAINA-W.o.H. program can do for you and your commu-

nity in India ? Investigate and explore.

OUR VISION:

• To promote more Medical camps in 2004-05-06; Potential candidates JAINA is working with are: Disa, Upleta, Sagar (MP), Vyara, Idar, Kalavad , Bhavanagar, Ujjain (MP)

• To have a comprehensive Master Schedule so that visiting JAINA Medical Professionals can provide services at multiple camps.

• To continue expanding our outreach to more hospitals for shipping more medical equipment and supplies

Ramesh & Dr. Jaya Shah- Program Directors

PHOTO#1- Meera Barot, 16 year girl in JAINA donated wheel chair, Bidada, Kutch

PHOTO#2- Dr. Pradip Pandya with JAINA donated X-Ray machine at Premdas Jalaram Hospital, Baroda.



JAINA EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jain Pāthshālā Teachers and Educators e-Group: A master database of all people connected with Jain education has been compiled and an e-group member list on Internet has been established for all educators to communicate and exchange ideas. The group has more than 300 members. Rakesh Jain of Columbus OH is a moderator for the group. One can become a member of JAINA_teachers yahoo groups and can easily communicate with other Pāthshālā teachers in areas of Jain Education.

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Jain Dictionary: The task of defining simplified and unified approach of spelling of Jain words may also take some time. So far we have collected about 3000 Jain words into a custom Jain dictionary and grouped them into six groups. I will review these words with scholars in Ahmedabad and finalize the first phase of simplified spellings.

JAINA Education CD: CD containing JAINA Education material and Literature has been published in August 2002. The CD not only has all the Pāthshālā material, but also contains many books, articles, Jivadaya material, hundreds of images of temples and Tirthankars, and many unique presentations. It contains more than 10,000 pages of text and 2,000 images. A must for anyone interested in Jain philosophy.

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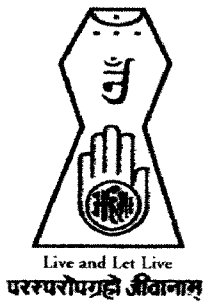
Jain Center of Miami, Florida and International Jain Sangh (IJS) of New Jersey have organized two day (16 hours) workshops from **April 4 to 6 2003** for Pāthshālā teachers, adults and youths. For details about workshop, please contact the following coordinators:

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12th Biennial JAINA convention
July 3-6, 2003, Cincinnati
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Some of the highlights of this year's convention are:

- ❖ Raas/garba by the Munshi group of Ahmedabad
- ❖ Live entertainment by Dipalee Somayia
- ❖ The first ever youth service project, allowing us as Jains to give back to the community
- ❖ Invited speakers from a wide array of backgrounds including the US, Canada, India & UK
- ❖ Jain Networking Forum (JNF) activities are also planned for the entire weekend.
- ❖ A rachna (model) of Shatrunjay Tirth
 - o If you are interested in participating in the opening ceremony of the rachna or aarti please contact a member of the temple committee.
- ❖ Mrs. Pushpa Haria, world renowned Ragoli artist from Kenya, will be creating a breathtaking 13' X 13' rangoli.
- ❖ A one of a kind photographic exhibition by Mahendra Visaria from India
- ❖ Mouthwatering meals 3 times a day including Western meals and vegan food cooked daily by a team of chefs who will be in Cincinnati for this event.
- ❖ The souvenir book will be a great memento with very informative articles pertaining to Jainism

We encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of the registration savings and register now! This will ensure the success of our convention. Please visit our website at www.jainaconvention.org for online registration and up-to-date information about the convention including accommodations, transportation and more details. As you make your travel arrangements, please keep in mind that Delta Airlines is the official airline for Jainism: The Art of Living, JAINA Convention 2003.

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!!

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GENERAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, July 3:

1:00PM to 11:00PM Registration, Youth Icebreakers
6:00PM to 8:30PM Social Dinner
8:00PM to 11:00PM Raas-Garba -Munshi group

Friday, July 4:

6:00AM to 8:00AM Meditation, Yoga, Bhangra Aerobics
Pratikraman, Bhaktamar Stotra & Navkar Mantra Dhyana
7:30AM to 9:30 AM BREAKFAST
8:30AM to 11:30 AM Procession, Opening Ceremony, JAB
11:30AM to 1:30 PM LUNCH
11:45 AM Continuing Medical Education(CME) Kickoff
12:00 Noon Temple Rachna Opening Ceremony
1:30PM to 3:30PM Breakout Sessions, JNF
3:30PM to 4:30PM BREAK
4:30PM to 6:30PM Shalibhadra Drama
4:30PM to 6:30PM Panel/Group Discussions, Workshops
6:00PM to 8:30PM WELCOME RECEPTION DINNER
8:00PM to 11:00PM Live- Dipalee Somaiya, Night Rhythms

Saturday, July 5:

6:00AM to 8:00AM Meditation, Yoga, Bhangra Aerobics,
Pratikraman, Bhaktamar Stotra & Navkar Mantra Dhyana
7:30AM to 9:30 AM BREAKFAST
8:00AM to 12:00PM Youth Service Project
9:00AM to 12:00 PM Key Note speeches
11:30AM to 1:30 PM LUNCH, , CME
12:30PM to 5:00 PM Maha Poojan, Digambar Pooja
1:30PM to 3:30PM Breakout Sessions, JNF
3:30PM to 4:30PM BREAK
4:30PM to 6:30PM Panel/Group Discussions, Workshops,
Associations/Alumni gatherings
5:00PM to 7:30PM Dinner Theater for youth
6:00PM to 8:30PM EXHIBITORS' RECEPTION DINNER
7:00PM to 8:00 PM Kumarpal Raja Aarti
7:00PM to 8:00PM Bhakti Sangeet
8:00PM to 11:00PM Cultural Program- All Jain Centers

Sunday, July 6:

6:00AM to 8:00AM Meditation, Yoga, Bhangra Aerobics,
Pratikraman, Bhaktamar Stotra & Navkar Mantra Dhyana
8:00AM to 1:00 PM BRUNCH
9:00AM to 12:00 PM Closing Ceremony, Key Note
speeches, JAB Final, JNF (MIS) Final Session
10:00AM to 11:30AM Snatra Pooja by Virendrabhai
12:30PM Convention Adjourns

**Program item and or time are subject to change.*

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Munshi Group of Ahmedabad- The group will be performing LIVE Ras&Garba entertainment
- LIVE Entertainment by Dipalee Somaiya- from India providing one of a kind performance
- A rachna (model) of Shatrunjay Tirth. We are honored to have over 30 volunteers from the JAIN Society of Greater Cleveland who will be creating a 20' X 30' X 8' foot Palitana display
- Mrs. Pushpa Haria, world renowned Rangoli artist from Kenya, will be creating a breathtaking 13' X 13' rangoli
- A one of a kind photographic exhibition by Mahendra Visaria from India

YOUTH ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Service Project- For the first time, the Convention will be holding an offsite Service Project. Youth members will be bussed off the convention site to help volunteer in local Cincinnati organizations.
- JNF- Network with other single youth members from around the world. Included in the JNF fee of \$55 is a year long membership to the online database of JNF candidates.
- Night Rhythms- A full display of Cincinnati area's best live bands. Youth members will be able to dance, mingle on a 'street' of different music genres.
- Dinner Theatre- A comedian, numerous one act plays and a formal dinner will be combined into one awesome evening of theatre!
- JAINA Academic Bowl- Challenge your mind in the arena of Jainism: when you go head to head with teams from around the world as they compete during the convention

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July 3-6, 2003, Cincinnati, OH



JAINISM: THE ART OF LIVING - EXHIBITION EXTRAVAGANZA!

Over **4000** people are expected at this year's convention. Jainism: The Art of Living will be one of the largest opportunities you will have to share your products and services to Jains from around the world! The number of exhibitors associated with a specific type of product will be limited. For the first time at a JAINA Convention, there will be an Exhibitors' reception dinner. Exhibitors' will be given the opportunity to share their products and services to all attendees. Additionally, snacks will be served near the exhibition area all throughout the Convention, giving your products and services the highest visibility during the entire convention! Many vendors have already registered themselves for this one of kind opportunity!

Booth layouts for the entire convention is available at www.jainaconvention.org.

