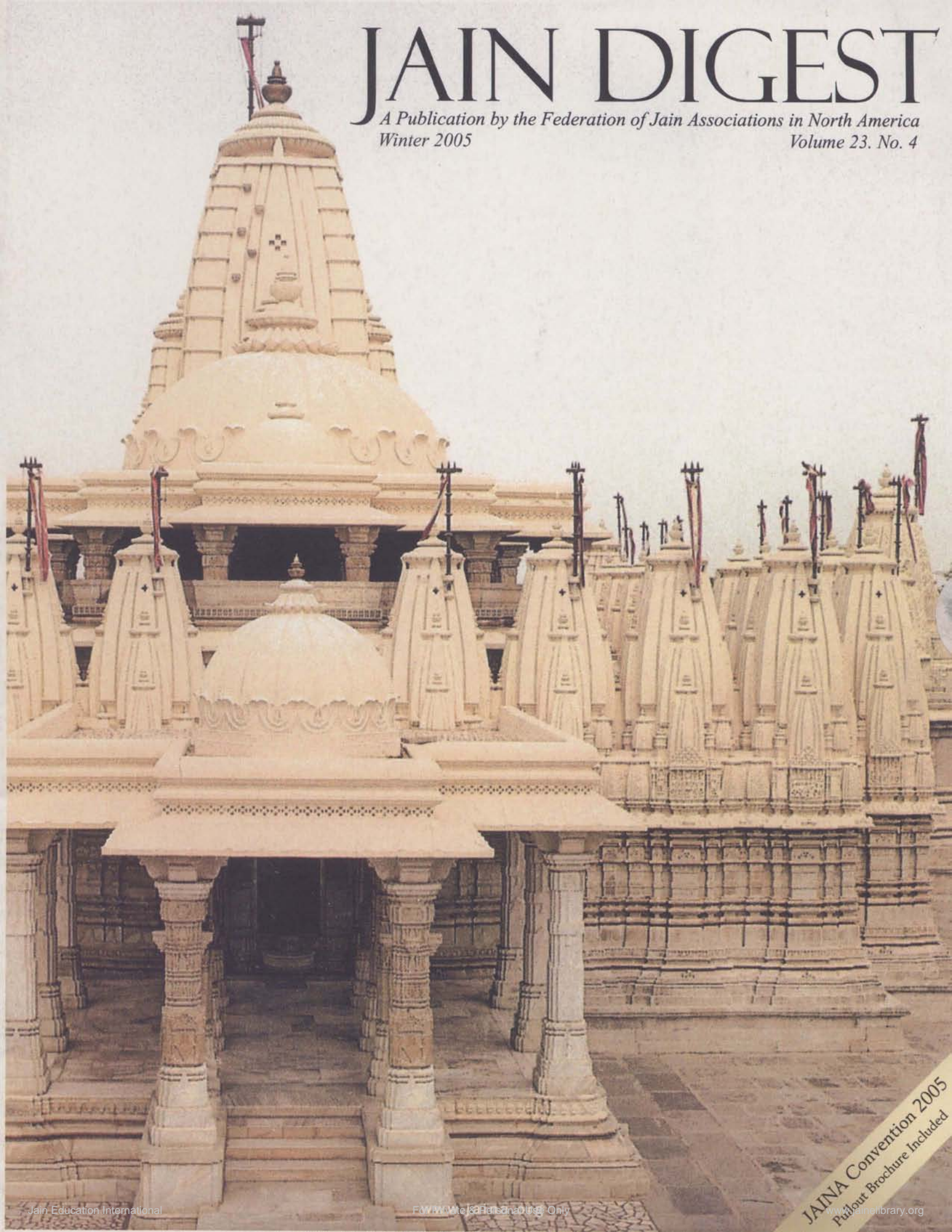


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### *Dialogue Between Master And Student*

कहं चरे कहं चिट्ठे कहमासे कहं सए ।

कहं भुजंतो भासंतो पावं कम्मं न बंधई ॥

**What should be the mode of movements?  
Of standing, sitting, lying, eating or talking  
So that there is no bondage and karma  
Emanating from our daily activities?**

जयं चरे जयं चिट्ठे जयमासे जयं सए ।

जयं भुजंतो भासंतो पावं कम्मं न बंधई ॥

**When you walk, walk with awareness.  
When you stand, be mindful.  
When you sit, be aware.  
When you sleep, be peaceful.  
When you eat and speak, be watchful.  
Commit no harm, to any living being,  
Which may invite painful karmic consequences.**

-- Dasavaikalika 429 BC

**We dedicate ourselves to ceaseless efforts of  
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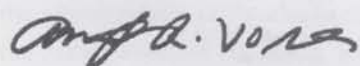
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JAI JINENDRA!

Here is a brief summary of the recent developments:

1. 2005 Convention activities are getting into high gears. Please study the convention details in this issue. JCNC have done a tremendous job in putting the material together for Jain Digest. Please register immediately or sign up on line. We expect a very good number of attendance.
2. You will soon be receiving a beautiful JAINA Calendar for the year 2005. Rajeev Pandya and his team have done a wonderful job of printing this high quality calendar. This is a fine example of our next generation's accomplishment.
3. The Pratishtha Mahotsav at Niagara Falls went very well. Over 200 people took part in this important event. The Niagara Jain Community along with the local Hindu Samaj did a nice job in organizing this function.
4. The new website is up and running. Please visit it by clicking [Jaina.org](http://Jaina.org). Dilip V. Shah and Dhruvil Purohit have revamped the entire website and made it very user-friendly. We expect to keep developing it and turn it into a powerful tool to integrate the whole Jain community. Please use it and give us your feedback.
5. Dr. Manibhai Mehta and Manoj Dharamsi and their committee members are working very hard at refining the constitutional changes. They will present findings first to the Executive Committee and then they will send them to the directors for their approval.
6. Jivdaya Committee under the leadership of Pramodaben Chitrabhanu has already raised \$28,000 and is in the process of disbursing the funds to the right charities. We are grateful to her and her committee members for this great accomplishment.
7. Jain Center of Greater Boston, under the leadership of my brother-Jitendra Vora- has undertaken a very ambitious project of publishing/distributing a Revised Jain Directory to all Jain families in North America at no cost. He and other members of his committee will contact you for your membership list and financial help. Please help them to the best of your ability in making this great communications tools available to us all.
8. Most of the Jain Center Presidents must have received a complimentary bookset "Teerth Darshan". We are thankful to Jain Prathna Mandir Trust of Chennai, India for their donations and Religion in Ohio from the Jain Center of Columbus. .
9. Please note that over the last year or so, Lataben Champsee, Editor in Chief, has been quietly making a lot of improvements in Jain Digest. Now you will see more colors, more photographs and interesting articles than ever before. We are indebted to her for her dedication and balanced reporting.
10. Gunvant (Gary) Shah, Chairman, Senior Housing Project, has been spending a lot of time in evaluating several options for this project. Even though you may have filled out the survey last Year or if you have any interest in the project, you should contact Gunvant Shah at [prof-garyshah@yahoo.com](mailto:prof-garyshah@yahoo.com) or at 732-246-4030 for more information but the E-mail will be preferred.
11. JAINA EC has formed yet another committee entitled "Planned Giving Committee" with Yogesh Kamdar as its Chair. We expect this committee to be an excellent tax smart vehicle to donate to JAINA during your life and afterwards. Please find the details about this initiative in this issue. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With Warmest Personal Regards,



Anop R. Vora, President



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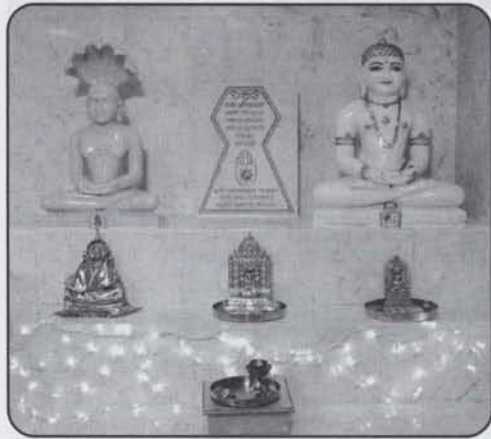
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# Pran Pratishtha of Jain deities at the Shiv Mandir in Niagara Falls, Canada

The year 2004 has been a very remarkable one for the Niagara Hindu Samaj (NHS), Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. The year saw the completion of the Mandir's Murti project, which began with the Pran Pratishtha of Devi Mata and culminated recently with the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Parshvanath and Lord Mahavir. The consecration of the Jain deities represents not only an important milestone in the ongoing cooperation between the Hindu and Jain communities of the Niagara region, but is also an acknowledgement of our common heritage of Sanatan Dharma. This report is a

summary of the milestones achieved in this process.

The process of unifying of the Hindu and Jain communities of Niagara was initiated as a result of the far-sightedness of Dr.



Udayan Rege. In September 1985, on Ganesh Chaturthi, Dr. Rege formed a steering committee of three people to explore the possibility of establishing a place of worship in the Niagara Region. At about the same time, Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji and some members of the Jain community held a meeting in St. Catharines to explore the idea of a place of worship for the Jain community.

Dr. Udayan Rege continued working on the project for many years with the support of members of the Niagara Hindu Samaj. In 1999, the Samaj raised sufficient funds to purchase the property at 5284 Second Avenue, Niagara Falls, which developed later into the Shiv Mandir. Bhoomi Puja at the property was performed by Dr. Budhendranath Doobay of the Vishnu Mandir, Richmond Hill, Toronto, in April 2001.

In September 2002, after extensive renovations and the appointment of Pandit Ramesh Chand as Resident Priest, the Samaj initiated the Murti Sthapna Project with Mr. Kamal Jain as Project Manager. It was a very involved project, not least because the selection of the Murtis and their sizes were to

be determined through a process of consensus. The opportunity to realize the dreams of Dr. Udayan Rege and Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji was now within reach!

At a meeting of prominent members of the Jain community from Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, and Welland in Canada; and Buffalo in New York, a model representing Jain deities consistent with the Shwetamber, Digamber, and Sthanakvasi traditions was presented and approved. The size of the Jain deities was comparable to that of the Hindu deities.

The main area of Shiv Mandir the sanctum sanctorum is approximately six hundred square feet. In accordance with the vision of Dr. Rege, a mutually agreeable sharing of this area between deities belonging to both the Hindu and Jain traditions was essential for the Mandir. A lot of thought went into placing the Murtis at the right place on the same stage. We all know that God is One-this is a universal Truth. However, we all pray, meditate and worship somewhat differently. A lot of effort went into locating the Murtis correctly, so that all members of our two communities may follow the rites and rituals of their traditions in peace and mutual harmony.

Despite one's best intentions, real life always has a way of making itself felt! Our Murti supplier, made a crucial error of judgment. The Murti of Lord Mahavir was supposed to be in the Shwetamber tradition, and even our own extensive research did seem to indicate that it was indeed so. However, two weeks before the Pran Pratishtha of the Jain moorties, Mrs Lata Champsee, the Vice President of Jaina (Canada) came to the Mandir in an attempt to resolve some issues. She discovered that the Moorti of Lord Mahavir was not really in the true Shwetamber tradition. Although it did appear that the Murti possessed some Shwetamber symbols (Lakshans), in reality it was Digamber in character. Not surprisingly, this discovery came as somewhat of a shock to the community, which now found itself in a very difficult situation. She sat through the afternoon and talked to all the murti donors and Shiv Mandir trustees and proposed them to place a proper Shwetamber Murty. Perhaps we would have continued with the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Mahavir's Moorti had we been unaware of the error, but now it was necessary for us to act, and time was of the essence! Fortunately for us, Mr. Dilip V. Shah of Philadelphia stepped into the breach by coordinating the airlifting of the appropriate Murty of Lord Mahavir

**Directions:**

From Fort Erie or Buffalo: Take QEW Toronto. Exit on Highway 420. Continue on Hwy 420 past the Stanley Ave. crossing, then turn left on McDonald Avenue. Take a right on Stamford St., and then a left on Second Avenue.

To reach the Mandir from Toronto, Take QEW Niagara. Exit on Highway 420. Continue on Hwy 420 past the Stanley Ave. crossing, then turn left on McDonald Avenue. Take a right on Stamford St., and then a left on Second Avenue.

from India at his own expense upon a request from Jaina President Mr. Anop Vora. The Niagara Hindu Samaj is forever thankful to Lataben, Dilipbhai and Anop Vora.

The Murti arrived from India just in time for the grand occasion of Pran Prathishtha Mahotsav. Gurudev Chitrabhanu Ji along with Parmoda Shah and Vidhikar Mr. Naresh Shah performed the necessary rites over two days.

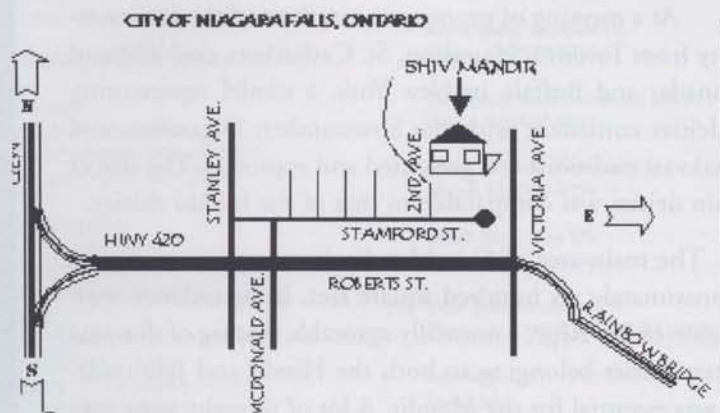
Mr. Vasant Sheth from Toronto and Dr. Hussain Khan from Niagara Falls provided the musical accompaniment. Overall, it was a well-attended function-about four hundred and fifty devotees were present. They came from faraway places like Texas, California, Washington, New York, Rochester, Montreal, Hamilton, and Toronto. The local community experienced a lot of excitement. The local hotel and motel owners gave special rates to the attendees. The enthusiasm and fervour of the devotees saw a good amount of money being raised with the Ghee Boli.

