

**A Light, a Guide, a Seer
&
Piety Incarnation**

Jain Bharati Mahatma Sadhvi Shri Mrigavati Ji Maharaj



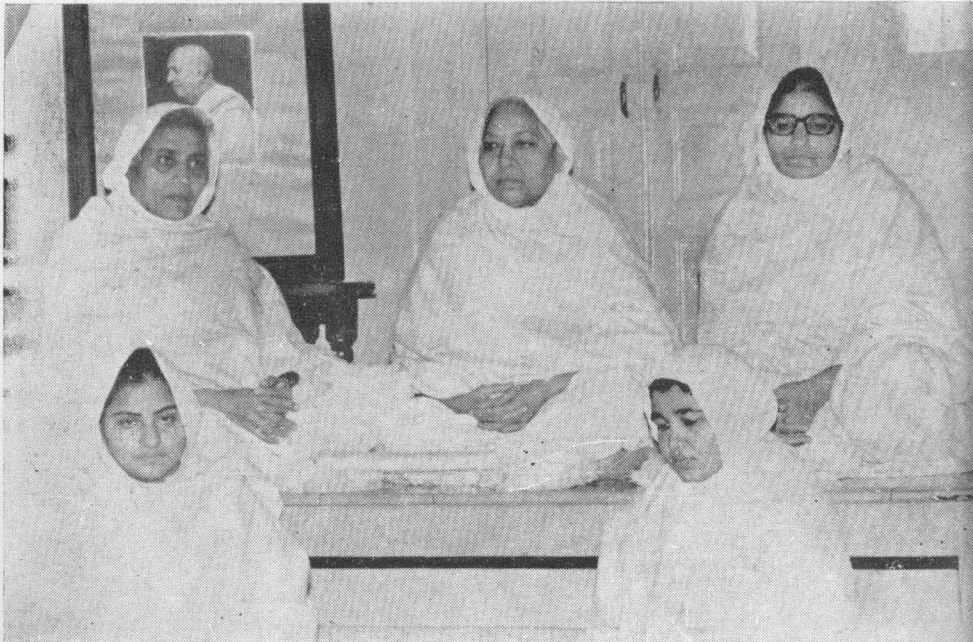
(1926—1986)

A Compendium

Our Guiding Spirits



Jain Bharati Mahattra Sadhvi Shri Mrigavati Ji
and most revered Sadhvi Shri Sujyeshtha Ji



Maharaj Shri Mrigavati Shri Ji with pious ensemble

Face reveals the sublimity within

Broad resplendent forehead, innocent gentleness, piteous eyes, roselike ever beaming face, affection-showing glances, firm and hopeful about holy Indian cultural traditions, clad in spotless white Khadi, the first appearance of Sadhvi ji Maharaj imparted immense peace to the beholder. H. H. Maharaj ji possessed such a spiritual power as attracted irresistibly as a magnet every human being. The appearance was sublime and magnetic. Sermons exerted magical influence on listeners. Her personality was a unique blend of tenderness and sympathy on one hand and courage and discretion on the other hand. Like Bharti Devi and Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi, she never gave shelter to injustice in any form.

Man is a rational being and the cause of his incessant progress lies in his capacity to imbibe thoughts and share them with others. Sadhvi Maharaj ji undertook the task of reconstruction by sheer force of thoughts; she inspired youths; gave new direction to womenfolk; showed the righteous path to the human being; brought out the religion out of the confinement of rituals and temples to the practical life of man; got established many institutions through her inspiration. She was an institution in herself—institution of country's liberation, institution of the human liberation, institution of religion, knowledge and right judgement, institution of intellect and culture. Sweet voice, forceful language, humility and affectionateness were the basic qualities of her personality. She possessed the wealth of lustrous renunciation, unique talent in the tradition of Gargi and sobriety of Matrayee and devotion to Guru like Sahjobai and Muktabai. She owned wealth of truth, good conduct and five great solemn pledges. She doled out this wealth quite liberally. She returned to society millionfold whatever she got from society. Courage of

Guru Atam, foresight of Guru Vallabh and devotion to Guru of Guru Samuder—the confluence of the three found manifestation in her personality. She possessed the befitting quality of Mahatma—the qualities of taking decisions even in the most tiring and difficult circumstances. Motilal Nehru once said, “There are some people who work while there are others who want to grab the credit”. Sadhvi ji belonged to the former category of people who are always busy in their work.

Today when the values of life are uncertain, man is guided by ego, young people lack the creative direction, man is helplessly caught in the snares of bad traditions and vices, man is restless in the poisonous atmosphere of Pancham Kal, she proved to be a dawn to dispel the darkness surrounding man. She forged a clear path for man to walk on, a path bearing the footprints of great men. This path is both thorny and fragrant. This is not covered with flowers but it gives off soul's sweet fragrance. Here there are no musical cascades but man himself becomes a cascade. The world survives, man faces joys and sorrows with perfect calmness and despair changes into hope as a result of sacrifices of holy saints like her, life becomes worth living. She gave respect to every human being. She never rested till she accomplished the task. The pledge fulfilment of mission at the cost of the body had become a part and parcel of her life. That is why she always achieved success She practised what she preached. She never held out any false assurance to anybody. She always respected men of letters, artistes and scholars. Helping the Jains, widows, the helpless, the orphans and the students secretly was her daily routine. She was above the narrow walls of province, sex, race or religion. In reality, the credit of making her an embodiment of virtues and goodness goes to her mother Guru Sadhvi Sheelwati ji Maharaj.