Corner booth \$1250 (for businesses only)

Other than corner booths: \$1000

Non-profit organizations: \$550 (Non-Jains)

Non-profit organizations: \$300 (Jains only)

Registration to the convention is must for all exhibitors. All the booths will include the following in the basic price:

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| (1) 10 x 10 ft booth space, | (2) one 8 ft skirted table, |
| (3) two Chairs, and | (4) Organization name. |

Notes:

1. Should you require additional furnishings, carpet, freight handling, power supply, etc., please contact: Geo E. Fern Co. , Attn: James D. Murphy Ph:(513) 621-6111 Fax: (513) 621-4330
2. You can not display any merchandise or conduct business at the booth, which violates the basic principles of non-violence. The selection committee will use its judgment and may reject the application.
3. 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.
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5. Make the check payable to JAINA Convention 2003 and mail with completed form to: Vinod K. Jain, 1045 Hyde Park Dr., Dayton, OH 45429-5851 Ph: (937) 435-9950 Email: Vinod.jain@udayton.edu

Application Form for Renting an Exhibition Booth

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Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Nature of Business: _____

Summary of merchandise to be displayed and sold: _____

Names of authorized persons: 1. _____ 2. _____

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Number of persons registering for the convention: _____

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Hotels:

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CME PROGRAM (Tentative Program)

FRIDAY July 4th

11:50 to 12:00 Registration
 12:30 to 1:10 Spirituality and Medicine Manoj Jain MD
 1:10 to 1:50 Emerging Trends in Management of Respiratory Tract Infection- Usha Jain MD
 1:50 to 2:30 CDC Recom. for Travel to India Jina Shah MD
 2:30 to 2:45 Questions and Adjourn

SATURDAY JULY 5TH

11:50 to 12:00 Registration
 12:00 to 12:30 Lunch
 12:30 to 1:10 My Experiences as a Patient Suren Singhvi
 1:10 to 1:50 Update in Cardiology. Basics for the Physician
 1:50 to 2:30 Reversal of Heart Disease with special relevance to Indian in the US Narendra Saini MD
 2:30 to 2:45 Questions and Adjourn

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Continuing Medical Education is a requirement for all medical professions. We are delighted to offer our registrants to further their knowledge and acquire CME credits during the 2003 Convention.

NAME: _____ DEGREE: _____
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CANCELLATION POLICY: A full refund will be issued less a \$25 service fee till June 1, 2003. Thereafter no refund will be issued.

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O I have enclosed a check payable in US\$ to:
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REGISTRATION FORM:
Register online at www.jainaconvention.org

STEP 1: CONTACT INFORMATION: This information must be completed in order to receive your registration confirmation.

Address: Street/ Apt#		City	State/Province	Postal Zip Code
Home Phone	Fax	Email		Country/Region

STEP 2: PRIMARY AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS: For all members including primary individual, please specify the activity preferred and the Total Fees per person in the far right column. **Date of birth is MANDATORY.**

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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Number of attendees requesting VEGAN food for all four days	Day Care needed	TOTAL
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STEP 3: INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES: Please choose the correct fee amount from the chart below.

	EARLY BIRD JAN 15th	JAN 16 th to APR 15th	APR 16 to JUN 15 th	JUN 16 th to JUL 06 th	TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES FROM STEP 2
CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 5)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	DONATION
YOUTH (AGE 6 UP TO AGE 17)	US \$60.00	US \$80.00	US \$100.00	US \$120.00	TOTAL AMOUNT (US \$)
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Cancellation charges based on TOTAL FEES per person from STEP 2.	\$50.00 or 25% (whichever is higher)			NO REFUND	

Postmark of registration form will determine applicable registration fees

Please make your check (US\$) payable to: JAINA CONVENTION 2003. Mail registration form and check to:

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 PO BOX 778
 MASON, OH 45040-0778

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FROM STEP 3: \$ _____

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*CVV Code is the last three numbers on back of credit card.

STEP 4: SIGNATURE: Primary registrant must sign and date below.

- On site registration begins at 12:30pm on Thursday, July 3rd, 2003. CASH, CHECKS and CREDIT CARDS will be accepted during onsite registration. Most programs will be at the Cincinnati Convention Center.
- Those members planning to attend the JNF activities must complete the attached JNF Registration Form and mail with Convention Registration Form.
- Tickets for Service Project are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. Deadline for registering: April 30th, 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.
- Youth activities include Dinner Theater, Night Rhythms and Service Project.
- Receipt of confirmed registration will be mailed or emailed to you. Registration payment receipt will be mailed by December 2003.
- Registrant must bring confirmation letter and picture ID to registration desk to collect registration material.
- Bounced checks will incur a \$25.00 additional fee. All credit card transactions will be done online by Registration Committee.
- ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS will be given after June 15, 2003 or at the Convention for registration charges.
- ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS will be given for JNF and Youth activities
- JAINA and the Jain Center of Cincinnati-Dayton are not responsible for loss, injury or damage of any kind to registrants and or guests.

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"/>
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Official Use Only:	Post Mark Date:	Amount:	Check No:	Registration ID:	Updated DB:	Checked By:
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JAIN NETWORKING FORUM (JNF)**REGISTRATION FORM:**Register online at www.jainaconvention.org

STEP 1: CANDIDATE INFORMATION: To participate in the JNF activities, you **MUST** have registered for the 2003 JAINA Convention and have a valid email account.

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address		City	State/Province Zip Postal Code
Home Phone	Fax	Email (MANDATORY)	Country/Region

STEP 2: PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Age: (As of July 3, 2003)	Height (Feet, Inches) Optional	Weight (Pounds) Optional
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OCCUPATION:			

STEP 3: PICTURE

Please, paperclip your picture here.

Your picture **must** fit within this box.

STEP 4: PERSONAL STATEMENT

In the section below, please explain what you value the most in a relationship (Friends, Family, and Siblings).

GUIDELINES

- Participants for the JNF activities **must** have registered for JAINA Convention 2003.
- Each candidate **must** attach a wallet size picture with this registration form.
- Once you are entered into the database a password and login will be **emailed** to you. Candidates should answer all questions that appear online when registering. Each candidate will have secure controlled access to the JNF database at www.jainaconvention.org. Candidates can search perspective candidates online.
- We recommend you bring additional pictures and copies of your bio-data to the convention.
- **Deadline for candidate to be included in the facebook and on website is June 15th, 2003**

Contact and Questions:
JNF Committee
jnf@jainaconvention.org

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REGIONAL NEWS....

SOUTHWEST

Jadavji Kenia, Regional Editor

HOUSTON, TX

Jain Society of Houston celebrated its 6th Pratishtha Anniversary of the temple on November 24, 2002. Deep Sthapan and Snatra Pooja were followed by Adhar Abhishek of various Tirthankars, Ganadhars and Dev-Devis. Flag Hoisting was also performed for Bhagwans Mahavir, Rushabhdev and Parshwanath. These traditional Vidhis were followed by a short discourse by Samaniji, Stavans-Bhavna, Aarti, Mangal Deevo and lunch.

During the Thanksgiving weekend, Jain Fellowship (our youth group) hosted the YJA Southwest Regional Conference. For detailed report refer to YJA pages. We had seminars on Rishi Mandal, and on women's health and wellness during the months of December 2002 and January 2003. JSH also participated in all-religion conferences arranged in Houston. More than 80 students from Inter-Religion Faith came to visit our Jain Center.

Jain Center in Houston has Pathshala every Sunday and regular lectures from Samanijis. JSH contact is our current president Shanti Gala at 281-398-7402 or secretary Dilip Kapasi at 281-980-4567 email Dilipmeena@yahoo.com.

DALLAS, TX

Diwali was celebrated on November 03, 2002. Snatra Pooja was followed by children's program. Young children recited Samayik Sutras that they have been learning in the Pathshala. They also performed some small skits depicting Jain principles such as removal of bugs from the house without hurting or killing them. Children ages 9-13 made a slide presentation covering Bhagwan Mahavir's life and his teach-

ings. The older group presented a short skit "How The Chor Stole Diwali" based on "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The skit covered some of the tenets of Jain religion. We also had a discussion by Jain Shravak Hirabhai Ratan Manekji who has been keeping very long fasts by conquering over hunger through the use of solar energy absorption.

Later in November some of our youth attended YJA Southwest Regional Conference hosted by Jain Society of Houston. In December we had Dr. Bhagchandra Jain Bhaskar who spoke on modern historical perspective of Jainism. Samaniji Pratibha Prajnaji and Jagat Prajnaji visited us from Houston, besides discourses they also conducted a mini camp on Women's health, Preksha Meditation and demonstrated some useful Yoga exercises.

JSNT contact is our current president Laxmi Zaveri at 972-608-0400. JSNT web site is DFWJains.org.