In an unprecedented move, Jaina held their annual Ahimsa meeting in Niagara Falls to coincide with the Pran Prathishtha Mahotsav. The usual venue for this meeting is Sidhachalam. Gurudev Chitrabhanu Ji also celebrated Ahimsa Day at the conclusion of the Prathishtha at the Mandir. Local dignitaries and politicians were also in attendance.

The Niagara Hindu Samaj invites you all to visit the Shiv Mandir whenever you are in the area. You will find the Mandir-a living testimony to the faith and conviction of two far-sighted individuals, Dr. Udayan Rege and Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji-to be deeply peaceful, welcoming, and spiritually satisfying.

*Kamal K. Jain*

*Welland, Ontario, Canada*



## CHITRABHANUJI VISITS LIGHTHOUSE CENTER

On the weekend of October 8-10, 2004, Gurudev Chitrabhanuji again came to visit the Lighthouse Center for Spiritual Development in Whitmore Lake, Michigan (just north of Ann Arbor). At the Lighthouse, founded by Chetana Catherine Florida, Gurudevji's first apostle, all of the members are meditating and practicing Ahimsa and Reverence for Life. Gurudevji's loving presence and words of wisdom inspire all of us at the Lighthouse to continue each day to be guided by our meditations, that we may choose our thoughts, words, and actions in the awareness of Ahimsa and love, loving all others and ourselves. We are forever grateful to Gurudevji for always being a Beacon of Light and Inspiration.



# JAINA DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday Oct 2, 2004

Niagara Falls, Canada

Minutes of JAINA Directors Meeting held on Saturday Oct 2, 2004 at Niagara Falls, Canada.

Executive Committee members present were as follows: Mr. Anop Vora, Mr. Kirit Daftary, Mr. Sushil Jain, Mr. Jit Turakhia, Mrs. Lata Champsee, Mr. Udai Jain, Mr. Sumati Shah, Mr. Pravin Shah, Mr. Keerti Shah and Mr. Bipin Parikh

Directors, Center Presidents, Committee chairs and Co-chairs, and guests were as follows: Mr. Dhiraj Shah, Mr. Kamlesh Shah, Mr. Yogesh Kamdar, Mr. Rohit Doshi, Mr. Dilip V. Shah, Mr. Pravin C. Shah, Mrs. Pramoda Chitrabhanu, Mrs. Mamta Shaha, Mr. Tansukh Salgia, Mr. Kamlesh Amin, Gurudev Chitrabhanu, Mr. Kamal Jain, Mrs. Kamlesh Sharma, Mr. Sharma, and Mrs. Kumud Jain

Mrs. Lata Champsee made administrative and logistic announcements regarding events and activities for next two days.

**President:** Anop Vora, JAINA President, called the meeting to order at 9:20AM with the opening prayer led by all. After a brief introduction by each member present, Anop Vora thanked every one for coming and making this meeting a success. He offered many positive accolades in favor of each volunteer. He commented that nearly all committees had filed annual progress reports. It is evident that there are hundreds of volunteers doing excellent work quietly and without fan fare under JAINA umbrella. He further reported that the plan for 2005 JAINA convention is moving full speed ahead due to the efforts of Kirit Daftari, Girish Shah and Bipin Shah. Kirit Daftary met with Achaarya Mahapragyaji and discussed and requested bilateral support and assistance in maintaining unity among Jains. Acharyaji praised the work of JAINA and pledged his support. Thanks to Pravin C. Shah, the Government of India has approved VRG stamp proposal. The Parliament of World Religions in Barcelona was a grand success. Credit goes to Naresh Jain and Pokharna Sisters and many others. (See written report for details).

**Secretary:** Sushil Jain presented the minutes of Board of Directors meeting held on 4 Oct at Siddhachalam & Board of Directors meeting in March 2004 in Atlanta.

**Treasurer's report:** Jit Turakhia reported on accounts balance as of 30 Sept 04. We have the following: Gen funds - \$85K, Patron Program - \$62K, 2005 Conv fund - \$44K, Charitable trust - \$135K, Jain Digest fund - \$100K.

**Convention 2005 presentation:** Kirit Daftary reported

that. The convention theme is "Extending Jain Heritage in Western World". It will be held from July 1-4, 2005. The convention board is made up of seven members of which four are national and three are local. There are 10 major committees formed with milestones and guidelines being developed and recorded for future use. He presented details of each committee.. The entertainment will be by a well-known performer. There are varieties of day or over night tours planned for sights around California. We are expecting 5000 individuals to register.

**Jiv Daya committee:** Mrs. Pramoda Chitrabhanu reported the collection of \$16K in support of Jiv Daya (Animal Shelter). She pointed out that there are many centers supporting Animal Shelters in India directly rather than going thru JAINA. Mr. Dhiraj Shah pointed out the potential of duplication and uneven distribution of funds. It was suggested that if Mrs. Chitrabhanu can provide a list and publish it in JAIN Digest, perhaps duplication could be avoided. Mr. Salgia commented that perhaps some money should be spent locally to support animal shelters in US.

**Membership committee:** Mr. Kamlesh Shah reported that he faces many challenges regarding the retention of existing members especially from small centers. They want to know what benefit they are receiving by joining JAINA! They are also challenged by not having funds to pay their dues. Similar problems are experienced when dealing with affiliate members. In addition, he is having difficulty in sending invoices to some members due to lack of valid mailing addresses. He recommended that we bill every two years rather than annually.

**Teerthodar Committee:** Mr. Kirit Daftari submitted a written report. In addition, he requested all centers should send their money via JAINA. He has also received a request from Bhuj for 21 lakhs to build an upasra. Mamta Shaha offered to help in this committee, especially in Maharashtra.

**Education committee:** Pravin Shah provided a detailed written report. He reported that they have spent over \$48K in printing books and collected \$37K. Over 30 centers in USA and around the globe are using these books in their Pathshala. The level four books will go to the publisher by December 2004. At the same time, Middle level books will be ready soon. The committee will need ~ \$40K for publication for these books. Furthermore, he stated that most of the books are on the JAINA web site in PDF format. There is no copyright restriction on any of the material prepared by JAINA.

**JAINA Public Affairs Council:** Sushil Jain submitted a comprehensive written report and commented that in response to request by EC, we have developed and refined JAINA Code of Conduct and Ethics guidelines. The next step is to have it reviewed by our legal team. Thereafter, we will forward it to Board of Directors for comments. Once comments are reviewed, and implemented as applicable, it will be put forth for voting electronically. A JAINA's statement on Prosthelization needs to be developed, approved and posted on our web site for others to reference as needed. A draft was shared at the EC meeting. It was suggested that this issue is so important that Board of Directors should also be informed.

**V.R. Gandhi Scholarship fund:** Pravin C. Shah submitted a written report and provided multiple handouts to all. In addition, the Government of India informed him that the V.R. Gandhi stamp would be released either at the birth or death anniversary next year. He reported that the home of V.R. Gandhi will be turned in to a memorial and a museum which will display important documents, newspaper clippings, medals and gifts that he received from around the world. Mr. Naresh Jain will ask Parliament of World Religion for copies of information/ material they have on subject matter.

**Jain Digest:** Mrs. Lata Champsee reported that Jain Digest has achieved over \$100K for their endowment fund via membership. She remarked that many people compare Jain Digest with Jain Spirit. She pointed out that both magazines have different goals and objectives. Jain Digest is intended to enhance communication among Jains in North America with limited budget and advertising. It is produced strictly with volunteer time. Whereas Jain Spirit is a magazine with paid staff and big budget, and it supports voice of Jains around the world. She also remarked that many committee chairs expect her to fully publish their activity report. Unfortunately, due to the space and cost restriction, she publishes summary of their reports. However, JAINA Spectrum, an electronic newsletter can host the entire report. There were many remarks made to improve what we have. Everyone agreed that we have come long way in the past few years.

**JAINA Web Site:** Dilip V. Shah provided a written report and commented that the first Architectural phase is running as a prototype at the cost of \$2500. Phase two which relates to content is now under construction. Phase two consists of over 60 pages and will provide all links to various pages hosting JAINA committees and projects. Each committee chair will have access to this page and can update at their discretion. This phase will cost ~ \$2300 and finally the last phase is update phase at the cost of ~\$1800 per year as annual fee. Everyone complimented the work being done on the web site and recommended supporting phase two and three.

There were many questions, comments and suggestions regarding this project. During the deliberation everyone agreed that we should be very careful in allowing links to other sites. The group felt comfortable in allowing links to member organization's web site, but expressed concerns regarding links beyond that.

**Community Planned giving:** Mr. Yogesh Kamdar made a very comprehensive presentation on the subject matter. He provided details regarding various ways an individual can make contribution to JAINA, i.e., trust donation, life insurance policy donation distribution, etc... He also outlined the process that can be used to accomplish it while describing benefits to donors as well as JAINA. Everyone agreed that this is indeed an excellent way for charitable fund raising. After a healthy deliberation, a resolution was proposed.

**Senior Housing Project:** Bipin Parikh and Gunvant Shah provided a handout. Bipin Parikh summarized the survey results. He reported that unfortunately due to the computer problems lots of data was lost which impacted the survey comments from many individuals. He commented that he was working with several developers in Central Florida on this project. He provided several options for land and related expense. He further reported that, due to his unavailability he has turned over this committee, JAINA EC in agreement, to Mr. Gunvant "Gary" Shah of NJ. Gary Shah reported that according to survey Florida was the preferred site for this project. He has explored several land options near Orlando and provided financial details of each. Kirit Daftary reported that he contacted a House Manufacturing company/ developer and was informed that it would cost approximately \$80,000 to construct 1200 sq ft home plus land cost. There were many other encouraging comments including interest from people as well as finding land between Tampa and Orlando as a cost effective option.

**JAINA History Book Project:** On behalf of the chairman, Mr. T.J. Salgia presented the report. He thanked Kamlesh Amin of JAINA headquarters in the history survey which was distributed. Unfortunately, he only received one response so far. Therefore, he requested access to e-mails and phone numbers of Presidents and Directors of each center. The purpose is to enhance timely communication with them. Mr. Jaswant Mehta, chairman, requested some seed money in support of this project. This committee's goal is to write a comprehensive 100-year-old history inclusive of Jain organization and the individuals who had an impact on promoting Jainism in North America. During discussion, it was pointed out that the history must be accurate and published. Each organization is responsible to insure its contents are validated and approved by local authority for publication. Mr. Vora requested chair to provide the following information so that resource action can be taken. Q1. What is estimated to be the

total cost of the project? 2. How many books will be published? 3. Who are potential customers who will purchase such books?

In addition to this report, Mr. Salgia commented that JAINA should consider becoming a member of North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) located in Columbus, Ohio. NAIN is a network of over one hundred organizations. The membership is only \$75 per year. Last year the state of Ohio celebrated 100 years. To commemorate the event, a book was published which has a chapter on JAINISM in Ohio. This is expected to be a collector's item in the future. In addition, he announced that in the summer of 2005, four professors are taking three months sabbatical leave from their respective universities to study JAINISM in India. Thereafter, they will offer a course in Jainism in their university. Along with them will be two graduate students taking courses in Jainism. The cost of this project is \$7000 each, all-inclusive. The resources for the activity are derived from non-JAINA resources.



**Government Relations/ World community service:** Dr. Dhiraj Shah had submitted a written report. He reported that JAINA is a member of USAID, as a result we are able to perform humanitarian services around the world, especially in India without custom duty. JAINA is also registered with Ministry of Health and Welfare of India, as well as a member of World Jain Confederation (WJC). In regards to housing in Bhuj, all 250 homes were released for occupancy. Their school is nearly complete. Bhuj city official requested a bus and an ambulance due to lack of transportation. JAINA presented a check for fifty lakhs in support of their request. As soon as their medical clinic, dental clinic and community halls are built, we will donate additional thirty lakh rupees.

**JAINA 25th anniversary:** Sushil Jain commented that next year, 2006 would mark the 25th JAINA anniversary. Therefore it should be celebrated as much as possible with special programs to dedicate the anniversary. Most people felt that we could make this a year-long celebration. The group discussed many ideas and concluded that Anop Vora should discuss with JAINA past president and appoint an ad-hoc task force to take care of the project.

**JAINA Patron Committee:** Mr. Udai Jain commented that his focus on recruiting JAINA EC and trustees is completed, resulting in 58 patron members. His next focus is on recruiting directors and center presidents. He requested that

the regional VP help in this process.

**Girnar Issue:** Mr. Pravin C. Shah provided multiple handouts regarding the issue and summarized the concern that Hindu people are not allowing Jains to go on the mountain for yatra and perform puja. In addition, they are building a Hindu temple on the mountain in spite of the court ruling in favor of Jains. There was a lengthy discussion regarding illegal occupation of Jain places of worship by non-Jains, perhaps due to lack of unity among us. Some people felt that, unfortunately, since we are 10,000 miles away there is very little we can do. However, everyone agreed that we, in North America, must remain united. It is ok to perform prayers and

religious practices according to their tradition and heritage, but must unite for all major events. Many Jain leaders around the globe have pledged their quest to be united as Jains.

#### Niagara Falls

**Host:** Mrs. Kamlesh Sharma, President of

Niagara Falls, Canada Hindu temple stopped by to welcome everyone and personally invited all to Prathishtha ceremony. She expressed her gratitude to JAINA leaders for their guidance, help and being personally present during the festivities. She introduced her husband Mr. Sharma, Mr. Kamal Jain and Mrs. Kumud Jain.