The untimely leaving behind the mortal of Sadhvi Shri Mrigavati ji—the unique luminary, devoted spiritual

guide and the sole spirit behind the Vallabh Samarak is irreparable loss not only to Jain Jagat but also to the whole peace-loving societies of various kinds.

Dedicated to the Trinity of the Gurus
**Jain Bharti Mahattra Sadhvi Rattan
Shri Mrigavati Shri Ji Maharaj**

Birth :

Vikrami Samvat 1982, Chaitra Sudi Saptami, 4th April
1926

Devlokgaman :

Vikrami Samvat 2042, Ashadh Sudi Dwadashi, 18th
July, 1986

Birth Place :

Sardhar (Saurashtra); 16 miles away from Rajkot

Name before Deeksha :

Bhanumati

Father :

Shri Doongarsi Bhai Sanghvi

Mother :

Shrimati Shivkunwar Bahin

Deeksha Village :

Palitana (Saurashtra) in Samvat 1995, at the age of 12

Deeksha Guru :

Shri Sheelwati Shri Ji Maharaj (Worldly Mother
Shivkunwar Bahin)

Deeksha Name :

Sadhvi Shri Mrigavati Ji Maharaj

Follower of :

Kalikal Kalptaru, Ajnan Timir Tarni, Yugveer, Jainacharya Panjab Kesri Vijay Vallabh Sureeshwar Ji Maharaj

Learnt Vyakaran, Kavya, Kosh, Chhand, Alankar, Sanskrit & Literature at the feet of :

Pandit Shri Harinandan Jha and Shri Chhote Lal Ji Sharma

Study of Jain Agama and Comparative Study of Jain, Boudh and Vedic traditions .

With the blessings of Jin Shasan Rattan Vijay Samudrasuri Gurdev Ji; with the guidance of Agam Prabhakar Shri Punya Vijay Ji Maharaj at Ahmdabad from Pandit Shri Sukh Lal Ji, Pandit Shri Bechardas Ji and Pandit Shri Dalsukh Bhai Malavaniya

In Sarvdharam Parishad :

Represented eloquently Jainism in 1953 at Calcutta during Chaturmas

Bharat Sewak Samaj Convention :

An unforgettable sermon presided over by Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda on Jainism in the presence of mammoth assembly at Pawapuri in 1954

**Accomplishment of Construction
Rennovation and Revival of
Jain temples with Maharaj Ji's
blessings and inspirations**

Ludhiana :

1. a) Bhumi Khanan of Shri Shanti Nath Jain Temple in Sunder Nagar by Bhai Raj Kumar Ji Jain, M/s. Praveen Knitwear, Ludhiana

- b) Foundation Laying by Lala Khairati Lal Ji, M/s. Enkay Rubber Company, Delhi
 - c) Completion of the Temple Construction by the inspiration of Maharaj Ji
2. Collection of funds, completion of unfinished work and 'Pratistha of Shri Adinath Jain Temple of Civil Lines
 3. Commencement of renovation of Jain Temple at Chaura Bazar

Kangra :

- a) Bhumi Khanan of Shri Adinath Jain Temple Dharamshala by Rai Sahib Raj Kumar Ji, Ambala
- b) Foundation laying by Babu Shri Rikhab Dass Ji of Hoshiarpur
- c) Bringing of 500 years old grand idol of Vishal Prabhu Adinath Ji from Ranakpur to Kangra with the blessings of H. H. Maharaj Ji and strenuous efforts of Shri Rati Lal Deep Chand Desai and courtesy of Seth Shri Shrenik Bhai Kasturbhai

Shri Vallabh Samarak, Delhi

Foundation laying of 'Shri Vasupujay Bhagwan's Chaumukh Jain Mandir' at Smarak Campus by Shri Pratapbhai Bhogi Lal Ji of Batlibuoy

Chandigarh :

- a) Bhumi Khanan of 'Shri Mahavir Jain Swetambar Temple' in sector 28 by Bhai Shri Shadi Lal Ji Jain Jewellers, Chandigarh (Kasuruwalla)
- b) Foundation laying by Lala Tej Pal Padam Kumar Ji of M/s. Panjab Fabrics Ltd, Chandigarh

Malerkotla :

- a) Renovation of Shri Jag Vallabh Parshav Nath Shwetambar Temple Constructed by H. H.

**Nyayambhonidhi Jaincharya Shrimati Vijayanand
Suri Ji Maharaj**

Sardhana :

Renovation of 'Shri Sumatinath Jain Temple'

Abundant financial contribution for various Jain temples under construction in India at Rai Kot, Samana, Sunam, Jagadhri, Agra (Vallabh Nagar) Muzzaffarnagar, Jharia, Dahanu, Chik Manglore, Mudbhidri (Digamber Jain Mandir), inspiration for Jain Temples in South India

**Construction, Revitalization and Financial
Contribution for Jain upashrayas by Inspiration
and blessings of H. H. Maharaj Ji**

Ludhiana :

1. a) Bhumi Khanan of Vallabh Nagar Upashray by Lala Des Raj Ji Jodhan Wale, President, Shri Sangh
b) Foundation-laying by Bhai Shri Paul Bihara Shah of Ludhiana 'Kasur Wale'
2. Financial contribution for the construction of 'Mahavir Jain Upashray' Purana Bazar

Ambala :

Completion of unfinished work of 'Vallabh Niketan' through fund-raising

Malerkotla and Ropar :

Bhumi Pujan, Foundation laying, construction and inauguration of Upashrayas

Raikot :