PHOENIX, AZ

During the months of November/December 2002, Jain Center of Greater Phoenix (JCGP) celebrated Diwali and Guru Jayanti. For the first time this year, JCGP organized "Mahavir Kalyanak Pooja" during Diwali. Many members participated and really enjoyed performing the Pooja. This event was followed by Guru Jayanti Celebration. JCGP has also been very active spreading awareness of Jainism within other communities via events such as Discover India and Interfaith. Weekly Pathshala continues to be the cornerstone activity in impressing our children with the Jain philosophy.

Details about JCGP's activities can be found at http://members.tripod.com/jain_phoenix. Contact for JCGP is Mehul Rajparia at 602-795-4987, email: jain_phoenix@hotmail.com or mrajpari@sybase.com.

TULSA, OK

The Derashar and the hall construction for Tulsa Jain Sangh is progressing well. About 3/4th of the work has been completed. We are hoping to finish the basic project by the end of February. Our Derashar room is about 960 sq. ft. and the hall about 2450 sq. ft. There are 3 classrooms and a kitchen/dining area for a total facility of 5200 sq. ft.

We are planning to have ShilaRopan in April during Mahavir Jayanti celebration. We are hoping to have the Pratishtha Mahotsav around the last week of July 2003. We will provide more details in the next issue. This auspicious event will be blessed by Gurudev Chitrabhanuji, Pramodaben and Jinchandraji Maharaj. We urge and invite everyone to be a part of our Pratishtha Mahotsav later this year.

We had election for the year 2003. We have two new trustees and almost the same executive committee members for 2003. For more information about The Tulsa Jain Sangh, please contact Kanti Shah at (918) 369-3163 or email kanaru@aol.com.

NORTHEAST

Dinesh Chheda, Regional Editor

WASHINGTON, DC

Following persons were elected to the executive committee for 2003: President: Kanta Dharamsi; Vice President: Dhiraj Shah; Secretary: Niru Shah; Joint Secretary: Harshit M. Shah; Treasurer: Manu J Shah; Joint Treasurer: Ashok R. Shah; and Members-at-large: Sushil Jain, Kamlesh P. Shah and Kamlesh R. Shah. Manoj Dharamsi was elected as the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Nisha Jain as youth coordinator. Manoj Dharamsi and Sushil Jain will be JAINA directors.

Mahavir Jayanti program to be held on Saturday, April 12 will feature a stage pro-

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gram of prayer dances, prayer songs, religious skits and dramas performed by children. Other programs scheduled so far include Pravachan by Sunandaben Vohra and Nautambhai Vakil, Poojan by Narendrabhai Nandu, Das Lakshan Parva celebration, Navsmaran and Ayambil programs.

ESSEX FELS, NJ

Twelve hours of continuous Navkar Mantra JAP were held at our Derasar from the evening on the last day of Vir Samvat 2528 to the morning of New Year Vir Samvat 2529 to celebrate the 72 - hour Akhand Deshana (message) given by Bhagwan Mahavir before his Nirvana.

New Year was celebrated on Tuesday, November 5, 2002 starting with Manglik in the morning followed by Snatra Pooja.

Gyan Pancham, Dev Diwali/Kartaki Poonam, and Maun Ekadashi were celebrated at Derasar. Pathshala students talked about the importance of Gyan Poojan in their lives and how its aaradhana eliminates Gyanavarniya Karma. Monthly Poojas, Samuh Samayiks, and Shibirs are getting good response from the members. Pathshala classes are held at three locations with very good response from members. More than 200 children are coming to Pathshala classes. Regular Swadhyay classes are held on Friday evenings and they are given by our local Jain Scholars.

Special Thanksgiving Pooja tradition continued in the year 2002 with Antaraykarma Nivaran Pooja at Derasar. Many people participated.

A prayer was offered at the Derasar for the 7 Astronauts who lost their lives in crash of Columbia Space shuttle.

Dedicated members keep the Derasar open on every Sunday in the afternoon. If you are in the area and would like to visit or attend a program, please call Viren Shah at 732 - 329 - 3236.

SOUTHEAST

Surendra Shah, Regional Editor

ATLANTA, GA

Jain Society of Atlanta conducted elections in December 2002. The following were elected for the year 2003.

Raju Shah President
Chetan Gala Vice President
Anil Shah Secretary
Manish Shah Treasurer
Ketan Shah Youth Secretary
Madhuben Sheth EC Member
Sameer Shah EC Member

Youth and adult pathshala, Swadhaya and yoga classes are conducted every week. Also SAT and Gujarati classes are held.

The Mahavir Jayanti will be celebrated in April 2003. Pramodaji Chitrabhanu will grace the occasion.

CANADA

Dr. Mahendra Mehta, Regional Editor

TORONTO, ON:

Acharya Sushil Kumarji Peace Award:

The recipient of Inaugural International Acharya Sushil Kumarji Peace Award was Professor Polanyi who won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1986. The reception and awarding ceremony was held at Isabel Bader Theatre in Toronto on January 17, 2003.

Professor Polanyi is a noted activist for peace. In his acceptance speech, he said as long as much of humanity remains poor, voiceless and at the mercy of the rich, peace is unattainable. He added change will come from the clamor of the poor. They must be heard in international forums, made effective

through international agreements and through international law.

He concluded that Jainism with its central tenet of non violence may appear irrelevant to contemporary world politics but could guide the way to peace in many conflicts taking place around the world.

The 1st Northeast Regional Jain Youth Conference took place in Toronto, Canada from Saturday December 21-24, 2002 Sponsored by Jain Society of Toronto (JSOT) and Young Jains of America, this event marked the first of its kind in the northeast. Complete details is available on YJA pages.

Dr. Balabhadraji, Vasant Sheth, Dr. Anne Vallely, Dr. Vastupal Parikh, Paul McKenna, Dr. Renu Lal, Dr. Luiza Ormonde, Kalpa Shah and others imparted their learning and teachings to over 50 participants through the unique, interactive and discussion-based sessions on anekantavada and diversity.

Everyone walked away from the conference with a complimentary copy of the book *Jainism and the New Spirituality* by Dr. Vastupal Parikh and a one-year complimentary subscription to *Jain Spirit* magazine in addition to t-shirts, flags, pathshala CD's, pins, souvenir CD, friendships and memories for a lifetime.

VANCOUVER, BC

Paryushan Parva and Das Lakshan was Celebrated on September 15, 2002 at Mahendra and Usha Mehta's house. We started with Puja, Stavan and Aarti. Everybody said "Michhami Dukhdam" to each other. Nearly 60 people attended.

Shri Manakmuniji Maharaj was in Vancouver from October 12 to 15 at Nemi and Kavita Banthia's house. We all had Dharmalabh, Discourse, Pravachan and Blessings from him.

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Mahavirswami Nirvan Day was Celebrated on November 24, 2002 at Dr. Jagdish and Shanti Arya's house. Nearly 53 people attended.

WEST

Chandrakant Parekh, Regional Editor

LOS ANGELES, CA

Jain Center of Southern California (JCSC) has elected Amrit Bhandari, Narendra Jain, Dr. Ramesh Kothari, Dr. Jasvant Modi, Dinesh Shah, Prafulla Shah, and Sachin Shah to the Board of Directors

Construction of the new Jain Bhavan began in October 2002. Ashokbhai Sanghvi from Chicago led a Shila Sthapan ceremony and puja on Sunday, November 24. Five main shilas for East, West, North, South and Center locations and an additional 1008 marble shilas with the names of the donors will be installed in the foundation that will support the structure where Lord Mahavir's message can be learned and delivered to the world. JCSC is extending an opportunity to all Jains in America and abroad to participate in the completion of this monumental project through generous contributions. Project details, building plans, and progress photos are available at the www.jaincenterexpansion.com website.

JCYC winter camp was held December 27-30 at Pilgrim Pines, Yucaipa in San Bernardino Mountains. Participants included 113 students and 15 adult volunteers. The theme of the camp was Shravak Dharma. In addition to attending the classes, the camp attendees had lots of fun playing in the snow, roasting corn at campfire, and participating in group activities including a talent show.

Information about forthcoming programs and regular activities are posted on JCSC's website at www.jaincenter.net. For

additional information, please contact Dr. Nitin Shah, JCSC President, at 714/506-6699 or nitin.shah@med.va.gov

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Jain Center of Northern California (JCNC) has elected a new Executive Committee for a two-year term commencing January 2003. Bipin Shah is the President and he is supported by a team of eight VPs and eight Co-VPs. The new members of the Board of Directors are Jay Itchhaporia, Amrith Sethi, Pramod Patel, Tushar Vora, Harendra Shah, and Ashok Domadia.