**JAINA Constitution & By-Laws review:** Mr. Sushil Jain informed the board that the Constitution committee is reviewing the input from various centers and individuals. As soon as EC has the opportunity to review and make recommendation, we will forward input to the Board of Directors for comments. Once all comments are reviewed and incorporated as applicable, the final document will be sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.

**Gurudev Chitrabhanu and closing prayer:** Gurudev addressed the meeting providing a very inspiring speech regarding the importance of Unity among Jains. He commented that we should not be influenced by those who don't understand the difficulty we face while living in western environment. He also spoke about the importance of promoting Jain Dharma rather than Jainism, he outlined the philosophical differences of each. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm with closing prayer led by Gurudev.

*Prepared by Dr. Sushil Jain  
Secretary, JAINA*

# Meeting with Acharya Mahapragya

*Kirit C. Daftary, First Vice President*



H.H. Acharya  
Mahapragya



Kirit Daftary  
First Vice President,  
JAINA

During my recent trip to India . I met with H. H. Acharya Mahaprajna, Muni Mahendra Kumarji and Muni Shree Kumar Shramanji at Siryaji (Rajasthan)

After brief exchanges of compliments, Acharya Mahaprajna inquired as to how JAINA is spreading the message of Mahavir in US? I mentioned that JAINA has sponsored Ahimsa Conference in California Poly Technical Institute. This was a two days conference attended by Jains and Non-Jains.

I asked Acharya how could we maintain unity of Jains in North America? How could all sects of Jains stay together? If Terapanth were going to open up their own centers in US, some of current Jain members would leave the existing centers and join new centers. Thus, it could dilute our numbers and weaken our strength . I sought his help to solve such a delicate matter. He stated all sects of Jainism have these three things in common. 1. Naitik life 2. Adhyatmik life 3. Kriya life

The role of Samanji in US is to make people aware of Jainism. He also felt that Saman Samanji should be scheduled at all Jain Centers on a regular basis to teach Preksha Meditation and teachings of Jainism to non-Jains.

Acharyaji has hoped that JAINA takes lead in spreading Jainism and its message to bring about Non-violence and other Anuvrata of Jainism in US among Americans. He also talked about training of Non-Violence. He feels that this could be achieved through Preksha Meditation. Once people get used to Preksha Meditation, whereby they would maintain healthy life style then they could be also exposed to Anuvrata of Jainism, which would help them maintain balanced life. This in turn leads to the message of Lord Mahavir, Ahimsa, Anekanta, Aprigraha, etc.

Acharyaji, through his Ahimsa walk has made difference in life style of even non-Jains. Some of the Muslims are practicing and spreading the message of Ahimsa. They have been leading the Ahimsa Walk parade and been holding the Jain Flag during Acharyaji's procession.

H.H. Acharyaji has contact with President of India. Acharyaji has agreed to informally find out if the President can attend JAINA convention in 2005 as one of the keynote speakers. If he can't come personally to US Acharyaji could

arrange for a live telecast of President of India. Acharyaji has agreed for his live telecast message for 2005 convention.

We also met with Yuvacharya Mahashramanji (Successor of H. H. Acharya Shri Mahaprajna) for his guidance. They all were happy to note that there was a good demand for lectures from Samans during last convention. We have requested for same Samans to give Stress Management program during 2005 convention.

I attended Preksha Meditation Shibir, which was attended by Jains and Non-Jains from all over India. Part of the shibir also included discourses by Acharyaji and Yuva Acharyaji. On that weekend there were over 4,000 attendees. They had come from all over Rajasthan areas by busloads. Many of them had brought pillows and blankets and slept in large tents. They all wanted to hear Acharyaji and follow his message. Next day there were lines of people giving him respect. Volunteers kept lines moving as people wanted to see him and get his blessing from close distance. Acharyaji assured us that there is demand from many cities of US to open center but at present they were not going to open any more centers in US. He expressed his hopes through his monks that JAINA should be instrumental in spreading words of Mahavir and Ahimsa in North America to bring about world peace. Samans and Samniji were there to help out JAINA and local Jain centers to teach Preksha meditation and Jain teachings.

We should take the message of Acharyaji about Ahimsa and Non-violence to world in these times of terror and violence. Acharyaji mentioned that to remove violence, it is very necessary that we first understand the root and cause of the violence and upon understanding, we have to work on removing roots of violence. Once the roots are gone, you would have created long lasting peace and non-violent environment.

Though it was a short and very useful meeting with Acharyaji. This has helped us open up a dialogue with Acharyaji to help us bring unity of all four sects in North America.

They have given open invitation to all Jain Sanghs in North America to join International Preksha Meditation Camp at Jain Vishva Bharti, Ladnun in Jan 2005. For more information send e-mail to: [netrat@att.net](mailto:netrat@att.net)

# JAINA AWARDS

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 will be issued for a total of sixteen awards as follows:

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

The awards will be based on the criteria shown below. We request individuals and Jain Centers to nominate those who meet these criterias by filling out a nomination form available on JAINA Web site, [www.jaina.org](http://www.jaina.org). Please return the form with the supporting documents to the JAINA Headquarters, P.O.Box 700, Getzville, NY 14068 before 4/15/05.

Any living and practicing Jain residing in North America is eligible for any of the above awards. The committee will review the nominations and make the selection. Committee members are as follows:

## JAINA Awards Committee for adults:

Kirit Daftary (Chairman to coordinate adult and youth awards)

### Members:

Manoj Dharmasi, Mahendra Mehta (Canada), Nitin Shah (CA), Nitin Talsania (NJ), Dr. Mamta Shaha (NY), Rajeev Pandya (NY), Arpan Shah (YJA) and Suchita Gala (YJP)  
JAINA Awards Sub Committee:

### Youth awards:

Dr. Manibhai Mehta, Girish Shah, Pravin K Shah, Prem Jain, Dr. Prem Gada

## JAINA RATNA AWARD CRITERIA

1. Use of time and/or personal financial resources for JAINA. Creative programs to meet the needs of member societies of JAINA. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 30
2. Demonstrate large contribution of time and/or money for the local Jain Society. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10
3. Publishing articles, lecturing, and teaching and displaying unselfish devotion for advancement of JAINISM. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10
4. Enlist the intellect, heart and financial support of the community-at-large to fulfill JAINA MISSION based upon NON SECTARIAN approach. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10

5. Practitioner of major tenets of Jainism like AHIMSA, ANEKANT, APARIGRAH and ANUKAMPA. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10
6. Good natured, kind, honest and humble. Visionary and showing High level of personal character and integrity. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10
7. Top 10 personal achievements (not related to business or one's profession). Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10
8. Participation in interfaith activities. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10

## JAINA ADULT RECOGNITION AWARD CRITERIA

1. Use of Time and/or personal financial resources for JAINA. Creative programs to meet the needs of member societies of JAINA. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 30
2. Publishing articles, lecturing, and teaching and displaying unselfish devotion for advancement of JAINISM. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10
3. Demonstrate large contribution of time and/or money for the local Jain Society. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 50
4. Good natured, kind, honest and humble and other good traits worth mentioning. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 10

## JAINA YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD CRITERIA

1. Contributions to YJA OR YJP OR JAINA. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 30
2. Participation in youth activities at the local level. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 40
3. Significant Personal achievements. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 15
4. Good natured, kind, honest and humble and other good traits worth mentioning. Max. Possible Scoring Points - 15

## AWARD NOMINATIONS FORM

Name of the individual  
Phone Number  
Address

### Nomination for (Circle One only)

Jaina Ratna Award  
Adult Recognition Award      Youth Award

Describe how the individual stacks up against each of the criteria for this award (Please send detailed bio-data, passport photograph and other supporting documents):

# PLANNED GIVING AND JAINA

Many affluent Jain individuals have spent their lives acquiring wealth through hard work and long hours, but have not taken the time to formulate a well-designed plan to distribute their wealth. Estate planners say the three most frequently discussed issues are how to:

1. Secure the livelihood of a spouse;
2. Maximize the distribution to heirs;
3. Minimize the estate tax

When these issues arise, you are pitting two objectives against one another: How can wealth be preserved in the family while simultaneously reducing taxes? Without proper planning, the more wealth you leave your family, the more estate taxes need to be paid. Philanthropy, however, can be used to reduce taxes and simultaneously help involve family members and transmit values.

The act of Philanthropy can give value to wealth. Through the analysis of needs (education, support, luxuries and contingencies), one can quickly conclude that they have more than is needed. It is at this time that we should look beyond consumption. The accumulation of wealth is inherently to serve the purpose of creating functionality and the enabling the pursuit of happiness by children. The question is can we send constructive messages to our children about the use of wealth.

With philanthropy, wealth can be valuable even when not used for personal consumption. Wealth can be used to

benefit others, bring more meaning to one's life, and to connect with a community. Parents, engaging in charitable giving can serve as role models for children by demonstrating how wealth can be used wisely and selflessly. Sharing the experiences of giving with the family or creating foundations and programs help build functionality and strengthen values in the family. Additionally, tax savings may minimize the cost of such programs.

It is reasonable to conclude that charitable giving is fundamental to wise wealth management. Providing that wealth has a worthwhile purpose, sharing values with children and grandchildren and connecting to one's community are certainly worthy reasons to pursue philanthropy.

An astute wealth holder can use available tax benefits to make charitable gifts cheaper, but will not allow the reduction of these benefits to inhibit the wise use of wealth. Here we have provided some information on the types of donations and benefits available.

## WHAT DO DONOR'S GIVE?

1. Cash and cash equivalents
2. Publicly traded securities
3. Closely held securities
4. Life insurance
5. Real estate
6. Personal property
7. Retirement assets
8. In-kind gifts and pro bono services

## HOW DOES A DONOR GIVE?

## Donor's Benefits

1) Cash & Cash Equivalent	May take a charitable gift deduction for the amount of a charitable gift of cash or cash equivalents
2) Life Insurance	Can deduct the premium as donors pay them. Also can deduct the cash value
3) An Outright Gift of Appreciated Marketable Securities	A charitable value of the security on the date of the gift, provided the owner owned it for more than one year. In addition, a donor does not incur capital gains tax on the transfer of such securities to JAINA
4) A Charitable Lead Trust	The capital value of marketable or income producing assets to remain in the donor's family. This is a very unique and efficient way of passing the donor's assets to the next generation
5) A Charitable Remainder Trust	A donor retains defined income interest for their lifetime. A large income tax deduction now. The trust can sell appreciated security and at the same time no capital gain tax on the realized gain
6) A Bequest	A bequest to JAINA would qualify donor's estate for an estate tax charitable deduction equal to the entire amount one bequeath

## LET US LOOK AT THE GENERAL BENEFITS OF GIVING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL

1. Income tax reduction
2. Capital gains tax reduction/elimination
3. Estate tax reduction/elimination
4. Gift tax reduction/elimination
5. Generation-skipping tax reduction/elimination
6. Ability to pass on a significant portion of your assets to children/grandchildren
7. Ability to retain income for your lifetime or provide an income for loved ones
8. Ability to leave a legacy
9. Ability to share values with the family, children and grandchildren
10. Ability to serve the community

Generally, in the USA, tax laws are very favorable to generous people. They allow donors to receive tax deductions and at the same time benefit their next generation as well as charitable organizations.

As JAINA is registered under IRS Section 501 (C) (3) as a Non-Profit Tax Exempt Religious Organization, it is poised to aid in charitable donations while upholding the tenets of Jainism. We have a very unique opportunity here and can go beyond and help ourselves, our next generation as well as JAINA.

When our North American Jain community realizes the benefits of giving, we will be able to achieve something that all of us are dreaming of. For example, we will be able to:

1. Provide funding to promote non-violence and peace all over the world
2. Assist and promote charitable and humanitarian community services in North America and worldwide
3. Bring the entire Jain community of North America and the world closer

4. Create funding and resources to establish an endowed chair in Jain studies at various American colleges and universities

5. Create particular foundation requested in the will or trust of a donor

We Jains possess our own unique set of financial circumstances, lifestyle and value systems. Most estate planners cannot effectively prepare an estate plan without knowledge of our various needs and desires regarding financial independence, care for loved ones, tax reduction and charitable giving. Our attorneys, accountants and gift planning professionals can take a proactive role in educating us about the variety of philanthropic options available and how these can be used to impart charitable values to our children. An estate plan is more than just the documentation reflecting a formal distribution of assets; it is a reflection of our values, hopes and dreams.

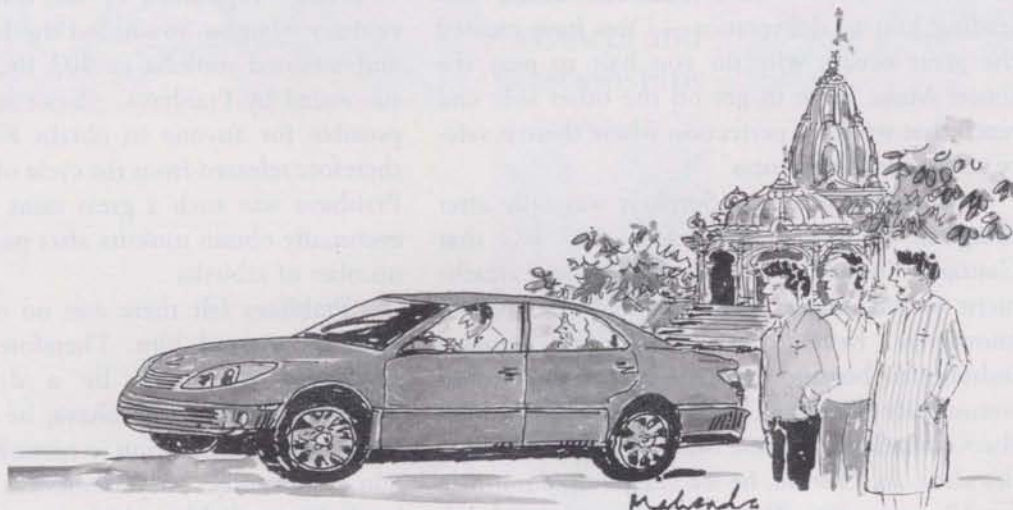
My request to all of the legal professionals, tax professionals and financial planners of our community is to discuss the subject of planned giving to all their clients at the appropriate time and ultimately make JAINA the beneficiary of their trust.