Financial contribution to Upashray

Amritsar :

Financial contribution to Dadabari

Delhi :

Financial contribution to 'Atam Vallabh Prem Bhawan',
Kinari Bazar

Sardhana :

Revitalization of Upashray

Dahanu :

Financial contribution for Upashraya

Bombay (Khar) :

Significant contribution for the development of Punjab
Bharti Jain Sabha, Ahinsa Hall (Sthanak)

Mysore :

Construction of Jnyan Mandir (Upashray)

Chandigarh :

Construction of Upashray

Sardhar :

Revitalization of Upashray

**Deeds Dedicated to Guru Maharaj Accomplished
by
H. H. Maharaj's Blessings**

Ambala :

Foundation laying and construction of 'Vallabh Vihar'
Samadhi Temple during Ambala Chaturmas in 1954

Gurudham Lehra :

- a) Construction of 'Guru Atam Keerti Stambh' while
residing at Zira in 1956 to concretize the ideals of
the Guru after 117 years of his birth
- b) Foundation of 'Gurudham Lehra Sthayee Kosh' in
order to organize annual Janamotsav
- c) Inspiration for starting Lehra's Civil Hospital

Gurudham Padyatra Sangh :

Inspired and led 300 devotees of Padyatra Sangh, Ludhiana to visit for the first time Gurudham Lehra and contributed towards the development of Lahra Teerath in 1977. About 2500 devotees paid homage to Guru Teerath.

Inspiration for Delhi (Vallabh Smarak)— 'Shri Atam Vallabh Sanskrit Mandir'

Rekindled devotion among people through H. H. Maharaj's austerity for the postponed work of Vallabh Smarak in 1974; Created 'Shri Atam Vallabh Jain Smarak Shikshan Nidhi Trust' and purchased land for it.

- a) **Bhumi Khanan** in 1977 by Lala Khairati Lal ji, M/s. Enkay Rubber Co., Delhi Lakhs of rupees were collected
- b) Foundation—Laying by Lala ^{Ratan Chand} Khairati Lal Ji, M/s. ~~Enkay Rubber Co.,~~ Delhi Lakhs of rupees were collected

Silver Jubilee of Shri Atmanand Jain Sabha, Bombay :

500 devotees made a collective Yatra from Panjab in 1967 on the occasion of silver Jubilee of 'Shri Atmanand Jain Sabha, Bombay and Golden Jubilee of, 'Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalya', Bombay.

Malerkotla :

Foundation-laying and construction of Guru Vallabh Samadhi Temple

Muradabad :

Significant financial contribution towards 'Vijay Samudhar Suri Samadhi Mandir'

Ambala :

Inauguration of construction of Samudhar Half of S. A. Jain High School by Lala Tejpal Padam Kumar of Calcutta

JANDIALA

Renovation of 'Dadawadhi'

Completion of Construction and Development of Educational Institutions with H.H. Maharaj's Blessings and Close Associations

Ludhiana :

Inspired people to contribute liberally even by showering ornaments towards the creation of a fund of lakhs of rupees for the magnificent construction of 'Shri Atmanand Jain High School'. 4000 students are benefitted.

Saved S. A. Jain College, Ambala City and made significant financial contribution for various educational instituticns

- (a) Started Shri Atam Vallabh Jain foundation in order to save Shri Atmanand Jain College Ambala from financial crisis
- (b) Founded 'Shri Atam Vallabh Sheelwati Vidyarthi Sahayata Kosh' for giving economic assistance to talented and poor students
- (c) Collection of ample funds for :
 - i) S. A. Jain High School
 - ii) S. A. Jain Model School
 - iii) S. A. Jain Kanya Vidyalya
 - iv) S. A. Jain Shishu Vidyalya

Nurture and development of various Jain Educational Institutions all over India

Inspiration and financial aid for upgrading Primary and Middle to High School stage at Hoshiarpur, Jandiala and Nakodar

On the auspicious occasion of the Birth Centenary of Guru Vallabh financial contribution was made to Ratan

College (Digambar); Bangalore, Didhawan College Dharamsthal—(Digambar); High School (Moodhidri—Digambar) Mahavir Jain Vidyalay Bombay; Sardar Public School, dedicated to Pujya Mata—Shri Patti, (Amritsar) Mahavir School, Jain Public School (Meerut).

Starting of Various Libraries :

- a) 'Sudharma Library' at Atam Vallabh Prem Bhawan, Delhi (Kinari Bazar)
- b) Shrimati Kaushalya Devi Harbhagwan Dass Library Hall at S. A. Jain College Ambala City

Foundation of Two Trusts of Parshav Nath Vidya Ashram for producing Scholars

Raised a contribution of Rs. 51000/- for each of the acholars at 'Parshav Nath Vidya Ashram, Banaras.

Social Welfare Projects Accomplished with H. H, Maharaj Ji's inspiration and close contact

Aid to Blind Institutions :

Financial contribution alongwith electric fans and machines for Blind School, Amritsar, Rajkot and Miss Brown Hospital, Ludhiana

Foundation Laying of Grand and Spacious Cancer Hospital at Ludhiana

- a) Akkibai Eye Hospital in cherished memory of mother of Lala Lakshman Dass Ji Oswal
- b) Foundation - laying by H.H. Maharaj Ji of 'Shrimati Mohan Devi Cancer Hospital and Research Centre which was later on converted into General Hospital. A huge sum of Rs. 12 Crores was contributed by Lala Vidya Sagar Oswal

Starting a project for Jain Nagar at Bombay during her 1966 Chaturmas at Bhaikhala

Collection of fund for completing Jain Nagar Yojna for constructing a residential complex for middle class Jain brethren.