The committee wants to create an environment that facilitates the Jain community to think, act and behave as Jains first and place secondary emphasis on various traditions and faiths. While nurturing unity and diversity, JCNC wants to enhance the tradition of uniqueness and creativity that has been a hallmark of the Silicon Valley Jain Community for the past thirty years. A tradition of sound and growth oriented financial management will continue which in the past has enabled to construct a 24,000 square feet Jain Bhawan in Milpitas at a cost of over \$6 million. The facility was inaugurated in August 2000 and is virtually debt-free.

Two Samnijis from the Acharaya Mahapragya's Ashram at Ladnu, Rajasthan will be at JCNC for a period of three months beginning March 2003 and will lead a program of lectures, *Swadhyays*, *Shibirs* and *Preksha Dhyana* sessions. They will also participate in enhancing the Jain Shala classes held every Sunday along with Gujarati and Hindi classes that are attended by about 300 students. Shri Parswanath Janma and Diksha Kalyanak were celebrated Dec 28-30 with *Puja* and *Bhavna* programs.

Information about forthcoming programs and regular activities are posted on

JCNC's website at www.jcnc.org. For additional information, please contact info@jcnc.org.

SACRAMENTO, CA

Jain Center of Greater Sacramento (JCGS) executive body includes Mohini Jain, President; Sunil Jain, Secretary; Raman Jain, Treasurer; and Manoj Desai, Value Administrator. JCGS organizes a monthly Swadhyay and a number of other activities, religious celebrations, and lectures by visiting dignitaries. Plans are underway to organize Jain Pathshala for the children and youths. Annual retreat is scheduled for August. For additional information, please contact Mohini Jain, JCGS President, at 530/756-4655 OR mohini_jain@msn.com.

SAN DIEGO, CA

Regular activities organized by Jain Society of San Diego (JSSD) include - a monthly Jainshala for children, adult classes, swadhyay by Girishbhai Shah, and a weekly pooja every Saturday at Shri Mandir. For additional information, please contact Kokilaben Doshi at 858/679-7645 or e-mail: kdoshi@sandiego.edu.

SEATTLE, WA

Jain Society of Seattle (JSS) will install two Jain deities, Shri Adinathji and Shri Mahavirswamiji, in the Hindu Temple at Bothwell. The Hindu Temple was inaugurated on November 9, 2002. Prakash Jain conducts the Jain Pathshala and the class schedule for February and March has been confirmed. For additional information about JSS and programs in Seattle area, please contact Devkumar Gandhi, JSS President, at 425/235-4848 or log on to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jainsocietyseattle/>.

THE ART OF FORBEARANCE: The Atmavidya

Dr. C. Devakumar, New Delhi, India

There are any number of people who are constantly seeking solutions to the myriads of problems confronting them day in and day out. They seek astrologers, seers and wisemen for the elusive solutions. They are ready to do every trick in the book; wear this gem or that, perform yagna or some mantra or tantra. Invariably, I have come across, people squarely blaming the surroundings for all the ills afflicting them. There is none in the mundane world who is not bitten by the bug of suffering. This prompted me to search solutions for this puzzle in Jainism.

Suffering is a part of the organic world. There are descriptions and prescriptions to this malady in religious texts as well as under medical context. It is better to get to the root cause of suffering sooner than latter. Any amount of cosmetic dressing cannot heal the deep-rooted wound without this course. A combined reading of Law of conservation of mass and energy (Energy and therefore mass can not be created nor destroyed but only be changed) and the Newton's third law of motion (For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction) clearly reveals that the cosmos is not a chaotic place but is the sum total of all actions and reactions. No act takes place without any reason or rhyme.

The same idea is clearly propounded in the Karma theory of Jainism. An individual functions under three types of experiences viz., intellectual, emotional and desire to do something or the other. These are respectively stated in Sanskrit as gyana chetana, karma phala chetana and karma chetana. The first one is said to be the intrinsic nature of Self and to pursue this, you really need no external assistance whatsoever. But, what we invariably are involved with, are with the other two. The last two necessarily are intimately linked with the physical and physico-biological world and thus you become dependent. Karma chetana propels you to do more and more worldly activities and you are paid in terms of Karma credits. While experiencing the physical act, you too concurrently experience the effects of past karma phal which is the emotional content of you. You feel up and down every moment. You keep keeping changing your mental and physical postures as effectively as TV channels, remote-controlled. You like to disown your authorship to be the causes of pain and suffering and would like to pass them on to others. This is almost a natural tendency. There lies the trap of karma. Each one has been so conditioned by the perennial pouring of karma, we think it to be inevitable and even give it a status of godly act and providence. It is said that you are ever trapped in the mire of karma tyranny if you succumb

with the attitude of either passiveness or selective authorship (i.e., if its effect is good to me, it is because of me and if not, it is not by me!). By doing so, you accumulate fresh harvest of karma which will give their effect in their due course but they certainly shall, otherwise, Newton's third Law would fail. What you sow, that you reap! You are thus caught in the vicious cycles.

What is the way out? The way lies in de-linking your involvement on the two-karma chetana. Instead, you focus on your pure intelligence. Ignore the good and bad effects of karma just like a mute observer. Do not despair when the pain strikes you but forbear. More so, do not go overboard when a bout of pleasure encompasses you. Either way, you will be trapped. Keep your cool and calmly watch their disappearance because they are always short-lived. In other words, no moment of pain or pleasure is permanent and these moments are always oscillating like a pendulum with disharmonic motion. Secondly, do not overindulge in worldly activities. This way, you can put a ceiling and censure on the influence of karma. The more you do, better is the result. By this patient watch and ever willingness to face the trials and tribulations, you are exhausting your past reserves and records of karma, accumulated due to ignorance, emotions or desire but at the same time you are blocking the fresh influx. The key words are: be proactive rather than reactive or passive. As this process goes on, a day will come when you will become absolutely free from all pains and pleasures which are ephemeral, wavy and dependent. In stead, you attain your own intrinsic attributes of super intelligence wedded with eternal bliss. While adapting this path, you would require boosts of strength, which you can derive in plenty by sincerely contemplating on the persons, their acts and achievements of past conquerors of this path so that you overcome the apples of temptations and trepidations. This path is called the art of forbearance. Are you ready for it?

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INTRODUCTION TO TATTVĀRTHA SUTRA

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Samyagdarshanjnāncharitrāni Mokshamārgah.

Right perception, knowledge,
and practice constitute the path of liberation.

Among all the Jain religious books, Tattvārtha Sutra occupies an outstanding place. It is possible that many Jains might not have heard the names of our sacred Āgams. Āchārang Sutra, for instance, is the first and the foremost Āgam, but very few Jains know what it is or what it is about. Most of them are, however, likely to have heard the name of Tattvārtha Sutra. There are several reasons for that. The most important is that it is the only composition that is acceptable to all the Jains. Shwetāmbar Jains regard it with the sense of sanctity and reverence, while Digambar Jains call it a sacred Āgam, which is popularly known as Mokshashāstra, meaning the scripture of liberation. Not only the text of Tattvārtha, even its commentary written by Pujyapādsavāmi under the title Sarvārthasiddhi is treated as an Āgam in the Digambar tradition.

Another reason for its importance lies in the fact that Tattvārtha Sutra deals with almost every aspect of Jainism. Nothing is virtually left out. As such, one can obtain complete background of Jainism by studying only that Sutra and he can keep aside all other works, if he likes. If one wants to study Jainism in depth, there are many commentaries of Tattvārtha prepared by the great Āchāryas and other learned men belonging to both the major denominations. Some of those commentaries have discussed every Sutra of Tattvārtha at considerable length so as to bring out all the relevant aspects. If one therefore goes through them, he would not miss anything worthwhile pertaining to Jainism.

Being acceptable to all the sects, Tattvārtha Sutra finds a place on the academic curricula. Hardly any other Jain scripture finds a place on the curriculum for the lay students. Aside from the overall popularity, its selection for the academic curricula may be due to its having been composed in handy phrases and short sentences, which can be understood relatively easily. This is in contrast to many other scriptures, which are composed in intricate verses or are presented in long-drawn prose. Moreover, it is a short composition containing 344 (357 as per Digambar version) Sutras, that can be covered within 25 pages. It is therefore possible to memorize the entire text and many students going to Pathshala actually commit it to memory.

One more factor in favor of Tattvārtha Sutra is that while most of the Jain scriptures happen to be in Ardhamagadhi or other Prakrit language, Tattvārtha Sutra is written in Sanskrit. Since most

of the Indian languages are derived from Sanskrit, the people speaking those languages are therefore familiar with the Sanskrit terms. As such it is easier for them to comprehend the Sanskrit texts than the Prakrit ones.