Let us all work together to achieve the goals of JAINA and fulfill our dreams.

*Yogesh Kamdar*

*JAINA Planned Giving Committee*

*Disclaimer: JAINA cannot give and is not intending to give any legal/tax or accounting advice and we strongly encourage you to consult your own attorney/tax advisor or financial planner for the potential tax benefits if you intend to follow any of the charitable giving options.*



સ્વામીજીની સાદાઈ અને ત્યાગ તો કેવો પડે, ભગવા કલર ની મર્સિડિઝ કે લેક્ઝસ સિવાય તો ગાડીમાં બેસતાજ નથી.

# Bhagwan Mahavir's

## Early Great Disciples (527 BC - 252 BC)



Rajiv Jain  
East Brunswick, NJ

This article depicts the early monastic lineage from Lord Mahavira to Sthulabhadra. It describes the Ganadhara's contribution to maintaining and spreading Mahavira's message. The article is based on the historical account from Margaret Stevenson's book "The Heart of Jainism".

**B**hagwan Mahavir became omniscient at the age of 30 and preached Jainism for the next 42 years before attaining moksha in 527 BC. Although establishing a following of at least 500,000 Jains, Bhagwan Mahavir knew the importance of having heads of communities to carry the message forward after his death throughout India. Fortunately, he had Ganadharas - Great Disciples - each devoted to their master and possessing great wisdom and leadership, helping to carry Jainism forward through the 4th and early 5th Kal Periods.

Bhagwan Mahavir's earliest disciple was Gautama Indrabhutti. Although three slightly differing accounts of how Gautama became Bhagwan Mahavir's chief disciple have been recorded, the common theme is basically the same. Gautama Indrabhutti was a great learned Brahmin. One day, after hearing Bhagwan Mahavir answer all his questions, he became convinced of the true path and become Bhagwan Mahavir's chief disciple. He not only converted himself, but all his brothers - each becoming a Ganadhara.

All four sects, Shvetambar, Digambar, Stanakvasi, and Terapanthi believe that Gautama's intense attachment to Bhagwan Mahavir prevented him from attaining Keval Gyan. A very famous sermon is recorded in the Utradhyana Sutra called "The Leaf of the Tree" in which Bhagwan Mahavir tries to help Gautam attain Keval Gyan by teaching him about attachment. Bhagwan Mahavir warns Gautama that life must end at sometime, just as a leaf of a tree must someday drop from a tree. Bhagwan preaches to jettison all attachment toward him leading him to deliverance -- "You have crossed the great ocean, why do you halt so near the shore? Make haste to get on the other side and reach that world of perfection where there is safety and perfect happiness"

According to Kalpa Sutra, it was only after Bhagwan Mahavir's moksha in 527 BC that Gautama Indrabhutti severed the deep attachment to his master and obtained the highest knowledge - Keval Gyan. At this point, Gautam Indrabhutti became the main leader of the Jain community (Gautama's other brothers who were also Ganadhara became heads of Jain communities also). As a Kevali, he led the Jain community for 12 years after Bhagwan Mahavir's moksha, illuminating the world with perfect knowledge

until he obtained Nirvana at Rajghiri in Bihar in 515 BC at the age of 92.

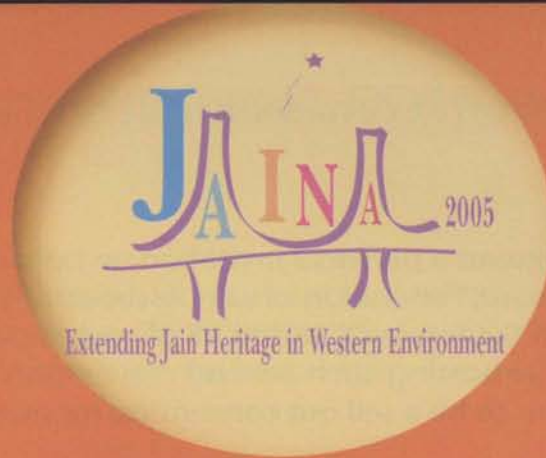
Another great disciple of Bhagwan Mahavir was Sudharma. Sudharma, like the other Ganadhara, stayed with Bhagwan Mahavir for 30 years, learning and putting into memory every spoken word of Bhagwan. We are indebted to Sudharma for the Jaina scriptures. Unlike Gautam Indrabhutti who spread knowledge as a Kevali, Sudharma, having not attained Keval Gyan, wrote into scripture the philosophy as he heard it directly from Bhagwan Mahavir. Sudharma is said to have compiled the great 12 Angas (including the Purvas), 11 Upangas and other works. Of the 11 Ganadhara of Bhagwan Mahavir, only two - Gautam Indrabhutti and Sudharma - lived after Mahavir's moksha, the other Ganadharas attained moksha at Rajghiri through Sanlekhana (voluntary starvation). It's important to point out that all Jain monks today are considered the direct descendents of Sudharma since the other Ganadharas left no disciples.

Sudharma obtained Keval Gyan and was also the head of the Jain community for 12 years after Gautam Indrabhutti, until he passed on leadership to another great Ascetic -- Jambu Swami.

Jambu Swami was a disciple of Sudharma. He is said to be the last person to obtain Keval Gyan. The doors to both Keval Gyan and the knowledge next below -- Manahprayana Gyan (ability to know what other's think) -- were closed to all men, coinciding with the completion of the 4th Kala.

Jambu Swami is referred to as the great "Celibate" supported by his vows of perpetual celibacy. Jambu Swami led the Jain community and attained moksha in 403 BC and was then succeeded by Prabhava. Since it was no longer possible for anyone to obtain Keval Gyan and therefore released from the cycle of birth, it is said Prabhava was such a great saint that he would eventually obtain moksha after passing through a number of rebirths.

Prabhava felt there was no one among the Jains to succeed him. Therefore, having been impressed previously by a deeply spiritual Brahmin named Sayambhava, he converted him and broke with tradition to name him head of the Jain community. Sayambhava is known for his book Dasavaikalika which is a treatise on the major tenets of Jainism. (continued on page 21)



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We are happy to extend a personal invitation on behalf of JAINA Convention Committees and Convention Board, Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA) and Jain Center of Northern California (JCNC) to all of you to participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial JAINA Convention. JCNC is hosting such second convention after 14 years; the first one was in 1991. We expect this to be a sell out convention for many reasons:

- ☪ This convention will mark the beginning of 25<sup>th</sup> year formation of JAINA. We will be honoring its two spiritual leaders, Gurudev Chitrabhanu and Acharya Sushil Muni (posthumously) with Life Time Achievement Award for their contribution to Jain Community and JAINA.
- ☪ You will be witnessing one of a kind multimedia depicting past 25 years of JAINA's achievements.
- ☪ This will be 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jain Bhawan. (JCNC Temple and Community Center) Jain Center of Northern California will have several special celebration programs to mark this occasion.
- ☪ We are at the critical times in the history, at the cross roads of terror and violence. World is looking ways to avoid all this bloodshed and constant fear. Ahimsa Center will be offering sessions on Ahimsa and Aparigraha in Western context. This will help propagate message of Lord Mahavir.
- ☪ "Extending Jain Heritage in Western Environment, convention theme will be pursued through the theme tracks to address the challenges and opportunities in sustaining Jain Philosophies in the western environment particularly, in this time of cross marriages and other influences.
- ☪ World renowned Ms. Tarla Dalal will conduct cooking sessions and workshops on Jain Cooking. Convention has commissioned a special cook book on "Jain Foods and Cooking" available to the attendees.
- ☪ Perpetual trophy would be given away for the first time to a best cultural program entry from one of the Sangh. This trophy would stay with the winning Sangh for 2 years and rotated from there on.
- ☪ Optional one day tours to Yosemite National Park, Carmel and 17-Mile Drive, San Francisco Day tours and San Jose Technical museum
- ☪ From Beginners to Advanced discourses on various topics of Jainism in various languages.

Please go through this brochure for detailed information. Don't forget to go on line and register early. The Westin Hotel, which is connected to the convention center, will be assigned on first come first serve basis. So sooner you register better it will be. Mark the [www.Jaina.org](http://www.Jaina.org) page in your favorites, so you can check out the latest on convention.

Looking forward to seeing you with your family and friends.

Kirit Daftary  
Convener

Girish Shah  
Co-Convener

## Special Program Celebration

### Twenty-Five Years of JAINA & Growth of Jain Community in North America

- ❧ Multi-media presentation on history of JAINA and its activities
- ❧ Presentation on achievement and growth of Jain centers and community
- ❧ Opportunities facing Jain community for the next twenty-five years.

## Life Time Achievement Awards To Honor



### Gurudev Chitrabhanu and Acharya Sushil Muni

- ❧ For their motivation & support in the formation of JAINA
- ❧ For their spiritual leadership and guidance to JAINA and Jain Community
- ❧ For their unwavering dedication to propagation of Jainism in North America



## Tour Information

**Optional Tours:** Subject to change based on meeting minimum headcount requirements.

### Tour# 1: Yosemite National Park

**Date:** Tuesday, June 28, 2005

**Prices:** \$90.00 per person, age 6 and up; \$70.00 per child up to age 5 years. **Duration:** Approximately 13 hours, includes breakfast, dinner and the park entrance fees. Lunch is on your own.

One of the major tourist attractions in California, Yosemite National Park leaves a lasting impression on all who visit. The tour includes a guided portion to explore Yosemite Valley in all its majesty and ample time for hiking, jogging and shopping.



### Tour# 2: Monterey/Carmel-by-the-Sea

**Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2005

**Prices:** \$80.00 per person, ages 6 and up; \$60.00 per child up to age 5 years.

Approximately 12 hours, includes breakfast, dinner and entrance fees for Monterey Bay Aquarium plus the 17-Mile Drive. Lunch is on your own.

California's rugged coast features many spectacular views. Scheduled stops include Steinbeck's Cannery Row and multiple vista points along 17-mile drive. The famous Monterey Bay Aquarium allows you to explore a fantastic array of ocean life.



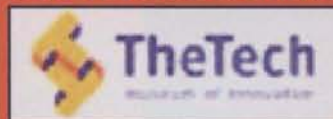
### Tour# 4: The Tech Museum of San Jose

**Date:** Friday, July 1, 2005

**Prices:** \$18.00 per person for all ages.

Approximately 4 hours, includes entrance fees to the museum and one show of IMAX®, no meals.

The Tech Museum's focus on technology and the interactive displays will provide an unforgettable visitor experience. The museum houses themed galleries of unique exhibits, the IMAX® Dome Theater, and a souvenir shop that features exclusive Silicon Valley items.



### Tour# 3: San Francisco City and Bay

**Date:** Thursday, June 30, 2005

**Prices:** \$50.00 per person, ages 6 and up; \$40.00 per child up to age 5 years.

**Duration:** Approximately

6 hours, includes snack & tickets for the spectacular Bay cruise. Lunch is on your own.

Discover the most amazing and exciting city of America. See the entire city at your feet atop the Twin Peaks. Drive by Chinatown. Cross the world famous Golden Gate Bridge. Stop at Crooked Street and other vista points for picture taking opportunities. Visit Fishermen's Wharf and spend an unforgettable hour on a cruise of the San Francisco Bay.

### Post-Convention Seven-day Tour of famous West Coast Landmarks including visit to Jain Temple in Buena Park, Los Angeles Area:

Beginning July 4, 2005, starting from \$850.00 per person, ages 2 and up (negotiations going on with tour operators at the time of printing this brochure), includes entrance fees, breakfast, dinner (lunch on your own), accommodations and transportation.

This tour includes major tourist attractions like Hearst Castle, Universal Studios, Disneyland, Lake Havasu, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and a visit to the Jain Temple of Los Angeles.

## Convention Travel Arrangements

### An Official Convention Travel Agent

Call Jaya Travel for all your travel needs for the convention. Convention has arranged Special Group Fares, and discounts with major airlines to offer you the best prices possible. Book early to assure you get the best prices.



#### North American Office

26500 Northwestern Highway, Suite 261,  
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1-877 359 5292 and ask for Aanal Kadikar

#### India Office

Rizvi House, 34 Hill Road  
Bandra (West), Bombay 400050  
022-2651-0400

### Transportation

Free bus transportation will be provided from Bay Area airports (San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland) on 1<sup>st</sup> of July and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. San Jose airport is preferred and will have the most frequent pickup schedule. San Francisco and Oakland will have pickup schedule based on arrival load. Please email your arrival flight #, date, and time to [transportation2005@jaina.org](mailto:transportation2005@jaina.org) (do not email anything else to this email address. No response will be sent).

## Hotel Accommodations

Stay at any of the three top hotels exclusively reserved for JAINA Convention guests – Westin Hotel, adjacent to Convention Center, Hilton Hotel across the street and nearby Marriott Hotel. Special arrangements have been made with the hotels to provide the heavily discounted rate of \$79.00 + tax per room/per night when registered for the JAINA Convention 2005. This special hotel rate is also available during the pre & post convention days for the registered guests. Free shuttle transportation will be available from the bay area airports. This special rate is available only when bookings are made through JAINA registration. Please do not call hotels directly for this special rate. Register online at: [www.jaina.org](http://www.jaina.org)



Santa Clara Convention Center



Westin  
(The Convention HQ)



Hilton



Marriott

# Cultural Programs

Day 1: Friday July 1, 2005

Event: Raas-Garba Night

Time: 8:00 PM to Midnight



Traditional and contemporary music by a professional group from India.