At Amritsar collection of fund for the aid of needy Jain brethren. Creation and foundation-laying of Group Housing Society at Rohini in Delhi.

With the blessings of H. H. Maharaj Ji Shri Atam Vallabh Group Housing Society, Vallabh Vihar was formed on June 21. 1984 by organising 223 families under the chairmanship of Lala Ram Lal Ji. Shri Anoop Chand Ji, M. P. laid the foundation stone.

Starting of a Homeopathic Hospital on June 15: 1985 in the campus of Shri Vallabh Smarak :

Under the management of of Shri Atam Vallabh Dharam Jaswant Medical Foundation, Vijay Vallabh Jain Hospital's foundation was laid by Lala Dharam Chand Ji.

Financial Aid to other Hospitals ;

Shri Mahavir Jain Hospital, Surat, Vijay Vallabh Hospital,, Baroda, Vijay Vallabh Clinic, Jammu, Vijay Aushdhalya, Jagraon, Vijay Vallabh Homeopathic Aushdhalya, Ludhiana were given ample financial assistance.

Sirhind Pilgrimage :

Significant financial contribution for development of this pilgrimage dedicated to Mata Chakreshwari Devi

Starting of Press Industrial Centres :

With the blessings of H. H. Maharaj Ji Upa. Sohan Vijay Printing Press" was started and a fund of money was raised 'Shri Sohan Vijay Ji Udyog Kendra' was started for the benefit of the members of Jain community.

Inspiration for the Construction of Dharamshalas :

Bangalore :

With the blessings of H. H. Maharaj Ji Hira Chand Nahar Dev was founded at Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore.

Malerkotla :

- a) Construction of Gyan Chan Ji Dharamshala
- b) Construction of Roshan Lal Ji Jain Dharamshals

Sardhar :

Construction of Vijay Vallabh Atithi Garh.

Hastinapur :

Construction of three blocks of the Dharamshala and significant contribution for the development of this place of pligrimage

Kangra :

Construction of 16 rooms of the Dharamshala

Preservation Projects for Animals

- a) Tithi in Mandal Gaushala
- b) Tithi in Radhanpore Pinjrapole
- c) Sending of wagonfuls of straw from Dahanu to Bikaner during famine
- d) Financial help to and inspiration for maintaining Pinjrapoles and Gaushalas

A Campaign against social ills like Dowry, Fashion etc. in Panjab

H. H. Maharaj Ji's thoughts and sermons brought about an awakening in every village and town of Panjab. Thousands of young men and women and people of all castes including the elite and the moneyed class took a pledge not to accept dowry. Thousands of men and women gave up the use of lipstick, fashion, meat and wine.

Sermons to be the real Human Being

H. H, Maharaj Ji blazed the path of becoming real human beings by delivering sermons in Arya Samaj Temples, Gurdwaras, Churches, Sanatan Dharam Temples. Mosques Jails, Ashrams. Sthanaks and Synagogs of Parsis, Public grounds and markets.

Establishment of Mandals and Organising of Educational Camps and Eye – Camps

Established Youth Mandal of Punjab. Established Mahila Mandals in Delhi, Ambala, Meerut & Sardhna. Established Satsang Mandal under the administration of Veer Sangeet Mandal, Shahadara. Organised educational camps of Bhaykhala, Neminath (Bombay), Ludhiana, Malerkotla, Ambala, Delhi etc. Organized Eye-Camps at Zira and many other places. Established self-study centres at Ludhiana and many other places.

Establishing Various trusts in order to carry on efficiently the multi-purpose project of Shri Vallabh Smarak

- i) Shri Atam Vallabh Jain Smarak Shikshan Nidhi Trust
- ii) Shri Vashupujya Jain Shwetambar Temple Trust
- iii) Devi Padmavati Charitable Trust
- iv) Shri Vallabh Smarak Bhojnalya Trust
- v) Bhogi Lal Laher Chand Institute of Indology Trust
- vi) Sadhwi Sujyeshtha Ji Charitable Trust
- vii) Mata Padmavati Shartiable Trust
- viii) Inspired people to create a trust worth 50 lacs for the proper maintainance of Vallabh Smarak which will receive half of its income

Other Trusts :

- a) Shri Atam Vallabh Sheel Saurabh Trust dedicated to the memory of Mataguru Shri Sheelwati Ji Maharaj

was established at Bombay in order to provide easily available education of Prakrit, Sanskrit to sadhvals and sisters.

- b) Inspired people for creating various charitable and educational trusts.

**Jain Bharti Title Bestowed upon H. H. Maharaj Ji
Jin Shasan Rattan Vijay Samudar Suri Ji**

Maharaj, bestowed upon H. H. Maharaj Ji the title of Jain Bharti' at Bombay in 1972.

**Received the title of Mahattra and Kangra
Tseerthodarika**

Both these titles were conferred upon her in 1979 at Kangra by Parmar Kshatriyodharak Gachadhipati Acharya Shri Inder Dinan Suri Ji Maharaj.

**24th Convention of All India Shwetamber
Jain Conference—29.11.1979**

With the blessings of Jain Bharti Ji 24th convention of Jain Conference on the occasion of the Foundation Laying Ceremony of Vallabh Smarak under the chairmanship of Deep Chand Gardi was very successful.

Convention of Mahasabha

With H. H. Maharaj Ji's blessings many conventions of Shri Atmanand Jain Sabha were held at various places like Ludhiana, Malerkotla and Delhi.