Two slightly differing names occur for the authorship of Tattvarta Sutra. Shwetāmbar Jains term it as Umāswāti, while Digambar Jains mostly term it as Umāswāmi. Shwetāmbar consider him as belonging to their tradition mainly on the ground of Tattvārthabhāshya, which is believed to be a commentary of Tattvārtha written by the original author. At the end of that commentary occurs the information pertaining to the author. That gives his identity as Vāchak Umāswāti, the pupil of learned Ghoshanandi and belonging to Uchchairnāgar branch. It also states that the book was written at Kusumpur (which is the same as ancient Patliputra and present Patna). Since the Uchchairnāgar branch was undoubtedly a part of Shwetāmbar sect, it can be safely concluded that the author belonged to the Shwetāmbar sect.

Digambar Jains, however, refute the claim of Tattvārthabhāshya as written by the original author and insist on his belonging to their tradition. Their contention is that Tattvārtha Sutra was written by Umāswāmi long before the Bhāshya, which could have been written by a Shwetāmbar monk, whose name was perhaps Umaswati. As such, they tend to ignore the Bhāshya and rely upon Sarvārthasiddhi and other commentaries written by the Digambar scholars.

His title of Vāchak is considered by Shwetāmbar as indicative of being a Purvavit, meaning that he knew all the original scriptures. In Digambar tradition he is known as Shrutkewalideshiya, which means that he knew as much as Shrutkewalis, who are the masters of the entire scriptural knowledge. Both these epithets are appropriate in his case. This is evident from the fact that he has included in this work every thing that Jain scriptures had to convey. His handling of the subject is superb and the presentation of Sutras occurs in the way, as if they might be spontaneously coming out of his heart. Being a Brahmin by origin, he obviously had command over the Sanskrit language, which he had selected as his medium. It would be interesting to note that Tattvārtha Sutra is the first Jain book composed in that language.

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Both Shwetāmbaras as well as Digambaras credit him with the authorship of a number of other books. That shows his creditability as a very highly learned man. Most of the books ascribed to him are, however, not currently available. As such, it is hard to say anything specifically about the authorship thereof. But Prashamrati Prakaran, which is popular now, must have been written by him.

No date of composing Tattvārtha Sutra has been mentioned in the original text or in the commentaries. It is therefore difficult to state anything about the lifetime of the author. From the language, style and presentation of the composition, however, it can be guessed that he lived sometimes during the first or second century. That would put him close to the time of Kundkundāchārya. Moreover, there is evident similarity of the contents of Tattvārtha Sutra with those of Panchāstikāy and such other writings of Kunkundāchārya. That can lead one to believe that Tattvārtha Sutra could have been written with the purpose of presenting in Sanskrit the essence of the Prakrit writings of Kundkundacharya. In view of that resemblance and the closeness of their time, Digambar scholars might have been induced to treat the author of Tattavārtha as a pupil of Kudkunāchārya.

There is a strong reason to believe that the division between Shwetāmbar and Digambar sects was not rigid until the time, when Tattvārtha Sutra was written. Those labels also did not exist at that time. If we trace the history of Jainism, it can be said that there were the clad as well as unclad monks within the order of Lord Mahavir and all of them amicably stayed together. Neither of them had any edge over the other. As such, the Āgams that were composed on the basis of Lord's teaching, acknowledge the prevalence of the clad as well as the unclad order.

That amicability could have continued until the time of Jambuswāmi, who was the last omniscient of the present time cycle. The discontent could have started thereafter. As Lord Mahavir himself had mostly remained unclad after his renunciation, the unclad group began to contend that they were the true followers of the Lord. They considered the clad ones as slack in observance of the spiritual code and did not look with regard at the scriptural precepts pertaining to the clad order. That sowed the seed of difference about the authenticity of the scriptural texts.

The division between the two groups seems to have begun in or after the second century, when the unclad group formally disowned the traditional scriptures on the ground that they no longer represented the original teaching of the Lord. Thereupon they started composing their own separate books that justified only the unclad order. The difference became very acute by the time of Sarvārthasiddhi, which rigorously lays down the unclad order as the only way that can lead to liberation. With that end in view, the author seems to have altered some of the Sutras that were not in

conformity with the Digambar views, added a few on his own and gave new interpretations to several others. This accounts for the earlier mentioned difference in the number of Sutras and somewhat differing versions of the text. In due course, the text adopted by Bhāshya came to be known as Shwetāmbar text and that adopted by Sarvārthasiddhi came to be known as Digambar one. It needs, however, to be mentioned that while the text adopted by Sarvārthasiddhi is consistently accepted by the succeeding Digambar scholars, there happen to be minor variations in the text resorted by the Shwetāmbar scholars.

The main differences between the Shwetāmbar and the Digambar texts occur in four places. The first occurs in chapter third, where Sarvārthasiddhi gives 21 additional Sutras after 11th Sutra. That, however, does not alter the overall texture of the composition, because the additional Sutras relate to the colors and other details of the mountains, lakes, rivers, residents and such other geographical aspects of Jambudweep, which is at the center of middle level of Jain universe. The second occurs in chapter fourth, where Shwetāmbar version describes 12 heavenly abodes, while Digambar version describes 16. The third occurs in chapter fifth, where Shwetāmbar version mentions about time (Kāl) being considered by some people as a separate substance, while Digambar version states it as an indisputable substance. The fourth occurs in chapter eighth, where Shwetāmbar version mentions favorable situations, correctly oriented perception, pleasure and affection as resulting from the wholesome bondage, whereas they are not at all referred to in Digambar version.

At two other places, while the texts remain identical, differences occur in interpreting the same. One pertains to the possibilities of binding of Pudgals described in chapter fifth. The other occurs in chapter ninth while discussing the hardships (Parishah) to be borne by the omniscient Lords. The text lays down 11 such hardships. Digambar interpretation, however, emphasizes that though such physical hardships may occur, the omniscient Lords stay beyond the bodily sense and hence they do not experience the same. Laying down of the hardships should therefore be deemed as formal rather than the real.

It would be seen from the above details that there are no major differences between the two texts and the purpose of the composition remains intact. There also happen to be some verbal variations in the text occurring here and there, but they do not make substantial difference in the meaning and can therefore be ignored. Thus, the differences are few and far between and the overall text remains common.

Every spiritual composition starts on the basis that the worldly life is full of misery and unhappiness and the way to get free from that is to gain liberation. In fact, the term liberation literally means

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to be free. As such, liberation is the objective of all the spiritual compositions, whether they belong to Hinduism, Buddhism or Jainism. Tattvārtha Sutra is not the exception. It starts with Samyagdarshanjñāncharitrāni Mokshamārgah, as quoted at the top of this article. Then, it goes ahead for explaining the various aspects concerned with that path.

For making out the path of liberation, one needs to know the existing position and then consider what needs to be done for going ahead. The former aspect is termed as Gneya Mimāṃsā, meaning the discussion about what is to be known. The latter aspect is known as Chāritra Mimāṃsā meaning the discussion about the conduct or behavior. All the religious books are supposed to deal with these two aspects. Some of them, however emphasize one of them and keep the other subsidiary. Tattvārtha Sutra gives equal importance to both these aspects.

The book is divided into ten chapters, which are termed as Adhyay. The first chapter has 35 Sutras that deal with the knowledge. The second chapter has 52 Sutras that deal with the worldly beings. The third chapter deals with the infernal and the middle world, while the fourth with the heavenly abodes. The fifth chapter deals with six substances or Shaddravaya as they are called. These five chapters constitute the Gneya Mimāṃsā.

The next four chapters deal with practice and can be considered as belonging to Chāritra Mimāṃsā. The sixth chapter deals with Āsraṇ or incoming of Karma. The seventh chapter deals with restraints and the potentialities for transgression. The eighth chapter deals with the bondage of Karma and describes the types of bondage, its intensity, duration etc. The ninth chapter deals with Samvar and Nirjara, which indicate how the bondage can be overcome. The last one deals with the ultimate aspect of liberation. Surprisingly that chapter contains only seven Sutras, which can hardly cover half a page.

While concluding, it would be worth pointing out what Pundit Sukhlalji has said for undertaking the study of this book. He is of the opinion that merely studying the text would not give the comprehensive idea of the subject. Tattvārthabhāṣhya as well as Sarvārthasiddhi need to be studied. If one exclusively resorts to any one of them, he would be deprived of the true significance of the composition. He has therefore suggested that after studying the original text, one should undertake the study either of Tattvārthabhāṣhya or of Sarvārthasiddhi and that should be followed by a comparative study of the other. Thereafter, if one wants to go deeper, he can undertake the study of Rājvārtik and Shlokvārtik the two highly learned commentaries of Tattvārtha Sutra.