- Bring your friends and family
- Wear your colorful Raas-Garba costume
- Please bring your favorite Dandias and enjoy full 4 hours of high intensity Dandia Raas

Day 2: Saturday July 2, 2005

Event: Cultural Competition

Time: 7:30 PM to Midnight



Win the newly initiated perpetual trophy for your Jain Sangh.

- Put best performance and glorify the name of your sponsoring Jain Center
- Be recognized instantly, globally and professionally
- Participate in an evening of Inter-center dance/skit competition
- Enter this competition before Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

COMPETE..... COMPETE.....COMPETE.....

For Entry Applications and Rules and Regulations contact:

Your Jain Center President Or

Nitin Shah : 408-406-2283 (day) email : [programming2005@jaina.org](mailto:programming2005@jaina.org)

Mail Your Entry to:

Attn : JAINA Cultural Programming ,

2005 JAINA Convention,

P.O. Box 630, Cupertino, CA-95015-0630



DAY 3: Sunday July 3, 2005

Event: Entertainment Program By a Professional Group

Time: 7:30 PM to Midnight

A relaxed evening with well-known artists from India bringing back some of your memories.

## Other Cultural Events:

- Art Exhibition by Amateur and Professional artists
- Evening Youth Activities
- Mind-Body-Soul Refresher Programs
- Jain Networking Forum

# Youth Activity Highlights

## Youth Sessions/ 4 Tracks: JAINISM and JAIN LIVING

- ✧ Charity and Compassion in Action through Service
- ✧ Jain Stavans and Songs
- ✧ Puja, the what, when, why and how w/ Panditji at the Jain Bhawan (2 groups of 50 each)
- ✧ Growing up in America- Combining the Best of East and West
- ✧ Academic Roundtable
- ✧ Oratorical Contest
- ✧ College/ Career Track for pre- and post College Jains
- ✧ Empowerment through Communication
- ✧ Jain Diet, Nutrition and Health- Do's and Don'ts- Workshop
- ✧ JAINA Networking Forum (JNF) sessions- Interest-based Ice Breaker/ Mixer, Communication/ Relationships, Battle of the Sexes, Service in action
- ✧ Meditation/ Yoga
- ✧ Bollywood Aerobics



## Youth Social Events (FOR ALL)

- ✧ Can you Bhangra Raas? Garba/ Raas dance class
- ✧ Garba/ Raas Dance
- ✧ Get to know your mates? Ice Breakers/ Games
- ✧ Who rules? Cultural Program/ Dance Competition

## Optional Social Activities Open to All (FOR ALL)

- ✧ Dance with Toofan Sounds
- ✧ Social Mixer

## Optional Social Activities (14 to 17)

- ✧ Enjoy Thrill Rides & Fireworks at Great America Park
- ✧ Ice Cream Social/ Movie Night

## Optional Social Activities (18 & older)

- ✧ San Francisco Bay Cruise with a twist OR
- ✧ Enjoy Thrill Rides & Fireworks at Great America Park
- ✧ Ice Cream Social/ Movie Night

## JAINA Networking Forum (21 & older)

- ✧ Table for Six
- ✧ Interest-Based Ice Breaker/ Mixer
- ✧ Special Service Event
- ✧ Cruise
- ✧ Musical Night

From	To							
1200	1400	Registration, Hotel Check-in, and Socializing						
1400	1700							
1700	1900							
1800	2000							
2000	2400							
From	To							
0600	0800							
0730	0830							
0830	1030	Theme Track Paper Presentations - Lectures - Seminars 2 Tracks	Theme Track Workshops 2 Tracks	Jain School incl. 1 track in English 3 Tracks	Ahimsa & Aparigraha Conference	Religious Discourses incl. 1 track in English 7 Tracks	Jain Rites & Rituals Puja & Vidhhi 2 Tracks	Intensive Studies 2 Tracks
1030	1200							
1200	1300							
1300	1800	Theme Track Continues	Theme Track Continues	Jain School Continue	Conference Continues	Religious Discourses	Jain Rituals and Rites	Intensive Studies
1800	1930							
1930	2400	Inter-Jain Center						
From	To							
0600	0800							
0730	0830							
0830	1030	Theme Track Continues	Theme Track Continues	Jain School Continue	Conference Continues	Religious Discourses	Jain Rituals and Rites	Intensive Studies
1100	1130	25 Years of JAINA - Kicking						
1200	1300							
1100	1130							
1300	1730	Theme Track Continues	Theme Track Continues	Jain School Continue	Conference Continues	Religious Discourses	Jain Rituals and Rites	Intensive Studies
1800	1830							
1930	2400	Entertainment						
From	To							
0730	0930							
0730	1100	Theme Track Continues	Theme Track Continues	Jain School Continue	Conference Continues	Religious Discourses	Jain Rituals and Rites	Intensive Studies
1100	1200							
1200	1300							
		Options						

## 32-Track Program

Four Convention Theme Tracks on "Extending Jain Heritage in Western Environment" consisting of sessions in seminar, discussion and workshop formats. Topics to be covered are:

- × Bringing Together the Traditions
- × Jain Values at Religious Places
- × Women and Social Forum
- × Jain Literature & Art Program
- × Jain Scholars & Educational Development
- × Learning from Other Faiths & Ethnic Groups
- × Living Like a Jain - Personal Lifestyle
- × Living Like a Jain - Professional Lifestyle
- × Jain Center Forum

Seven Religious Discourse Tracks. See next page for more details.

One track on Advanced Religious Topics for those interested in a focused discussion on following topic:

- × Doctrine of Karma
- × Anekāntvād (Theory Of Multiplicity Of Views)
- × Fourteen Gunasthānak Maitri, Pramod, Karuna & Mādhyastha Bhāvnā

- × Vyavahār & Nischay, and Dān, Shil, Tap
- × Twelve Bhāvnā
- × Nimit & Upādān, and Six Fundamental
- × Bhaktamar Stotra
- × Kalyan Mandir Stotra
- × Jainism, Ecology & Environment
- One track for Intensive Studies and disc sessions of 2.5 hours each 2 Days
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- Two tracks for Religious Rites & Rituals co other Jain activities in temples, sthanak, a workshops
- A Condensed 2-Day Course on Fundam geared towards to younger audiences
- Two Days of Religious Events at the Con Northern California in Milpitas California
- Three Days of Religious Events at the Co

# 2005 Program Overview

Tour #1 Yosemite in a day - Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Tour #2 Monterey, Carmel and 17 Mile Drive - Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Tour #3 San Francisco City Tour - Thursday, June 30, 2005

Tour #4 San Jose Tech Museum - Friday, July 1, 2005

DAY-1 FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2005

Mela and Art Exhibition

Convention Kick Off and Sermons by Spiritual Leaders

DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM - RAAS GARBA

DAY-2 SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2005

Mind Body Soul Support Programs

BREAKFAST

Special Religious Events 2 Tracks	Social - Professional Programs incl. 2 tracks for Youth & 1 for Seniors 3 Tracks	Jain Cooking w/ Tarla Dalal 1 Track	Jain Center Track 1 Track	CME 1 Track	Grp-Mtgs-Networking 2 Tracks	Youth Activities 2 Tracks	Open Track for Misc Add-on 1 Track
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OPENING CEREMONY

LUNCH

Religious Events	Social - Professional Programs Continue	Jain Cooking	Jain Center	CME	Grp mtgs	Youth Activities 2 Tracks	Open Track
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DINNER

Cultural Competition & JAINA Awards Ceremony

DAY-3 SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2005

Mind Body Soul Support Programs

BREAKFAST

Religious Events	Social - Professional Programs Continue	Jain Cooking	Jain Center	CME	Grp mtgs	Youth Activities 2 Tracks	Open Track
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Off One Year Celebration and Life-Time Achievement Awards

LUNCH

enary Session on Unity in Diversity

Religious Events	Social - Professional Programs Continue	Jain Cooking	Jain Center	CME	Grp mtgs	Youth Activities 2 Tracks	Open Track
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DINNER

ent Program by Professional & Invited Artists

DAY-4 MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005

Mind Body Soul Support Programs

BREAKFAST

Religious Events	Social - Professional Programs Continue	Jain Cooking	Jain Center	CME	Grp mtgs	Youth Activities • 2 Tracks	Open Track
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CLOSING CEREMONY & JAINA ELECTION RESULTS

LUNCH

al Tour # 5: Post Convention seven day tour

## on Day-2, Day-3 & Day-4

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al Truths

ssions on Tattvartha Sutra by Shri Umäswäti in 6

ssions on Atmasiddhi by Shrimad Rajchandra in 6

vering in 18 sessions over days, including pujas and  
and upashryas consisting of demonstrations and

entals of Jainism by experienced Jain teachers,

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Jain Education International

## Northern California in Milpitas California

- ❖ Two tracks on Social and Professional subjects in 12-15 sessions over 2 days, planned for age groups 14-17 years, 17-20 years and young professionals for educational and social preparedness, career planning, social networking, etc.
- ❖ One track on Social subjects in 6-8 sessions over 2 days on subjects oriented towards senior citizens.
- ❖ A Conference on "Ahimsa and Aparigraha in Western Environment" coordinated by Prof. Tara Sethia of Ahimsa Center at Cal Poly, Pomona.
- ❖ Two days of cooking classes, workshops, demonstrations on Jain cooking, foundations and logic behind Jain food, nutritional and spiritual strengths of Jain food, and Jain food recipes for western living.
- ❖ One track on Continuous Medical Education with lectures by prominent medical researchers on medical subjects relevant to Jain and Indian community in the West.
- ❖ Three tracks for Jain Group Interactions between various Jain Centers in North America, and group networking and reunions involving various regional groups.
- ❖ Multiple Tracks devoted to youth and young professional activities, as described else where in this document.

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## Seven Religious Discourse Tracks

Six in Gujarati and Hindi and one in English – all on subjects most suitable to living like a Jain in western environment:

### ☸ Shrāvākāchār (Code of conduct for layman) covering the topics

- × Story of Mahāvīr's first 10 Shrāvaks
- × Background, Upāshak-dashāṅg, Prerequisite to become Shrāvak (Samyaktva, Practice of Mulguna, etc.)
- × Five Anuvrata from North America (NA) perspective
- × 3 Gunvrata & 4 Shikshāvrata from NA Perspective
- × Samlekhanā vrata (Santhāro) – Art of Dying
- × Three Manorath, Eleven Pratimā and Six Āvashyaka & Dainik Kriyā
- × Jivdayā and Animal Cruelty and Ecological Impact
- × Vegan — Jain Food, eating home & out, observance of boiled water, sunset, etc. in NA – Practicality of Ahinsā
- × Cosmetics, Medicine, businesses, investment, genetics research and practice of Ahinsā by a Jain Shrāvak in NA

### ☸ Great Jain Teachers

- × Lord Pārsvanāth and Lord Nemināth
- × Lord Mahāvīr Swāmi – Digambar perspective
- × Lord Mahāvīr Swāmi – Svetāmbar perspective
- × Gautam Swāmi & Lord Mahāvīr's Ganadhars (First disciples)
- × Karttikeya
- × Kundkundāchārya
- × Haribhadrasuri
- × Hemchandrācharya
- × Yashovijayji mahārāj & Pushpadanta

### ☸ Jainism by Dharmakathā including Ganadharvād

- × Ganadharvād
- × Stories from Gnātā-Dharma-Kathā (one of the 12 Āgams)
- × Stories from Uttarādhyayan Sutra
- × Meeting of Keshi Shraman & Gautam Swāmi
- × Story of Chandanbālā
- × Stories from other Jain canonical books & other Āgams
- × Stories from Uttarādhyayan Sutra

### ☸ Jain Literature

- × Āgams & Jain Canonical books
- × A chapter from Ācharāṅg Sutra
- × Q & As from Bhagawati Sutra
- × Chār Durlabh & Apramat from Uttarādhyayan Sutra
- × A Chapter from Shat-Khand Āgam
- × A chapter from Samaysār
- × First chapter of Tattvartha Sutra

### ☸ Jain Festivals, Art and Tirths

- × Festivals & Tirths and their importance
- × Various Tapscharyas and related spiritual celebrations
- × Dash-Lakshana Mahā Parva
- × Paryushan Mahā Parva
- × Mahāvīr Nirvāna
- × Pavāpuri
- × Sametsikhar
- × Shatrunjay & Gīrnār
- × Jain Art

### ☸ Jain History and Contributions

- × Jain contributions to India and World - art, architecture, literature, education, business, economy, social science, etc.
- × Historicity of Nemināth, Pārsvanāth, Adināth & Mahāvīr Swāmi
- × History representing Mahāvīr's time and 1000 years after Mahāvīr's Nirvāna
- × Jainism as relating to Buddhism & Hinduism - based on archiology & history
- × Jainism during British time and its influence
- × Jainism during Mogul's time and its influence
- × Jainism in various parts of India (West, South, East & North)
- × Influence on business-economics-politics
- × Survival of Jainism during difficult time

## Mind - Body - Soul Activities



### Mind-Body-Soul Refresher Programs on Day-2, Day-3 & Day-4:

- ☸ Preksha Dhyān & other forms of meditation
- ☸ Chanting sessions (e.g., Bhaktamar)
- ☸ Pratikraman in different traditions
- ☸ Yoga
- ☸ Physical Exercise sessions
- ☸ Outdoors activities

## Invited Dignitaries

- Gurudev Chitrabhanu
  - Dr. L. M. Singhvi
  - N. P. Jain
  - Tarla Dalal
  - Dipak Jain
  - Acharya Chandanaji
  - Bandhu Triputi (Jinchandraji & Keerti Chandraji)
  - Devendrakirtiji
  - Roopchandji
  - Saman/Samanji
  - Shubhamji
  - Shilpaji
  - Manek Muni
  - Charukirtiji
  - Amrendra Muni
  - Atamnandji
  - Pt. Abhay Kumar Jain
  - Chandrakant Mehta
  - Christopher Chapel
  - Cromwell Crawford
  - Pt. Dharamchandra Shastry
  - Dhirubhai Pandit
  - Girish Shah
  - Hira Ratan Manek
  - Dr. Hukumchandji Bharill
  - Jagdish Sheth
  - Pt. Jaikumar Upadhyay
  - Dr. Jitendra Shah
  - John Cort
  - Pt. Khemchandji
  - Kokila Doshi
  - Kumarpal Desai
  - Manubhai Doshi
  - Narendra/Sudha Seth
  - Neeraj Jain
  - Nautambhai Vakil
  - Pallavi Gala
  - Paresh Maniar
  - Prakash Jain
  - Pramodaben
  - Dr. Pravin Shah
  - Mr. Pravin Shah (PA)
  - Rajendra Kumar
  - Rajnibhai Shah
  - Raksha Shah
  - Rakesh Zaveri
  - Robert Arnett
  - Dr. Sagarmal Jain
  - Dr. Shekharchand Jain
  - Dr. Snerani
  - Sudhir Shah
  - Tarla Doshi
  - Prof. Tara Sethia
  - Vasantbhai Khokhani
  - Veer Sainik
- Plus business and academic leaders  
Plus Federal, State and Local Political Leaders.... And MORE

## Jain Cooking Classes & Workshops by world-renowned Mrs. Tarla Dalal



A book on Jain food and cooking will be distributed to convention attendees.