**Deeds Accomplished with the blessings and
inspirations of H.H. Maharaj Ji in the
campus of Shri Vallabh Smarak**

Devi Padmavati Ji Temple :

- i) **Bhumi Khanan : Lala Ram Lal Ji, President Shree
Cangh, Delhi**

- ii) Foundation Laying ; Shri Chote Lal Ji, Shahdra
- iii) Pratisha : Shri Shanti Lal Ji, (Owner Moti Lal Banarsi Dass Jain, Delhi)
- iv) Inauguration : Sarv Shri Shashi Kant, Naresh Chand Munhane, Delhi

Inauguration of Hostel : Sheel Saurbh ^{Vijaya} Vihar

Inaugurated by Shri Deep Chand Gardi, Bar-at-Law, Bombay.

**Research Chair Bhogi Lal Laher Chand
Institute of Indology**

was inaugurated by Shri Pratapbhai Bhogi Lal in the memory of his father, Late Shri Bhogi Lal Laher Chand.

**Inauguration of Shri Vallabh Smarak Kitchen
by Sarv Shri Shashi Kant, Ravi Kant, Sons of
Late Shri Tilak Chand Munhane**

**A Scholarly debate on Jain Literature Research
Work with the blessings of H.H. Maharaj Ji**

Under the auspices of Bhogi Lal Laher Chand Institute of Indology a scholarly debate by learned scholars was organised on 4-5th August, 1985.

**Pratishtha of the grand Idol of the Guru at
Shri Vallabh Smarak**

By Shri Shaileshbhai Himmal Lal Kothari

**Installation of the Grand Jain Idol and Gurumurti
in the Bhagwan Vasupujya Temple
(Under Construction)**

**Bhagwan Shri Vasu Pujya Ji : Sarv Shri Lal Dharam Chand
and Padam Kumar, V C. Jain, Delhi**

**Bhagwan Shri Parshav Nath Ji ; Sarv Shri Shanti Lal,
Moti Lal, Banarshi Dass, Delhi**

**Bhagwan Shri Adr Nath Ji : Lala Ram Lal Inder Lal
President Shree Sangh Delhi**

**Bhagwan Shri Muni Suvrat Swami : Lala Narpat Rai
Khairati Lal Ji; Enkay Rubber Co., Delhi**

**Gautam Swami : Shri Lal Ji (M/s. Moti Lal Banarsi
Dass, (Delhi)**

**Vijyanand Suri : Sarv Shree Ganesh Dass Pyara Lal, Raj
Kumar Raj Sahib of Ambala**

**Vijay Vallabh Suri ; Shai Chander Parkash Komal Kumar,
Jandiala Guru**

**Guru Samuder Suri : Lala Rattan Chand Jain & Sons
(R.C.R.D.)**

**Holy Order to Build upashrayas for Sadhu Maharaj
Shri Devi Raj Ji of Singapore**

**Holy Order for the Construction of Upashraya for
Sadhvi Ji Maharaj**

**Lala Tilak Raj and Sons, Jainson Hosiery, Ludhiana,
Delhi and Bombay.**

Holy Order for the Construction of the Office

**Lala Khairati Lal Ji, Enkay, Moti Lal Banarsi Dass,
Lala Ram Lal Ji, Lala Rattan Chand, Ji**

Holy Order for the Construction of Refreshment Hall

Lala Labh Chand Raj Kumar Ji, Faridabad

Holy Order for the construction of Guest House

Shrimati Arunaben Abhay Kumar Ji Oswal, Ludhiana

Historical Chaturmas :

- a) i) In 1978 after observing Chaurmas in Himachal at Kangra, the closed doors of Adinath Bhagwan got reopened after 55 years

- ii) Inspired the devotees for establishing Kangra Teerath Bhojanshala and development of a Dharamshala.
- b) First Chaturmas of Sadhvi Ji at Mysore
- c) First Chaturmas in the campus of Shri Vallabh Smarak during 1984
- d) First Chaturmas at Panjab Jain Bharati Sabha Ahimsa Hall (Sthanak), Bombay.

Padyatra :

Completed a Padyatra of 60 Thousand miles through Gujrat, Saurashtra, Marwarh, Panjab, Bombay, Calcutta, Maharashtra, Pune, Karnatak, Mysore, Bangalore, Moodbidri, Jammu, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh etc.

Knowledge of Language :

H. H. Maharaj Ji had a good command over Prakrit, Ardha Magadhi, Pali, Hindi and a good knowledge of Urdu, Bengali, Marwari, English etc,

Active Participation in the Nation Wide Freedom Movement Launched by Mahatma Gandhi

Took pledge in childhood to defend country; completely influenced by Mahatma Gandhi; joined actively the freedom fighter during the freedom movement and wore pure Khadi throughout her life.

25th Nirwana Century of Bhagwan Mahavira

Worked day and night to make Shasanpati successful at Delhi. Spent hours in the company of Digamber Smanakwati and Terapanthi Sadhus and represented Jin Shasan Rattan Shantimurti Acharya Samuder Surishwar Ji on behalf of Shwetambar Murti Pujak Sangh and with the Deep intent of adding to Gurudev's reverence and beauty and grandeur of Shashan H. H. devoted whole heartedly and made the celebrations a grand success.