AFFILIATES NEWS:

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In the early morning of the last day of our yatra, February 2nd, we loaded the bus with our suitcases at Rajgiri in heavy rains and headed for Patna. Weather and road condition made us late by two hours. Mr. Pradip Jain, who has designed several Jain Stamps and First Day Covers for India's Postal Department, had made elaborate arrangements to show us the collection of Jain artifacts at Patna Museum, a Jain temple and Mahavir Cancer Hospital. We had a quick lunch and a short but a very rewarding museum trip. Pradipji gave to each yatri a souvenir of a plaque of nine Jain Stamps; and a special Postal Cover showing Lords Buddha and Mahavir together, one of his creations that were released recently by the Post Master General of Bihar.

The Yatra was very successful not only because we saw numerous sacred sites associated with Jain Tirthankars, Hinduism as well as Buddhism. The leadership of Dilip Shah and his ever ready alternate plans, elaborate arrangements and attention to details by the Patani Tours and Travels, the sincerity of the two Bus Coordinators Harish Varia of Toronto and Niranjana Shah from Detroit, fair allocation of the Yatra Donation Fund by Jit Turakhia, the melodious voice of singers like Amishi Shah, Asha Jain, Sarla Shah among others and the elaborate arrangements by the Jain Samajs of several cities; each contributed to the success.

JAINA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JAINA Financial Statement as of Feb 28\03

(1) JAINA General Funds	\$23,355.76
(2) Subcommittees Balances	
Publication Committee	\$6,914.08
Jiv Daya Committee	96.99
World Community Service	\$13,248.17
Temple Guidelines Committee	\$1,358.97
YJA	\$16,362.14
Virchand R. Gandhi Committee	\$10,068.40
Mahavir Memorial Committee	\$83.41
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Tirthoddhar Committee	\$15,970.84
Pilgrimage Committee	\$1,210.00
Calendar & Mini-Library Committee	\$13,320.41
Book Store Committee	\$2,602.12
JNF Committee	\$934.80
World Jain Confederation(WJC) Account	\$2,692.72
Public Affairs Committee	\$970.00
Education Committee	\$15,653.19
YJP	\$8,803.62
JAINA Convention Fund	\$7,171.94

COMMITTEES TOTAL \$122,781.28

(3) JAIN Digest Endowment Fund	\$89,647.93
(4) YJA Convention 2002 Fund	\$140,286.07
(5) JAINA Charitable Trust balance	\$133,132.00
(6) WCS Gujarat Earthquake Balance	\$837,450.38

GRAND TOTAL \$831,346

Submitted By
Girish Shah, Treasurer

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F928: Gujarati parents invite alliance for beautiful, fair, slim, vegetarian dtr, born June 74, 5'4", 120 lb, B.Com./Fin. & Managerial accountings, well employed, from cultured, educated, Gujarati Jain boys. Call: 386/788-6502. Email: csheth74@hotmail.com

F952: Gujarati parents invite proposals with photo / biodata for pretty, charming, slim, vegetarian, accomplished, US born daughter, Nov 72, 5'4", MD, MPH, doing residency, from cultured, vegetarian, non smoker professional / MD boys. Call: 617/739-1319. Email: sjdoshi72@yahoo.com

F977: Gujarati parents invite proposals with bio-data / photo for pretty, slim, US born dtr, May 75, 5'3", 100 lb, B Pharm., well employed, from educated, professional, financially secured US raised boys. Email: manibpharm@aol.com

F773: Alliance invited by Jain parents (Int. 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: sanghvineva@yahoo.com

F978: Alliance invited for pretty, caring, talented, vegetarian girl, born Dec 75, 5'2", BS (Biology), MS (May 2003), divorcee (issueless), from cultured, educated, suitable match. Call: 636/273-6956. Email: snehs01@hotmail.com

F979: Alliance invited for pretty, family loving, vegetarian female, born Aug 45, 5'3", BA, house-wife, divorcee, from amiable, good natured, cultured, suitable match. Call: 585/872-9386. Email: arunamaniar@yahoo.com

F982: Jain parents invite proposals for beautiful, slim, vegetarian, US born daughter, July 79, 5'0", 82 lb, BS (Elec. / Comp Engg), well employed with System / Network Admn. from cultured, educated, vegetarian boys. Call: 732/583-5356. Email: vkjnj@yahoo.com

F983: Gujarati parents invite responses for attractive, slim, accomplished, vegetarian, US born daughter, Nov 75, 5'5", MD, 2nd year resident: pediatrics, from well educated professionals. Contact: PO Box: 016369, Miami, FL 33132. or Email: 82545@bellsouth.net

F986: Jain parents invite proposals for beautiful, fair, caring, vegetarian US born daughter with modern outlook & strong Indian values, Sept 79, 5'5", B Physical Therapy, well employed, from cultured, educated, vegetarian boys. Call: 860/219-0517. Email: aksoni50@hotmail.com

F987: Alliance invited by Jain parents for beautiful, slim, talented, vegetarian, US

born daughter, Oct 74, 5'5", 110 lb, BS (Economics & Biology), well positioned with reputed co., from cultured, well educated, handsome, non-smoking, US raised boys. Call: 931/528-6924. Email: vbp@charter.net

AF251: Alliance invited by Jain parents for beautiful, slim, attractive, successful, virtuous, US born dtr, March 76, 5'6", BS (Chem.Engg), pursuing MS, very well positioned with multinational co., from cultured, well educated, professional boys. ph: 810/750-0999 email: deelipkumar@aol.com

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

AF383: Pretty, caring, intelligent MD. US born 1970, never married, 5'5", 115, vegetarian. Responses invited from never married vegetarian Jain professionals in North America. Contact parents: 973/956-7275. Email: music-lovinggirl2003@yahoo.com

AF384: Gujarati parents invite proposals with biodata / photo for pretty, affectionate, vegetarian, US born dtr, Oct 77, 5'4", currently pursuing PharmD, from well educated professional US born boys. 312/802-0067. Email: benu444@yahoo.com

AF386: Brother in Canada invite responses from cultured, educated boys, for beautiful, slim, talented, vegetarian sister, born Oct 77, 5'4", 110 lb, BSc, pursuing MCA (Master in comp application), applied for Canadian Immigration, working as programmer in India and willing to settle in US / Canada. Call: 416/431-2387. Email: h_shah_2001@yahoo.com

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F655: Jain parents invite proposals for pretty, charming, slim, accomplished, vegetarian US born daughter, Jan 73, 5'2", 110 lb, BA (Harvard Uni), Generalist of repute, from cultured, well educated professional boys. Call: 916/488-2601.

F951: Jain parents invite proposals for attractive, intelligent, outgoing, US citizen daughter, born Jan 76, 5'1", well employed as Regd. Nurse, from well educated, professional, cultured boys. Email: dshah4567@msn.com

MALE

M489: Gujarati parents invite responses for very handsome, fair, accomplished, vegetarian, US born son, March 71, 5'9", 155 lb, MS Comp. Eng. (Cornell Uni) successful computer consultant, from pretty, cultured, educated Jain girls. Call: 410/771-0251. Email: ketan_mehta @ yahoo.com

M720: Gujarati parents invite proposals from cultured, educated girls for handsome, fair, intelligent, vegetarian son, born July 76, 5'11", BS (Comp Sc), well employed with software co., Call: 804/272-0323. Email: kamani@comcast.net

M772: Jain parents (Intl. Business family) invite alliance for swiss born / citizen, handsome, vegetarian, non-smoker, non-drinker, talented son, March 74, 5'10", CFA, MBA, well positioned with Citibank corp. Fin., from educated, cultured girls. Call: 0041 / 22 - 8850355. Email: sanghvigeneva@yahoo.com

M975: Gujarati parents invite responses for handsome, talented, vegetarian, US born son, Aug 72, 5'8", 160, MBA, well employed with reputed co., from cultured, educated girls. Call: 734/434-9286 or 773/348-6872. Email: pparek@yahoo.com

M976: Alliance invited for handsome, successful, intelligent, vegetarian boy, born Oct 75, 5'10", 159 lb, BS (Chem. Engg), MS (Comp Sc), from cultured, educated, vegetarian girls. Call: 510/623-9696. Email: rajeshkotadia@hotmail.com

M980: Proposals invited for handsome, talented, successful, vegetarian Gujarati boy, born Nov 73, 5'9", 150 lb, CA, well positioned as Sr. Accountant, from cultured, educated, vegetarian girls. Call: 646/641-2727. Email: jagruts@hotmail.com