# Jain Art Exhibition

## Understanding JAINISM Exhibition

Objective: Educate, Expose, Motivate, Unite and Influence

- ✧ To educate the viewers on Jain philosophy and it's rich historic background
- ✧ To expose the young generation to this glorious heritage with scientific and logical approach
- ✧ To motivate the viewers to apply these scientific principles in day to day life leading to greater happiness, peace and inner strength
- ✧ To unite Jain communities for a common goal of practicing and promoting Jain values. Feel good about the contribution Jainism has made & can make in this world
- ✧ To influence and encourage people around us to follow Jain principles for greater harmony and peace



## Exhibit Highlights

- ✧ Displays on Jain History, culture, scholars and scriptures
- ✧ Displays on Jain philosophy and its applications
- ✧ Displays on Jain art, architecture and temples
- ✧ Displays promoting JAINA, its activities and it's accomplishments
- ✧ Quotations from Jainism
- ✧ Replica of some original Jain Art
- ✧ Statues, sculptures, diva and other objects and artifacts
- ✧ Several Rangoli designs: The committee will solicit Rangoli design from each Jain center and display it as a part of the exhibition. Details for participation will be provided to each Jain center in future

## Jain Art to enjoy and take home

- ✧ Convention will display Jain Art created by artists for enjoyment and available to take home after a suitable contribution
- ✧ Convention and Artist will share the contribution
- ✧ The art will include paintings, sculpture, etc.

JULY 1- 4 , 2005  
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13TH BIENNIAL JAINA CONVENTION  
Extending Jain Heritage  
in Western Environment

### REGISTRATION FORM

If you have access to internet, please register online at [www.jaina.org](http://www.jaina.org), then no need to mail paper form

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

Primary Registrant Name:		Name of your Jain Center:	
Address: Street/Apt#			City
State/Province	Postal Zip code	Country / Region	
Phone:	Cell:	Fax:	
Email:			
Emergency Contact:		Phone:	

### STEP 2: INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES:

CHILDREN UNDER 6 Free	To 1/31/05	2/1- 4/15/05	4/16 - 6/15/05	6/16 - 7/04/05	Postmark of registration form will determine applicable registration fees.
CHILDREN (AGE 6 UP TO AGE 17)	US\$ 59	US\$ 69	US\$ 79	US\$ 89	
ADULTS (AGE 18 & UP)	US\$ 109	US\$ 129	US\$ 149	US\$ 159	

### STEP 3: CONVENTION REGISTRATION

 Please list all attendees including infants.

	Last Name	First Name	Sex M/F	Age	Individual Registration Fee (from Step 2)	Optional Social Activities # 1 Age 14 to 17 US\$30/pp	Optional Social Activities # 2 Age 18 to 35 US\$50/pp	JAINA Networking Forum (JNF)* Age 21 to 40 US\$75/pp	Sub-Total
1	Primary Registrant:								
2									
3									
4									
5									
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Basic Registration Sub-Total (A) US \$

No. of attendees requesting VEGAN food for all four days  Child Care needed (only potty trained) ☐ Yes ☐ No

### STEP 4: HOTEL REGISTRATION

 (Please see Terms & Conditions. Convention registration required for hotel registration)

Hotel Preference (1-Highest, 3-Lowest): Westin <input type="checkbox"/> (Convention Center hotel). Hilton <input type="checkbox"/> (across Convention Center). Marriott <input type="checkbox"/> (1 mile away)				
Check-in Date:		Check-out Date:		2nd & subsequent nights hotel payments to be made at checkout
Room Type	Smoking	Room (per night) + Tax*	No. of Rooms	1st Night Deposit: US\$ 86.54 x No of Rooms
No. of room(s) w/ 1 King Bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	79+7.54 (US\$ 86.54)		
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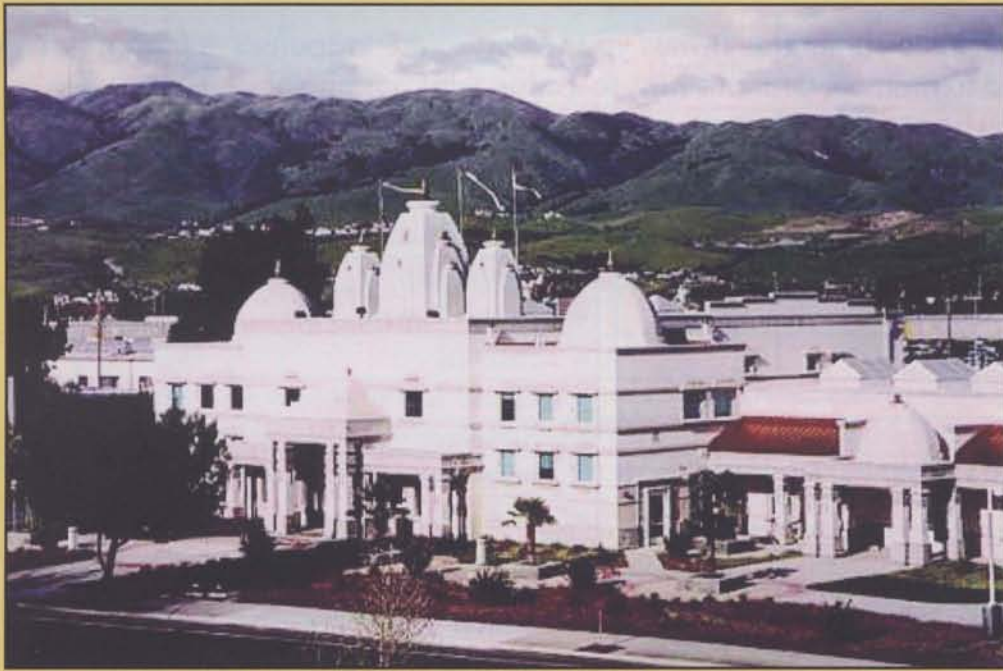
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### The Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA)

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**T**en fold religions consist of forgiveness, humility, purity, straightforwardness, truthfulness, self-restraint, penance, renunciation, non-possessiveness, and celibacy. By following these would stop incoming karmas and destroying existing karmas. Supreme Jina has said that true renunciation consists in developing indifference towards the world, the body, and the enjoyment through detachment of material objects. Persons should refrain from accumulation of unlimited property due to unquenchable thirst (greed) as it becomes a pathway to hell and results in numerous faults. A righteous and pure-minded person should not exceed the self-imposed limits in the acquisition of wealth.

Charity helps and strengthens renunciation. The difference between these two are:

Renunciation is our religion, does not have possessiveness, can renounce things does not belong to himself, and does not need another person. Charity brings good karma; giver must be a possessor, and need two parties. Charity is like taking a ship to cross the ocean but one must leave it (renunciation) when reaches the shore.

Renouncing own property for the goodness of self and others is charity. Charity is of four kinds of giving namely of food, medicine, knowledge, and complete support. Giver gains by reducing possessiveness elevate contentment and improve self-restraint. The user of charity gets help in better living and improve positive attitude. There are four following special things about giving to keep in mind.

1. Should be according to customs of country and time.
2. Things given should be useful.
3. Giver should have respect for donee, and should not indulge in arguments.
4. Donee should be good person or organization

like JAINA. Donation given to unfit and sinful person would cause donor bad karmas.

Donating wealth is one of the nine ways of earning positive karmas. Charitable giving is 19th of the 35 necessary property of a good householder according to Acharya Hemchandra. As the blood can be washed with water, sins are removed by giving charity. As a small seed is sowed in fertile land would cause lot of fruits and shelter, charity given or made beneficial to organization like JAINA would shelter our next generations and would result in very fruitful results. JAINA has many multifaceted programs supporting non violence, education and spiritual uplifting. Part of Estate Planning can be directed to Jaina as beneficiary.

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## CANADA

*Dr. Mahendra Mehta, Regional Editor*

## TORONTO, ON

We were fortunate this year to have three learned individuals to help us celebrate Paryushan and Das Lakshana.

Shri Pravinbahi Shah from Ahmedavad was our second major speaker who delivered a series of lectures on Barsa Sutra Darshan and Explanation on Kshamapana. He spoke three times everyday, 10-12 in the morning, 2-4 in the afternoon and an hour or so after Pratikraman. Pravinbahi covered a huge volume of scriptural knowledge during his talks and answered many questions from the audience.

Shri Rakesh Kumar Jain from Jaipur was a young 25 year old talented teacher of Jain Scriptures. He held a series of lectures on each of ten Lakshana followed by interactive small group of interested listeners in private homes. At the conclusion of his visit, the grateful audience asked Panditji to come back to Toronto during 2005 Das Lakshana. He consented to the request provided his Guruji concurs.

Shri Rajubhai Desai was our third young 32 year old learned speaker who gave a series of six lectures on "Six Padno Patra". The Pratikraman, every evening, was very well attended and during Samvatsari Pratikraman, the overflow had to be accommodated at Sri Jain Mandir on Parklawn.

The 19th Chaitya Paripati was organized on 17 October 2004. Some 60 or so participants took part in the puja and Stavan singing. The celebrations ended with a many dish lunch. Everyone enjoyed this year's Dadawadi.

Annual DIWALI DINNER of Jain Society was organized by EC members on 21st November and over 900 people attended. There were children's dances, play and music items presented

on the stage and many old acquaintances were renewed.

The Peace Garden event to mark the 22ND UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE was organized on 21st Sept. 2004. Our Jain Society's 'Ahimsa' musical-dance item prepared by Puja Amin was very well received by everyone present. The inter-faith service was also nicely done.

The Aymbil Ori Parva and Snatra Puja were performed at the Jain Centre. Some 30 people took part and many ladies and few men had done full 9 days Tap.

Shri Jain Mandir at Park Lawn celebrated Dash Lakshana starting on Sept. 18 through Sept. 27. Panditji Anantramji gave a series of Pravachan on ten Lakshana. Dr. Vastupal Parikh and Anjaliben also spoke on Sept. 24 & 25. Every morning, there was Abhishek and Puja followed by Pravachan, Aarti and Bhajans.

A grand "Navgraha Puja" was organized on October 31st, 2004 under the guidance of Satyavatiji from India.

## EDMONTON, AB:

Jains participated prominently in the centennial celebrations of the city of Edmonton on September 26 at the City Hall before 700 people and dignitaries.

The community gathered for meditation and other discourse at Rasik & Taraben's house on October 10.

Nirvana Day was celebrated as the main event in Hindu Cultural Centre as the main event of Sunday on November 14, 2004.

## BOSTON, MA

Jain Center of Greater Boston, Norwood, MA has been buzzing with activity for the last few months. We ended the summer with Saman Shrutpragyaji and Saman Sthitpragyaji with week long topics of Points of Jainism and Principles of Jainism for

leading a good Life. Topics were on daily personal and spiritual management.

The auspicious festival of Paryushan Parv and Das Lakshana Parv started with blessings, inspirational songs and lectures by Sadhviji Shilapiji from Veerayatan. She conveyed the message of ahimsa, true forgiveness, and the message of Tirthankara Mahavira to all age levels, young and old. Sadhviji told stories to our youngsters at Pathshala. Although she told stories the children had heard before, she took them one step beyond just the simple moral of the stories. Mr. Prakash Jain presided during the Das Lakshana parv and gave inspirational lectures every day. He got his spiritual education through intensive training from Todarmal Smarak Trust, which imparted all the four ANUYOGAS with special emphasis on Panch Parmagams. Our center had many Tapasvis with 8 to 11 upvas. Our children, many of them, performed tap of various types for all 18 days. We had Bahuman celebration for all the tapasvis.

Diwali was filled with celebration with good food, meeting friends and community. We then had the Pathsala program of reciting the Namokar Mantra from our Rookies group with solo flute playing of Namokar Mantra and Maitri Bhavanu. This was followed by dances, garbo and skits. The two skits were "The Soul Lives On" showing the Kashays and "Sati Anjana". The program ended with dandiya raas for all. We had the traditional jaap on Thanksgiving day.