**H. H. never sought to approach the political leaders
On the other hand they came to
H. H. with head bowed**

Shri Morar Ji Desai, the former Prime Minister of India, Bakshi Gulam Mohammad, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda, Shrimati Tarkeshvari Sinha, Shri Daulat Singh Chauhan, Education Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri T. U Mehta, Chief Justice Himachal Pradesh. Maharaja of Mysore, Nawab of Malerkotla, Maharaja Krishan Singh of Bhavanagar. Shri Dada Dharmadhikari, Shri Vinoba Bhave etc. met her and bowed to her.

Everflowing living current of inspiration

Like Patitpawani Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati wherever H. H. put her feet on people were inspired with love for Rashtrabhasha Hindi, patriotism, sense of Justice and love for freedom as a result of inspiring sermons.

The Last Samadhi :

Unparalleled reverence and devotion to God were the source of her spiritual power. It was all due to pure insight, knowledge and conduct which had become part and parcel of H. H.'s very being that H. H. left the mortal body after sitting for five hours in half Padmasan posture in spite of feeble frame.

Our many many salutations to such selfless Karamyogi.

**Some special rules of conduct for Atam Sadhna
Observed by Maharaj ji
(Arya Suvrata Shri ji)**

1. Wearing of khadi for whole life. Accepting khadi only from the person who wears it.
2. Visiting the household for Gochari only once a day.

3. At the Chaturmas shall abstain from procuring even bare necessities of life. If at all it is absolutely necessary the least quantity is to be taken.

4. To keep silence during Pratikraman till the completion of the essential six activities.

5. Not to see male members after Pratikraman at night.

6. To keep silence from morning till Navkarsee, between 12 Noon to 3 P.M. During the day keep silence for six hours.

7. Not to deliver sermons at night.

8. Not to participate in any celebrations during the night.

9. Evening Pratikraman is to be completed in the company of devotees. Self-study of 100 tales everyday.

10. Always to eat Gochari collectively. she never ate Gochari alone .

11. Neither wrote herself nor got written by any younger Sadhvi or devotees the news pertaining to own activities

12. Compelling nobody for donation or Pachkan rules. Convincing the donor affectionately because donation given wholeheartedly is lasting. Religion cannot be imposed but can be inculcated spontaneously.

13. Very little correspondence.

14. Not to allow newly Deekshit Sadhvi to go for Gochari for ten years. Teach her Gyan, Dhyan, self-study and silence alongwith humility and sense of judgement.

15. Not to be photographed alone for up to the age of 50 years and not to allow playing of band while entering some city or village.

16. During Vihar period not to incur any wasteful expenditure of Shri Sangh.

17. Not to publish any letter-pad, inland letters and post-cards in one's own name. Not to publish any card

on the occasion of Kshmapana, Diwali and any other religious festivals.

18. Refrain from bazar made things for whole life.

19. Not to send or write for any parcel through post.

20. Perform all daily religious activities regularly and punctually.

21. To get up at 4-00 a.m. and go to bed at 10.00 p.m. Not to have an afternoon sleep except the two summer months.

22. Whenever a new lesson is to be learnt Guru Maharaj's photo should be placed in front and lesson should be learnt at the feet of a Guru.

23. She took a pledge at the age of eighteen not to have more than two disciples; Directed about forty well-educated and highly qualified devotees to be initiated by different Maharaja. Whomsoever she gave Deeksha was kept for five years and trained to be pure in thought and conduct.

24. In memory of the 25th Nirwan Centenary of Bhagwan Mahavir all bazar made things were pledged to be given up.

Some Unique qualities of Mahatma Ji's Nature

1. Pay due respect to scholars, artists, men of letters and educators, teaching students and helping them.

2. Helping the miserable, the sorrowful, the sick and the helpless. To be always cheerful and inclined to noble feelings. Not to waste anybody's time in useless talks, gossips and jokes.

3. Eradicate blind beliefs, superstitions and bad customs. To save sangh and society from wasteful expenditure.

4. Not to side with anyone but always to be a mediator.

5. Do everything wholeheartedly. Take rest only when the undertaken task is accomplished.

6. To reach the very depth of religion. Always be inclined to truth.

7. To have patience to listen to other people's different arguments and ideas and be in a position to suggest the solution.

8. To minimize the necessities.

9. Lead a resplendent life.

10. Not to lose lustre. To keep one's word even at the risk of one's life.

11. To have unflinching faith in prayer to God and good wishes of the people instead of medicines.

12. Not to praise; not to denounce anybody all of a sudden.

13. To lead a simple, harmonious and natural life in spite of attaining knowledge, success and glory. To have generating judgement, power of quick decision, determined will, jest for life and optimism.

To show divine wrath against wrong untruth and injustice. Non-violent revenge as taught by Mahatma Gandhi. To enter the very heart of a person by virtue of noble conduct and win him/her over to whatever country, province, religion, sex, age, nature and addiction the person may belong. Not to be tolerant and friendly and gentle to others. To succumb to any affectation, pretention, desire, sense of pride and desire.



Imprints of a Spiritual Trail

Ms. June L. Fog of Cold Spring Harbour, New York spent a month as a shravika receiving and imbibing the hoary spirituality of Jainism at Vallabh Smarak, Delhi as an ardent disciple of Maharaj Shri Mrigavati ji.



The American housewife who fell under the aura of Maharaj Shri in 1976 recounts the indelible impressions about Maharaj Shri who lovingly rechristened her as 'Janki'.

Her tribute in the fond memory of her 'Spiritual Mentor' is reproduced below.

It is difficult for me when I think of Shree Mrigavati ji in an earthly way and not feel a great surge of personal grief, knowing in this earthly form, I shall not see her again or be with her again. But when I think of the Maharaj in a spiritual way I feel she is very much herewith us, her divine spirit enduring. How very lucky we are, you and me, for having known her—to have been so close to her and been touched by her inestimable love !