M981: Gujarati family invite alliance for, good looking, fair, athletic, highly successful son, Feb 73, 5'8", MS (Econ) from London School, well positioned as VP with famous investment Bank, from beautiful, cultured, slim, professional girls. Call: 732-469-5325. Email: viveknshah@hotmail .com

M984: Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome, vegetarian, US born son, May 72, 5'10", MD, doing fellowship in Oncology & Hematology, from pretty, cultured, vegetarian, educated girls. Email: jajorag@yahoo.com

M985: Alliance invited for good looking, amiable, vegetarian Gujarati male, born Aug 62, 5'5", 135 lb, BS (pharmacy), well employed as Regd. Pharmacist, divorcee with two kids, from suitable, caring, compassionate match. Call: 713/780-7910. Email: hemantsheth62@yahoo.com

M988: Alliance invited for handsome, talented, vegetarian, Gujarati boy, born May 75, 6'0", CA (charted accountant), well employed, divorcee (Very brief marriage), from, cultured, caring, educated girls. Call: 516/746-6266. Email: kotharisiddharth@yahoo.com

AM358: Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome, brilliant, vegetarian, US born son, April 75, 5'6", 150 lb, MD, 3rd year resident: internal medicine. Starting cardiology fellowship this summer (Brown Uni), interested in music, Indian culture, from caring, well-educated Jain girls. Call: 410/771-0251. Email: sbm_1975@ yahoo.com

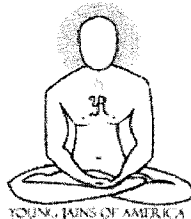
AM364: Jain parents invite proposals with photo / biodata for handsome, fair, intelligent, successful son, June 72. 5'5", 140 lb, BS (Marketing/Economics), well employed as legal liaison with reputed US comp. Corp., from educated, fair, pretty, cultured, Gujarati / Jain girls. Email: paras627@hotmail.com

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

AM385: Gujarati parents invite proposals with biodata / photo for handsome, intelligent, vegetarian US citizen son, born Sept 77, 5'9", 140 lbs, MD student at top Ivy League Uni. starting residency July 03, from cultural educated, beautiful Slim Girls. Call: 732/326-9108. Email: jaindigest03@yahoo.com

M898: Gujarati parents seek alliance for handsome, talented, vegetarian, US raised son, born Aug 74, 5'8", 150 lb, MS (EE), well employed, from cultured, professional, preferably Pharmacist / R. Nurse girls. Call: 414/476-3137. Email: saumil@execpc.com

M989: Alliance invited for handsome, talented, vegetarian, Gujarati boy, born Jan 76, 5'8", 150 lb, BS (Pharmacy), Regd. Pharmacist, from cultured, educated girls. Email: apurvad@hotmail.com Phone: 248/506-3640.



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Jai Jinendra,

Young Jains of America (YJA) has had a tremendous six months! With the support of wonderful parents, hard-working volunteers, and dedicated board members, YJA continues to grow. In the past six months, YJA has hosted 6 Regional Conferences, sent 10 youth to India to assist in community service, and added more resources to its website. In the next six months, YJA will continue to expand grassroots organizations, select the Host City for YJA Convention 2004, and team up with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for those less fortunate.

With over three hundred youth from all over North America participating, "Regional Fest" was a huge success! YJA kicked off "Regional Fest," six regional conferences in six months, this past Thanksgiving in Houston. The regional conferences continued onto Los Angeles and Toronto during Christmas Break and Chicago and Atlanta during Martin Luther King Holiday. "Regional Fest" finally concluded in Easton, PA this past March 7th. "The conference really helped youth get to know each other and learn Jainism on a more intimate level," exclaimed Chintan Shah, former Co-Chairperson of YJA and attendee of the Midwest Conference.

On December 25th, ten youth embarked on a spiritually fulfilling journey with YJA in Bhuj (Kutch), India. These youth spent two weeks with Veerayatan, an international community service organization founded by Acharya Shri Chandanaji, to help those impoverished. Some of the projects included creating video documentaries, building architectural layouts for educational institutions, and teaching the youth. These youth made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate from our homeland while also learning about the importance of community service.

The road to YJA Convention 2004 begins now! YJA is now accepting bid packets from potential host cities for the next convention. A YJA Youth Convention requires a year of solid work, a core group of volunteers, and a supportive community, but the culmination of the hard-work and the amount of knowledge spread is immeasurable. If you are interested in becoming a host city, please email chairs@yja.org. The deadline for bid packet submission is May 18th.

YJA has several ways for youth to get involved. Currently, YJA is accepting applications for Young Jains of America Advisory Convention Committee (YJAACC), an executive of 5 board members that will supervise, assist, and provide creativity to the Host City Convention Committee for YJA Convention 2004. For more information and an application, please visit www.yja.org/yjaacc/index.html. Also, YJA begins its election process for the 2003-2004 Executive Board this coming May. Please visit www.yja.org/elections to see what position suits you! And please email board@yja.org if you would to see how you can volunteer.

Thank you,
Suchita Shah & Ronak Shah
Co-Chairs, 2002-2003
Young Jains of America
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Young Jains of America (YJA) is the umbrella youth organization of the Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA). The mission of YJA is to be recognized nationally and internationally as an umbrella youth organization for establishing a network to share Jain heritage and religion through youth.

REGIONAL FEST 2002/2003!!

YJA brought 6 Regional Conferences to all 6 Regions!

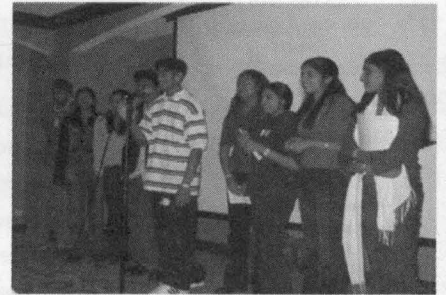


South Regional Conference

The South Regional Conference, *Jain Philosophy vs. the Theories of Science* was held in Houston, TX Friday, November 29 - Sunday December 2, 2002. About 30 youth from Dallas and Houston gathered at the Jain Center of Houston on Friday evening, starting the weekend off with icebreakers and games. On Saturday, they woke up early in order to begin the day with yoga. Following this, the Houston youth group presented on Navakaar Mantra. Their guest speakers, the Samanjis, next gave a lecture on the "Life of a Shravak." The Dallas group then performed a skit "How the Chor Stole Diwali" followed by a discussion on whether or how Jainism is affected by the changing times. The youth enjoyed a night of bowling and hanging out with their new friends. Sunday morning, the attendees mediated together, and then said their final goodbyes after an awesome weekend.

West Regional Conference

DESTINATION: **MOKSHA**, the West Regional Conference, was held in Anaheim California from December 20-22, 2002. Almost 70 youth from LA, San Francisco, San Diego, and even as far as Phoenix attended the conference. On Friday night, the attendees played trust games, so the attendees got to know one another. The attendees spent the next day engaging in interactive discussions and participating in sessions led by local youth groups of LA and San Diego. The purpose of these sessions were to show the attendees how they could implement Jainism into their daily lives. Saturday night, the youth danced the night away at a semi formal dance. Finally, Sunday morning, the youth attended a panel discussion led by older Jain youth, and a session led by a local pathshala teacher about Frequently asked Jain Questions. The attendees left on Sunday evening with almost 70 new friends, and more importantly a new understanding of Jainism.

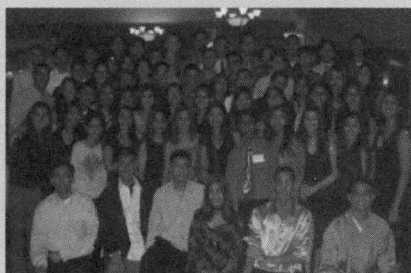
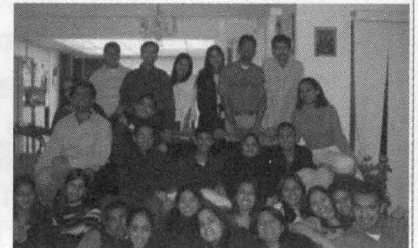


Northeast Regional Conference

On December 21, 2002, 50 youth gathered in Toronto, ONT, for the first ever regional gathering of the Northeast Region. The theme for the weekend was *Diversity the Jain Way*, selected in order to give attendees an understanding of Jainism. One of the main focuses for the weekend was the concept of *Anekantvaad*. The youth came out better understanding how to be tolerant and compassionate. Sessions were conducted by Balbhadraji, Dr. Anne Valley, Dr. Vastupal Parikh, and many others. Friday night was the Indian Mela Night, where attendees learned about the many cultural aspects of India. Also, the youth did traditional raas-garba and also danced the night away at the semi formal. A special visit to the Royal Ontario Museum was also coordinated, in order to see the Jain Art exhibit. The weekend was memorable for all that attended. The youth left, not only with souvenirs, but with knowledge of Jainism that will remember forever.