## Jain Directory of North America

Jain Center of Greater Boston has undertaken the project to publish fifth edition of the Directory of Jains living in North America and Canada. Our anticipated date of publication is first quarter of 2005 with an estimation that this edition will contain listing of over 10,000 families! Continuing our tradition, most of the work will be done by the volunteers and we plan to mail the directory at no cost to each Jain family listed in the directory.

## SOUTHEAST

*Surendra Shah, Regional Editor*

### ORLANDO, FL

Jain Society of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida celebrated Paryushan Parva and Das Laxna in its new Jain Temple / Upashray. Samniji graced the occasion, gave lectures and Sapna Darshan ceremony took place on September 12th. Over 150 people from all over Florida participated. During the Parva, one of the youngest member, Bhavya Sheth, age 10, did Atthai (8 Upvas). Bhavya is the first boy in Florida to do Atthai at this young age. Also there were several tapsvis with 16 Upvas, 8 Upvas and other tasyas. Parnas were held in Orlando and also at South Daytona Beach. During the year scholars such as, Shri Dhirajbhai Pandit, Smt. Sunandaben Vora, Smt. Taraben Doshi and Shri Nautambhai Vakil visited the center.

### ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Paryushana Parva was celebrated in the presence of Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji. His visit follows the earlier visit of Pramodaji Chitrabhanu. After Paryushana Parva, Das Laxana Parva was celebrated. This year saw had the largest number of tapasvis in all age groups. The center is discussing the frame work for the creation of the board of trustees.

## WEST

*Chandrakant Parekh,, Regional Editor*

### LOS ANGELES, CA

Jain Center of Southern California (JCSC) celebrated the Paryushan and Das Laxana with the guidance of Shri Narendrabhai Nandu, Shri

Chitrabhanuji and Shri Bharat Shah. A phenomenal success of this year's Paryushan celebrations is highlighted by the fact that over \$2 million were pledged for the new Jain Bhavan which is now under construction. Two families - Dr. Manibhai/Savitaben Mehta and Harshadbhai/Rekshaben Shah - pledged to donate \$751,000..

A charity gala performance to raise funds for the New Jain Bhavan was organized on October 31 and featured Dr. Mallika Sarabhai, a renowned Kuchipudi and Bharat Natyam dancer, and Kavita Murti Deshpande, a mesmerizing singer of film songs. A Bhaktamar Stotra Aradhana was performed on November 25, the Thanksgiving Day, to pray for peace through out the world. Kartiki Poonam was celebrated on November 27. Diwali was celebrated November 12-13 with a program of Panch Kalyanak Puja, Chopra Pujan, and bhavna.

Construction of Phase I of the new Jain Bhavan is nearly completed and inauguration will be planned in early 2005. The exterior of the building is constructed of superbly carved Jesalmer yellow limestone from India and reflects graceful features of a traditional Jain temple. Various artifacts for the interior are being designed in India and will include paintings, murals, tapestries, sculptures, and other media to depict the religion, art, history, culture, heritage, and Jain way of life. Donations for this noble project are always needed and can also be made using credit cards.

Information about forthcoming programs and regular activities are posted on JCSC's website at [www.jaincenter.net](http://www.jaincenter.net). For additional information, please contact Rameshbhai Doshi, JCSC President, at 714/995-8914 or [rcdoshi@yahoo.com](mailto:rcdoshi@yahoo.com).

### SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Jain Center of Northern California celebrated the 4th Pratishtha Anniversary (Mahotsav) on August 20 - 22 with a program of Bhavana Bhakti

by Sri.Chetan Gadhave from India, a Panch Kalyanak Vidhan and Snatra Pooja followed by Adhar Abhishek (18 Abhishek) Pooja for Gabhara and Bhomati Pratima including Dev and Devi. 18 Abhishek (Adhar Abhishek) Pooja is performed to eliminate all impurities (Ashatna) collected throughout the year. A program of Garba-Raas was arranged in the evening. An annual Shikhar Dhvaj changing ceremony was included within the Sattar Bhedi Pooja (17 different kinds of Poojas) Nearly 600 members attended the 3-day Mahotsav and donated over \$ 30,000.

Paryushan and Das Lakshan Mahaparvas were celebrated with a multitude of activities that attracted many devotees to the temple. Sri Vasantbhai Khokhani, the visiting scholar delivered lectures on various topics relating to Paryushan, with an emphasis on Shrimad Rajchandra's message. Dr. Sudarshan Lal Jain educated the audience with his lectures during Das Lakshan. Jayesh Khona, the resident Panditji led the Kalpasutra Vachan. This year the Paryushan activities were spread over two months, the attendance to the Pratikramans being spread as well. Dr. Sudarshan Lal Jain inaugurated the painting exhibition by the father-daughter team of Yogendra Sethi and Surbhi Pandya on Jainism during Das Lakshan Parva.

A first Interfaith Conference organized on October 9 was attended by representatives of various religions - Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism.

Information about forthcoming programs and regular activities are published in the "JCNC Darpan" newsletter and are posted on JCNC's website at [www.jcnc.org](http://www.jcnc.org). For additional information or to request a copy of the newsletter, please contact [pr@jcnc.org](mailto:pr@jcnc.org).

### SACRAMENTO, CA

Jain Center of Greater Sacramento (JCGS) celebrated the Paryushan Mahaparva under the guidance of

Samni Sanmati Pragya Ji and Samani Unatt Pragya Ji. JCGS organizes a monthly Swadhyay, and various activities including religious celebrations, Preksha dhyana and meditation classes, and lectures by visiting dignitaries. For additional information, please contact Rajiv Jain, JCGS President, at e-mail: arham108@aol.com.

## SAN DIEGO, CA

Jain Society of San Diego (JSSD) organizes regular activities which include - a monthly Jainshala for children, adult classes, swadhyay, and a weekly pooja every Saturday at Shri Mandir. For additional information, please contact Trusha Shah, JSSD President at 760/943-1241 or e-mail: shaht64@hotmail.com.

## SEATTLE, WA

Jain Society of Seattle (JSS) celebrated Payushan and Dashlakshan Mahaparvas which was attended by around 150 people. Many participated in performing poojas and abhishek. Diwali "Mahavir Nirvan Day" was celebrated by performing pooja and distributing sweets. Monthly programs are scheduled on every 2nd Sunday of the month. 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/jainso-cietyseattle/>.

## SOUTHWEST

*Jadavji Kenia, Regional Editor*

## HOUSTON, TX

With a long list of Sadhu-Sadhvijs and Jain Scholars leading up to Paryushan, the Mahaparva started with the arrival of Shrimati Pramodaben

Chitrabhanu. Her lectures were very informative conveying a very down to earth message for people to follow in their day-to-day lives. Under her able guidance members displayed tremendous response and we had a lot of Tapasya. To name a few: Nimit Solanki 21 upvas, Jayshree Mehta 16 upvas, Pratik Shah, Tajas Shah and Raniben Solanki each with 11 upvas and four each with 9, 8 and 7 upvas. Our Youths were not far behind and Nidhi Turakhia, Charmi Shah and Ravi Shah all did Atthai. Also for the benefit of our youth, Samvatsari Pratikraman was performed in English per our tradition.

This year about 50 of our members visited Dallas Jain Sangh for the Chaitya Paripati trip. We must express our gratitude to Dallas Sangh for their hospitality and well-planned activities and programs. Shri Virendrabhai from New Jersey performed the 108 Parshwanath Poojan on Oct. 31. Diwali was celebrated at JSH with various Jaaps such as Nirvan Samadhi Jaap, Ghatakaran Mahavir Jaap and Navkar Mantra Jaap.

For more information please contact JSH President Dilip Kapasi at 281-980-4567 or Navin Shah, JAINA Director at 281-565-9780 or by e-mail at [navinrshah@yahoo.com](mailto:navinrshah@yahoo.com).

## DALLAS, TX

Paryushan Maha Parva was celebrated from September 11-18 with daily Puja, Kalpa Sutra Vanchan and Pratikraman in the evening, followed by Das Laxan Maha Parva through Sep. 27th. Besides several upvas and Ekasanas there were several Atthais locally and 2 in India by JSNT members. Over 300 people participated in the Swapana ceremony. Dineshbhai and Dr. Ujjwalaben Shah gave their discourses during the Das Laxan days. They again continued in November following their tour at the other centers during October.

Jain Society of North Texas invited our neighboring Sanghs from Austin,

Houston and Tulsa for a Chaitya Paripati gathering, about 90 people from outside joined the local Sangh for this 2-day event. After lunch on Saturday, there was a cultural program at a hall in the Fun Asia complex. Younger children presented some dances on songs and moral stories followed by a drama on Shalibhadra including his previous life where he offered most of his Kheer to a Sadhu (Supatra Daan) and due to that Punya, was born as Shalibhadra in a very rich family. The high school children presented their skits on how Sadhus and Sadhvis conduct their lives on a daily basis, which were enlightening even for some adults. After children's program, Prem Shah, Anu Sheth, Deshana Shah and some out-of-town guests sang some Stavans before breaking for dinner. On Sunday, there was a Puja followed by Bhavna by King Beats group of Bombay and a delicious lunch.

JSNT celebrated Diwali on November 14, 2004 with Gautam Swami Poojan conducted by Rajendra and Aruna Shah from Nagpur. Sunday's Pooja was followed by children's program. Young children recited their Jain learning and also performed a dance. Urja Mehta from Pathshala group 2 presented a Jain song on a violin as her teacher Charuben Khara sang. The meeting was concluded with Aartis, Shanti Kalash, Chaitya Vandan and Sangh Jaman.

Pathshala group 3 children attended YJA Southwest Regional Conference in Houston during the weekend of November 20-21. JSNT contact is our current president Bhal Daulat at 214-824-1953, [thewhiterocker@yahoo.com](mailto:thewhiterocker@yahoo.com). our website is [www.dfwjains.org](http://www.dfwjains.org).

## PHOENIX, AZ

During the summer of 2004 the Jain Center of Greater Phoenix hosted Pandit Dhirubhai Mehta, Prakash Jain and Narendra Nandu. Narendrabhai and his group enthralled community with Stavan/Bhavana, Ras Garba and

very devotional SidhaChakra Poojan. Paryushan was celebrated with daily Swadhyay and Pratikraman. During Swapana Vidhi ceremony young (children) Tapasvis were honored for their commitment to give up something during Paryushan.

General body of JCGP met for Swami Vatsalya following Paryushan, when new By-laws were approved. Executive committee also approved incorporating Jain Center of Greater Phoenix in the state of Arizona. Diwali Poojan was held among the presence of Inter Faith Community members.

Elections for new Executive committee and Board will be held during January 2005. For more information, please contact Mahendra Shah (President, JCGP) at 602-493-9745 or email: jain\_phoenix@hotmail.com.

## TULSA,OK

The members of the Tulsa Jain Sangh are thoroughly enjoying the new Jain Center. All the members successfully celebrated Paryushan, including

Swapana celebration followed by the Sangh lunch. All individuals who did Pratikraman actively participated in reciting the sutras. In October, the Sangh also attended Chaitya Paripati arranged by Jain Society of North Texas in Dallas. Diwali and New Year were celebrated with Bhavna, Jaap, Snatra Pooja, and Sangh dinner.

We wish all of you a Happy New Year. For more information about The Tulsa Jain Sangh, please contact Chandrakant Shah (president, TJS) at 918-258-4400 or email: chandrakantshahtjs@hotmail.com.

## AUSTIN,TX

The Jain Sangh of Greater Austin celebrated Diwali on November 14 with our annual program. This year both the Pathshala I and II classes performed in front of the whole Sangh. In India, regardless of religious beliefs, Diwali is a time of celebration and community get together and this was the theme of our program this year. The program was started by Stavans

sponsored by individual families and Stotras by a few of the youth. In keeping with the theme of the program, the Pathshala I class performed a Dandia/Rass program and they invited other non-Jain friends in the community to participate with them. The Pathshala II class performed a Khanjri dance as a celebration of the festivities. The program also brought our community together by having a potluck dinner followed by community Dandia.

Our Sangh also achieved another major milestone in our history, the selection of an official name, Jain Sangh of Greater Austin. This is the first step as our Sangh moves toward establishing ourselves as an official non-profit organization. In the coming months, we will finalize our charter and once approved by the Sangh, we will file for our new status. It is a very exciting time for our Sangh and the community.

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**M1037:** Gujarati parents invite proposals with bio-data / photo for handsome fair vegetarian non-smoker non-drinker US born son, June 78, MD, 2nd Yr resident (orthopedic surgery), from US raised professional pretty girls. Call: 480/813-1200. ushashah@quest.net

**M1061:** Alliance invited for handsome talented vegetarian Gujarati boy, born Dec 76, 5'8", 154 lb, MBA (MIS), well employed, from cultured educated vegetarian Gujarati girls. Call: 978/726-5323. Email: chintan76@hotmail.com

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**M1088:** Gujarati parents invite responses with bio-data / photo from well-educated vegetarian pretty girls for handsome caring brilliant UK born / USA raised son, born Dec 76, 5'7", 135 lb, BS (Economics), International MBA (May 05). Email: girishshah108@sbcglobal.net

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tarian Jain girls. Call: 931/358-4151 or 931/801-9252. bhavvik@gmail.com

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**AM372:** Alliance invited for handsome very fair highly educated boy, born April 72, 5'11", 149 lb, BS (EE), MBA, CA, CFA, DDE, working at a very senior management position with Fortune 500 Global Org. Call: 732/429-0968. Email: nkabra@yahoo.com

**AM419:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome talented accomplished vegetarian US raised son, born Aug 74, 5'11", BS (comp sc), well employed with IBM, from cultured educated vegetarian girls. 570/287-7457. : hvs1@yahoo.com

**AM436:** Reputed Jain business family of Bombay invites proposals for USA based handsome bright vegetarian son, born Nov 78, 5'11", 155 lb, MBA, well employed. Call: 732/371-6530 or 240/476-3657. pbaldoata@gmail.com

**AM437:** Gujarati parents invite responses for handsome brilliant vegetarian US citizen son, born May 79, 150 lb, pursuing dual degree MD & PhD, from cultured educated girls. Call: 678/482-4581. Email: tarin522@yahoo.com

**AM438:** Jain parents invite proposals for their vegetarian Canada born son, Jan 80, 5'10", Cornell & Stanford graduate engineer, in international family-owned consulting business, from Jain professional family-oriented girls. Call: 905/278-9658. cjain@jainassoc.com

**M1066:** Gujarati parents invite proposals for handsome accomplished US born son, April 75, 5'6", MD, doing Cardiology fellowship at Brown University, from cultured well educated pretty vegetarian Jain girls. Call: 410/771-0251. sbm41975@yahoo.com

**MALE:** Gujarati Parents invite correspondence with bio-data/photo for their handsome, fair, vegetarian, US born son. Oct 79, 5'10", 140 lbs, MD (4th year) from professional, Jain girls. rajkcd@att.net

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An ascetic named Yasobhadra followed Sayambhava leading the community for two years. He died in 319 BC.