I first met Maharaj Shree Mrigavati Ji in 1976 on a spiritual pilgrimage to India. My dear friend, Raj Kumar Jain took me to her. but I did not know then what a great

influence and inspiration she was to have on my life. What endeared me to her so thoroughly was that on my second fortuitous meeting in 1982, as I entered into her presence, she looked at me in the eyes clearly, squarely and lovingly and said, "I am not perfect!" That's all. I realised she admitted her humanness and her humbleness and her honesty touched me very deeply. For me then she was a fellow traveller, guru and friend. Yes, I bow to you, Beloved Blessed Soul. I am so deeply grateful, sincerely appreciative, thanking you ever in my heart for the trust you reposed on me, for helping me so greatly to see. I bow down. Natheyana Vandami! In anything I do or think, I see her as my guide, my mentor and my inspiration. I try to believe that she is at my side still and that she is with you as well and with all those who held her in such great esteem. Her radiant loving smile comes to my memory even now as I write and my heart is so warmed and filled to bursting. Perhaps even now she is nudging each one of us to do our best and accept all that comes our way. Her love was so pure and unconditional. She loved each as if they were the only one. She once said to me "*Love all equally*, do for each equally, give to each equally". She saw beyond the persona—the mask. She helped me to see me, to love myself as I am, to see myself, thereby enabling me to love all. Her belief in me and her love gave me back myself self-respect and assurance, thereby to stand tall and accept anything and all that comes my way. She helped me and, I am sure, many by her unparalleled exemplary behaviour. She helped me remove my own doubts and

restored my faith for all time in the Jaina path. Her selfless, benevolent, inspiring life stands now as a beacon for all to follow. When darkness comes, as it will, I know the light is there. I do most humbly stand ever ready to serve and prayerfully seek her benign support that I may conclude my life in such an exemplary manner. My heart is so warmed again when I look back at the time. I was so ill and remember how she so lovingly and compassionately held me in her arms, and yet she herself was so ill. And how she sat all day long to help raise funds for the completion of the samarak, again rising above her own physical pain. Oh Maharaj that we could rise to such heights! I can hear God saying "Well done! Mrigvati, well done!"

She has passed her divine legacy on to us, but especially to Shree Maharaj Suvrataji, Shree Sujyasha and Shree Supragya. So to you dear Holy Sisters - Natheyina Vandami.

With deepest respect,

Janki

A Pious and Precious Heritage

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Though there is no paucity of epithets in the dictionary to give expression to the extra-ordinary personality and achievements of Her Holiness Shri Mrigavati Ji Maharaj yet the touching experiences of her nature and impressions beggar description.

More than two decades have elapsed when I got the opportunity to see and listen to Revered Mahattra Ji for the first time. Prior to this, she, with the farsighted and constructive co-operation of Seth Kasturbhai, had accomplished in 1960-62, the task of study of Jain 'Agams' and Sanskrit and Prakrit literature. I listened to and conversed with her and realised that I was face to face with an embodiment of inspiration. She seemed to have imbibed the fundamental values of Indian intellect. Not only her learning but also her philosophy of life, her faith in man, her capacity to synthesise, and her will power, created celestial and glorious inspiration that was a tonic to spiritual courage and faith.

Though she was a Shwetambar Jain saint, there was no narrow-mindedness in her sermons, her philosophy of life, her way of organising things and her unfathomed ocean of pity. Hers was of life of constant devotion and mission

for the happiness of human-beings. In our scriptures, the saints have described the earth as the mother and themselves her sons and this comprehensive concept is summed up in the mantra ;

The earth is an abode sheltering all forms of religion.

Seen in the intellectual and spiritual contexts, great Hindi poet, Prasad's words may be aptly borrowed for paying homage to Mahatma Mrigavati Ji :

Oh Goddess ! Large – hearted, passionless, embodiment
of motherhood,
Well-wisher of all ! Ye sublime, suffer for the sins of
others,
Spreading balmy words, you dwell in the abode of for-
giveness.

When I, alongwith Shri V. S. Jain, went for the first time to see her, I had the opportunity to know her power of eloquence, her progressive, revolutionary and social vision and her imaginative organizational capacity. Her speech was adorned with the three gems of learning, philosophy and character. Her address was an awakening call. After many years, fortunately, respected Pratapbhai Bhogilal provided me an unforgettable opportunity to be in her inspiring proximity. Many topics were discussed. I availed the opportunity of being enlightened on several of her activities and achievements. Even at that time she did not enjoy a normal health, yet there was no trace of ill-health in her blessingful smile, enthusiasm and vitality. She wore pure white Khadi. Her life of austerity and meditation was woven

with texture of simplicity and innocence. She performed quite naturally all the austere rituals enjoined upon a Jain saint and inspired her disciples to follow suit. Her nature evinced a natural sweetness, immensity and humanity. She was a great scholar, but there was no affectation, no pretension in her scholarship. She had deep reverence for knowledge. Her heart was brimmed with deep respect for thinkers, artistes, men of letters and the scholars of Indian traditions and culture. I remember with what great care and endeavour she got collected and classified the ancient manuscripts under her own supervision at Shri Vallabh Smarak, Delhi and when I was there, she, with rare feelings of affection, opened before me the manuscripts kept safe in different almirahs. In this noble mission, she imparted great training and still greater inspiration to her disciples. It is really a great experience to see her interest in these activities. It is the results of her imagination and power of determination that today we see the inauguration of Shri Vallabh Smarak, clustered with magnificent temples—blessed Upashryas at Delhi. Showering her great affection on me, she herself explained to me her dreams about the planning along the different pathways on the campus. Indeed it was a blessed moment because I was visualising how vast, many-sided and perfect her dreams were. This Shri Vallabh Smarak in the form of great achievement of Mahatma Shri Mrigavati Ji's devoted missionary life will always remind us of her personality and performance, because every inch of its soil, every building and hall, every idol and stone, spiritual pursuit and efficiency are fragrant with her philosophy of life and will ever remain so.