Midwest Regional Conference

Approximately 30 youth gathered on January 17th, 2003 in Chicago, IL for the second Midwest Regional Conference. Attendees came from Detroit, Ohio, and Chicago. The theme was, *Jainism and Science*, and youth enjoyed sessions on Animal Testing, Veganism, and Jainism vs. Science. The youth spent the weekend openly expressing their views on these current issues, and in the end came to a solution about their lives. Open forum discussions were held by their peers, so everyone was able to share their thoughts. The youth also attended a yoga session and a session on How to do Darshan, in order to show the practical side of Jainism. The weekend was also filled with icebreakers, allowing for everyone to meet one another. On Saturday Night, the youth enjoyed a night of bowling and games. The youth were sad to leave on Sunday, but glad they had come.



Southeast Regional Conference

Atlanta, GA was the site for the Southeast Regional Conference. Close to 70 youth gathered from January 17th-19th, 2003 in order to learn about the *Dual Identity Crisis: Philosophy vs. Science*. The conference kicked off with Friday night activities of icebreakers. Yoga was conducted early Saturday morning, and all day youth enjoyed a diverse array of sessions led by Manoj Jain, Pravin Shah, and many local speakers. Saturday Night, the youth enjoyed a formal dinner and dance. Sunday afternoon concluded the conference with a final session led by Jina Shah, a speech by Manoj Jain, and a slideshow of the weekend's pictures. The youth of the Southeast truly bonded at the conference and left with a better understanding of Jainism and how it should fit into their everyday lives.

**Check out www.yja.org to see the memories of the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

Reflections of Veerayatan



"These kids are so strong, so much has happened to them in their short lives, but their spirits are still high. All you have to do is smile at a kid and they'll come running up to you and laugh with you and hug you and talk to you. They are very open children. It makes you realize that there's more to life than studying."

~Dimple Chheda, 3rd year Student at UT Austin School of Business



In December of 2002, YJA sent 10 dedicated youth to Bhuj, India to volunteer with Veerayatan, an international organization founded by Acharaya Shri Chandanaji for the purpose of providing service to those who need it. The volunteers flew to the Gujarat Earthquake affected site on December 25th and continued their service until January 10th. Veerayatan's efforts are largely educational in Bhuj. The youth assisted in several significant ways: building architectural layouts, creating video documentaries, creating informational brochures, and implementing guidelines for acceptance into the school. The volunteers returned to the States in mid-January, overjoyed they made a significant difference in the lives of others and humbled of how fortunate their lives are. If you would like to participate in YJA-Veerayatan 2003, please contact our Director of Education, Ami P. Shah (ami.shah@yja.org).

"Being the only Veerayatan representative this was a really responsible job for me. For the first time in my career I was handling some project on my own. I gained lots of confidence because of their trust and cooperative nature."

~Jinesh Mehta, Civil Engineering Student at Purdue University



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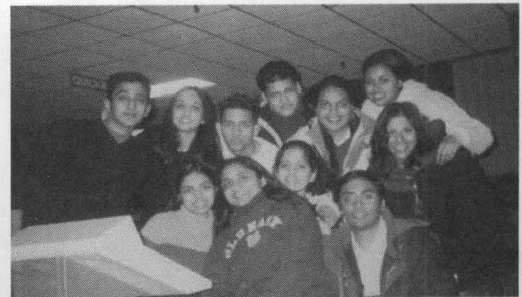
Second Annual YJA-H4H

Last year, over 100 youth in cities all across North America participated in YJA-H4H! Join us this summer as YJA teams up again with Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for those less fortunate. Visit www.yja.org/h4h or email h4h@yja.org to learn more about how you can help your surrounding community while having a great time!



YJA Exec Meets in Detroit

On January 2nd, 2003, YJA Executive Board gathered in Detroit for a four day meeting. The meeting started late Thursday night and continued non-stop until Sunday afternoon. The board laid out an ambitious agenda for the next six months. Excited by the work of the last six months, feverishly worked throughout the entire meeting. Goals accomplished over the weekend included plans for YJA Convention 2004, H4H, Regional Projects, and Website additions. After four demanding days, the board members went their separate ways, ready to put their all in for the next six months.



YJA Executive Board 2002-2003.



YOUNG JAIN PROFESSIONALS (YJP)

Who are we?

YJP is a network of young Jain professionals whose mission is to increase the awareness and understanding of Jain principles and heritage by promoting networking among Jain professionals. Our objectives are:

- ❖ To raise awareness of Jain principles through educational and interactive discussions
- ❖ To promote the application of Jainism in the professional and social aspects of our lives
- ❖ To provide opportunities for leadership development
- ❖ To facilitate peer networking
- ❖ To engage in community service at our events and promote personal involvement in community service
- ❖ To provide mentorship to younger Jains, and collaborate with YJA and other Jain organizations to promote Jain ideals

Past

YJP started as a nascent organization to cater to Jain professionals who have different needs, interests, and challenges. The conventions have given attendees an opportunity to learn about Jainism, its impact on our everyday lives, and to network with other Jain professionals. Our past events include:

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| ❖ Miami, FL (1998) | ❖ Everglades, FL (2001) |
| ❖ Cruise to Nassau, Bahamas (1998) | ❖ Montreal, Canada (2002) |
| ❖ Whitewater Rafting in Sacramento, CA (2000) | ❖ Participation at JAINA and YJA Conventions |

What do we Provide?

YJP has grown tremendously in a short amount of time. The past Boards have worked to provide the member base an interactive organization. Here are a few of the activities we provide to our member base:

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| ❖ A periodic newsletter – The New Jain | ❖ Networking – Professionally and Socially |
| ❖ Annual Conference | ❖ Educational material on Jainism |
| ❖ Regional Activities | ❖ Opportunities for Community Service |

Present and Future

Your current YJP Executive Board was elected in December 02. After a weekend retreat, we embarked on a renewed mission to increase the presence, awareness, and value of our organization, and to elevate YJP to a vocal, active status, both locally and nationally. While past events were very successful and informative, they reached a small part of the Jain population. The new initiatives include:

- ❖ Increasing the number of regional activities
- ❖ Increasing the opportunities for community service for our members
- ❖ An Enhanced website that is interactive and useful for our members
- ❖ Increasing professional and social networking among our membership base

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Membership

Free membership is open to those between the ages of 24 – 39. Visit our website at www.yjponline.org to complete an application.

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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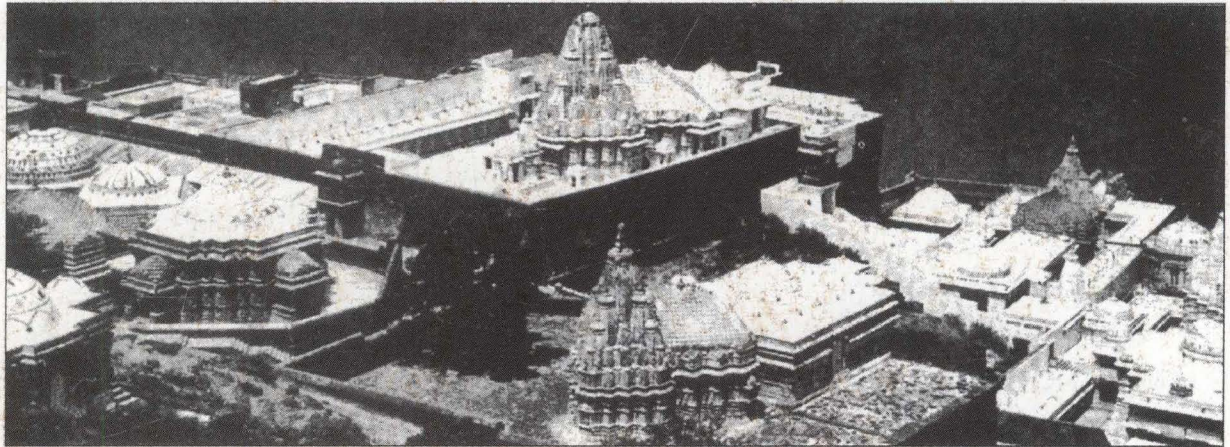
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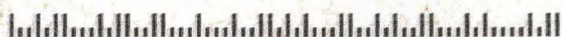
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