After Yasobhadra came one of Jain history's great events under the stewardship of Bhadrabahu who succeeded Yasobhadra in 317 BC. Bhadrabahu was a scholar and who is credited with the commentaries of the Jain scriptures including the Angas. He also wrote the Kalpa Sutra - Shvetambar Jain's great holy book. It was at this time under the reign of Chandragupta of the Maurya dynasty that the great famine took place and the great Shvetambar - Digambar Schism took place. As the description of the schism would be out of scope of this writing, it is suffice to say that Bhadrabahu took part of the community to the south and left the other part under the leadership of Sthulibhadra.

Bhadrabahu died in 297 BC and was succeeded by Sthulibhadra who probably held the position of the leader of the entire Jain community (Clothed Monks and Naked Monks) until his death in 252 BC.

The great spiritual leaders Gautam Indrabhutti, Sudharma and Jambu Swami are known as Kevalis as they possessed Keval Gyan. All five great leaders after Jambu Swami described above are called Shrutakevali meaning they attained complete knowledge of the scriptures but not Keval Gyan. The leaders after Sthulibhadra are called Dasapurvi -- those who knew the 10 Purvas of the 12th Anga.

# The Fourteen Stages of Spiritual Elevation (Apurva Avasar)



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Shrimad Rajchandra (1868-1901) was a great Seer and one of the most recognized Jain sages of the modern time who has made priceless contribution to Jain philosophy and literature according to Pundit Sukhalaji. Shrimad possessed brilliant poetic abilities as reflected in his master epics Atmasiddhi and Apurva Avasar, the later poem impacted Mahatma Gandhi so much that it was included by Gandhiji in the Ashram Bhajanvali for daily recitation.

In Apurva Avasar poem, Shrimad describes one's genuine aspiration for achieving the spiritual elevation and a burning desire to ascend the 14 stages of elevation prescribed in Tatvarthsutra. One may think of this poem as a short version of Haribhadra's Yogdrasti Samuchhya which is considered as a scientific barometer by Shrimad to measure the spiritual stages of an aspirant. According to Umaswati's Tatvarthsutra, the first three stages (Gunsthanaka) are not so important as they pertain to soul with deeply deluded perception. In this poem Shrimad describes the prerequisite mode and the qualifications of an aspirant in the first two verses before attaining the 4th stage describing right perception (Samyak Darshan) in verse 3. Arriving at stage 4 is considered as the most important milestone in one's spiritual pursuit and this precious stage can be attained by a house holder (e.g. Shrimad Rajchandra in 1891) or a monk (e.g. Haribhadra in 8th century, Hemchandra in 12th century, Yashovijayji in 18th century, etc.).

Once stage 4 with Samyak Darshan (self realization) is attained, the aspirant strives with burning desire to attain stage 7 symbolizing Samyak Charitra (right conduct) as described in verses 4 to 12 by Shrimad in a brilliant way to lead us into meditative mode to follow the path of the Lord Jina. During stages 4 to 7 one continues to develop total detachment from the senses and the worldly desires while experiencing the majesty and the bliss of the pure consciousness. Apurva Avasar verses 4 to 12 give us a very good insight and a pictorial view of a self realized saint's intense meditation and inner determination, force, and spiritual strength to dissolve and destroy all the passions such as anger, greed, ego, deceit, lust and jealousy before attaining the omniscient knowledge (Keval Gnan).

Verse 12 describes the 10th Gunsthanak where Svanjalan Kashaya (Last passion of greed) is fully destroyed and the aspirant is now ready to climb to the 12th and 13th stage of spiritual elevation. In verses 13 and 14, Shrimad brilliantly describes the process of ascending from 10th to 12th stage to destroy the four Ghati Karmas (obscuring pure self) and ascend in the powerful meditative Shreni (thirstful fire of meditation known as Shukla Dhyana to destroy all the soul obscuring Karmas) to arrive at 13th stage in 48 minutes to attain the omniscient knowledge (Keval Gnan). Verse 15 describes the Arihant stage or 13th Gunsthanak where one attains infinite perception, knowledge, energy and bliss by destroying all the Ghati Karmas. As we know, Lord Mahavir attained this stage 13 at age 42.

Verses 16 to 18 describe the process and the characteristics of the 14th stage where attachment of body, mind, and words and all the Karmas are shed completely to become Siddha which is described in verse 19. When Siddha stage (14th Gunsthanak) is attained the soul is liberated from all the Karmas as well as from the association of the body, mind and speech. This is the ever lasting state of Lord Siddha who has omniscient knowledge and perception experiencing and enjoying the formless pure consciousness for ever as beautifully described in verse 19 by Shrimad. Lord Mahavir attained the Siddha state at age 72 this is the goal of every seeker.

Verse 20 explains why it is so difficult to narrate this final Ayogi (bodyless and formless) state as even Lord Mahavir could not narrate it fully; it has to be experienced only by the self. Finally in the last verse # 21, Shrimad shows his firm determination to attain that omniscient liberated state with Lord's blessing.

One can use this poem in performing daily Samayik to meditate and contemplate deeply on how to move forward on the fourteen stages of spiritual elevation. Shrimad Laghuraj Swami, the first disciple of Shrimadji, who attained self realization had this to say about this epic poem: "Each word of Apurva Avasar is truly a holy Mantra evolving from the heart of a highly accomplished Siddha Yogi like Shrimad Rajchandra and it has the divine powers to awaken and lead an aspirant to self realization in less

than six months if one constantly meditates on its meaning in depth with genuine faith. The following translation of this poem is provided for daily meditation:

When will I attain that unprecedented spiritual stage,  
When will I break off the external and internal bonds of desire;  
When will I fully detach from all the worldly relationships,  
And when will I follow the spiritual path of the great Masters? ....1

When will I detach from all the emotions and desires,  
When will I experience complete self control,  
When will I arrive at a state of pure self content,  
And when will I have no attachment to my physical body?..... 2

By fully destroying the self ignorance,  
I realized pure consciousness separate from the body,  
With the enlightened contemplation of pure self,  
May I remain an observer to all the diminishing activities?.....3

Let the blissful peace of self illumination  
Remain steadfast for ever,  
Let the state of equanimity not be disturbed  
By the external or internal adversities..... 4

Let all my efforts be focused at self control,  
Obediently following the path of the Lord Jina;  
Only to realize the pure consciousness,  
Let the external activities gradually diminish,  
Until I am fully submerged in my pure self. .... 5

Let my feelings be without craving or aversion,  
In experiencing the five senses,  
Let my mind not be disturbed from fivefold indolence,  
Let me follow the destiny with no expectations,  
Let me not be influenced by external object, space, or time.....6

Let my provocation be towards the anger itself,  
Let my humility extend towards arrogance,  
Let me remain a calm observer towards deception  
And avoidance of covetousness towards greed..... 7

Let me not be angry towards anyone  
Who inflicts deep wounds of pain on me,  
Let me have no ego even if an emperor bows to me,  
Let me remain carefree even in case of the loss of my life,  
And let me have no desire for the priceless worldly achievements.

Let me become a fully detached monk  
Who is carefree of his body's cosmetics,  
And one who has conquered all the emotions and passions  
To be a real saint overcoming all the body infestations.....9

Let me live in a state of equanimity  
Towards a friend or a foe;  
Let me have no concern for life or death,  
And my blissful peace prevail in an embodied or a liberated state.  
Let me be like an unshakable monk.....10

Who wonders alone in the crematories or lone mountains;  
Where he may encounter a tiger or a lion,  
He remains steadfast in his equanimity,  
As if he is with his best friends.....11

Let there be no mental stress from severe austerity,  
Nor there be any delight from delicious food;  
Enormous wealth of heavenly Gods I may view  
Equally lifeless as the earthly particles of dirt..... 12

After conquering the delusive Karmas,  
Which obscure the right conduct,  
May I ascend the intense ladder of spiritual perfection  
To experience the everlasting bliss of my pure consciousness. 13

After crossing the largest ocean of delusion,  
May I reach the twelfth stage of spiritual elevation;  
Reaching perfection in detachment and equanimity,  
May I now experience the omniscient knowledge!.....14

Let the soul obscuring karmas be fully destroyed,  
Vanishing the very seed of the life cycle;  
Let my true consciousness be realized in the purest form,  
With omniscient knowledge and the perception infinite. 15

Let the four Aghati Karmas become lifeless,  
Like a burnt rope with no force,  
Their life span depending on the life itself,  
Ending for ever when the body becomes lifeless.....16

When the soul dissociates from all the external matter,  
Detaching finally from the mind, body, speech, and karma;  
The fourteenth spiritual stage finally arrives,  
With eternal happiness & freedom from the Karmic bondage. 17

The inert state of the soul finally arrives,  
When no atomic particle can associate with pure self,  
As the soul is now fully perfected, flawless and pure,  
Omniscient, formless, brilliantly shining is the pure consciousness,  
And effortless remaining in its natural state for ever.....18

Charged fully from the previous spiritual experiences,  
Cosmic momentum lifts the soul to full liberation;  
Steadfast in infinite bliss and joy,  
With omniscient knowledge and infinite perception. ....19

Though omniscient Lords have experienced this (14th) stage,  
But are unable to describe fully its majesty and grandeur,  
How can any one else describe it in words,  
Alas, it can only be experienced by Self knowledge. .... 20

I have conceived to attain this fourteenth blissful stage,  
Even though it may be a dream beyond my reach;  
Confident I, Shrimad Rajchandra, remain to attain this stage,  
By following the teachings of the Lord.  
When will I attain that unprecedented spiritual state .....21

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As followers of "Jiv Daya" and "Ahimsa" it is our moral obligation to respond to this cause and help these victims. We can't bring back the dead but let us help millions to help survive. Your contribution will make a remarkable difference in the lives of these unfortunate people. In the past, with your support, we have raised over \$650,000 for Gujarat Earthquake, \$100,000 for Latur Earthquake, \$70,000 for Kutch Cyclone and some the Turkey earthquake etc. Once again, we request your generous help for this humane cause.

We realize that many different organizations have started such a fund raising drive. The reasons why you should send your donations through JAINA:

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✓ Funds collected by JAINA will be spent in completely non-violent manner keeping in mind Jain way. For example, our money will not be spent on replacing fishing boat or serving meals with meat. Our efforts will be directed in helping build a school or a hospital or housing.

JAINA has already requested Presidents and Directors of all the 67 centers in the US and Canada to collect the funds and forward to JAINA so we can carryout a meaningful relief project. Remember:

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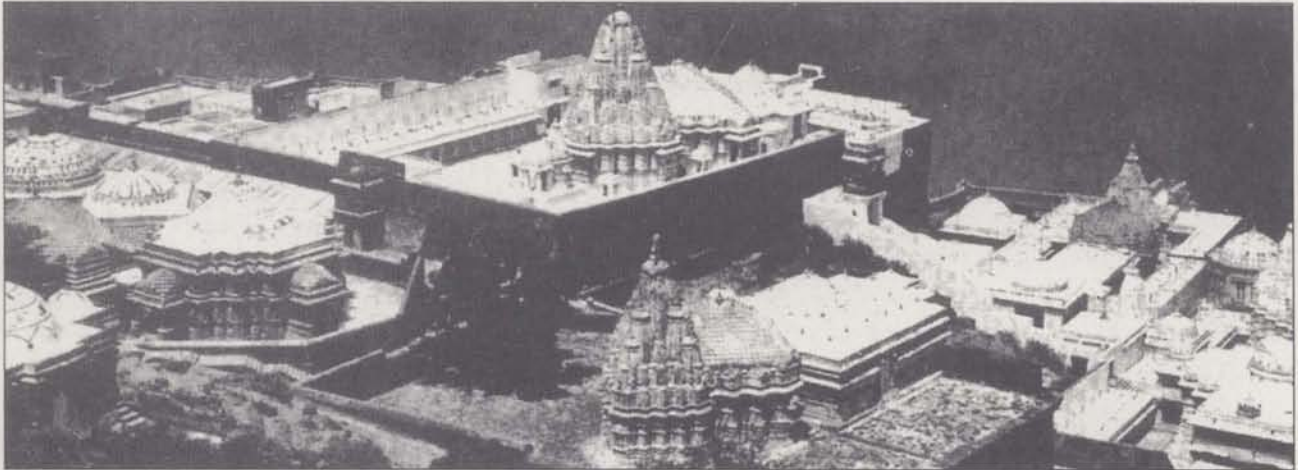
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