The Great Sadhvi Shri Mrigavati Ji's life tenure extended only over six decades, out of which she spent 48 years as a Jain sadhvi. This blessed daughter of Lala Shri Dungsibhai Sanghvi was born in Saurashtra. At the age of 12 she received 'diksha' from her own worldly mother, Kadhvi Ji Shri Shilvati Shri Ji Maharaj and became the disciple of Jain Acharya Shri Vallabh Surishwarji Maharaj. With the courtesy Pt. Shri Sukhlal Ji, Pt. Shri Bechardass Ji and Pt. Shri Dalsukhbhai Mala Vryan, she practised Jain 'Agams' and made a comparative study of Jain, Baudh and Vedic traditions.

The tasks of construction and installation through her inspiration and blessings are numerous. The concrete monuments of Shri Mrigavati Ji Maharaj's unique and boundless glory stand gracefully at many places like Ludhiana, Kangra, Chandigarh, Malerkotla Sardhana, Raikot, Jagadhri, Agra, Mujjafarnagar, Jharia, Daharu, Chikmangloor, Ambala, Delhi, Bombay and Mysore.

The deeds for the welfare of the entire humanity accomplished through Mahatma's sermons and contacts are the things of glory for the Jain society. Several hospitals, schools and colleges, dispensaries, city-improvement plans and plans for rendering help to the needy, industrial centres, dharam-shalas, guest houses and development of places of pilgrimage, gaushalas, and activities for helping the famine sufferers are the results of her inspiration.

Mahatma Sadhvi Shri Mrigavati Ji's personality was historic, revolutionary and versatile. She was an eternal and ceaseless source of inspiration and her life and death were the symbol of the march of consciousness on earth. Her achievements and the limitless potentiality dormant in these achievements have been enshrined for ever in a temple of glory in the mind of human society.

I pay my homage to the Holy memory of Revered Mahatma Ji and believing her inspiration and noble determination as unforgettable, pious and precious inheritance, I offer my humble tributes.

—Dr. Laxmi Mall Singhvi

Chaturmas

1. Punjab=4 (1) Ludhiana (2) Amritsar, Malerkotla
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3. Haryana : Ambala (2) Sadhaura
4. Chandigarh (1)
5. Uttar Pradesh (2) (1) Agra (2) Sardhana
6. Delhi=10 (1) Kinari Bazar (2) Roop Nagar
(3) Shri Vallabh Samarak
7. Rajasthan=2 (1) Nagor (2) Dharew (2) Dharew
8. Bihar=1 Jharia
9. Bengal=1 Calcutta
10. Karnataka=2 Mysore (2) Bangalore
11. Maharashtra=4 Bombay (Dahaner) (1)
12. Gujrat (13)
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nagar (1) Kyadwanj (1) Ahmedabad (4)

GLEANINGS FROM

Her Holiness Shri Mrigavati Shri Ji Maharaj's Sermons

1. Without practical life our mind is a two-legged drawer.
2. Delivering sermons is not a holy man's profession but his meditation.
3. We are in need of quality. Quantity is of secondary consideration.
4. Easy fulfilment of need is natural; begging for it is degeneration, sharing the means with others is culture ;
What is available easily is sweet and pure milk.
What begging brings is an ordinary water.
What is grabbed is nothing but blood.

5. Our duty like fire brigade is to pacify the fire of discords.

6. Guru can only blaze the path but to march along it is our duty.

7. One can snatch from our hand but none can deprive us of what we are destined to get.

8. We shall live together and share together.

9. The students who remain undisturbed even if a large army passes by can alone acquire knowledge.

10. Man, attain whatever stage in life you aspire to. We alone are to decide what we are to be.

11. The art of speech and scholarship are not the barometer of saintliness. Purity of conduct and celibacy are the marks of saintliness. Scholarship, no doubt, adds to its lustre.

12. Speech is the thermometer of man's immensity.

13. If married life is lacking in love, peace and happiness, how can we hope to make the other three stages of life worthy of emulation ?

14. One may hope to get the chariot (body) again but it will be the real trouble if the driver (soul) goes astray.

15. To begin with, be worthy of Guru's love; then you will deserve the faith and even his favour—an object moves towards love, faith and favour steadily but surely. Thus love will lead to faith which will win the Guru's blessings.

16. Our means will be non-violent only if we have non-violence at heart; the means of non-violence alone will not avail.

17. He who possesses two hands with the body, sincerity at heart and God within cannot starve.

18. He who cannot distribute the worldly possessions can never be expected to scatter around the inner immensity.

19. A greedy person can never love; love teaches to share with others.

20. A miser avoids the company; his life is dry as a desert.

21. He who sacrifices everything; achieves everything. The seed blossoms forth into a plant after losing its existence.

22. He who giveth receiveth; he who doles out is showered upon.

23. A generous heart enjoys felicity like a blossomed tree. It provides respite and happiness to tired travellers.

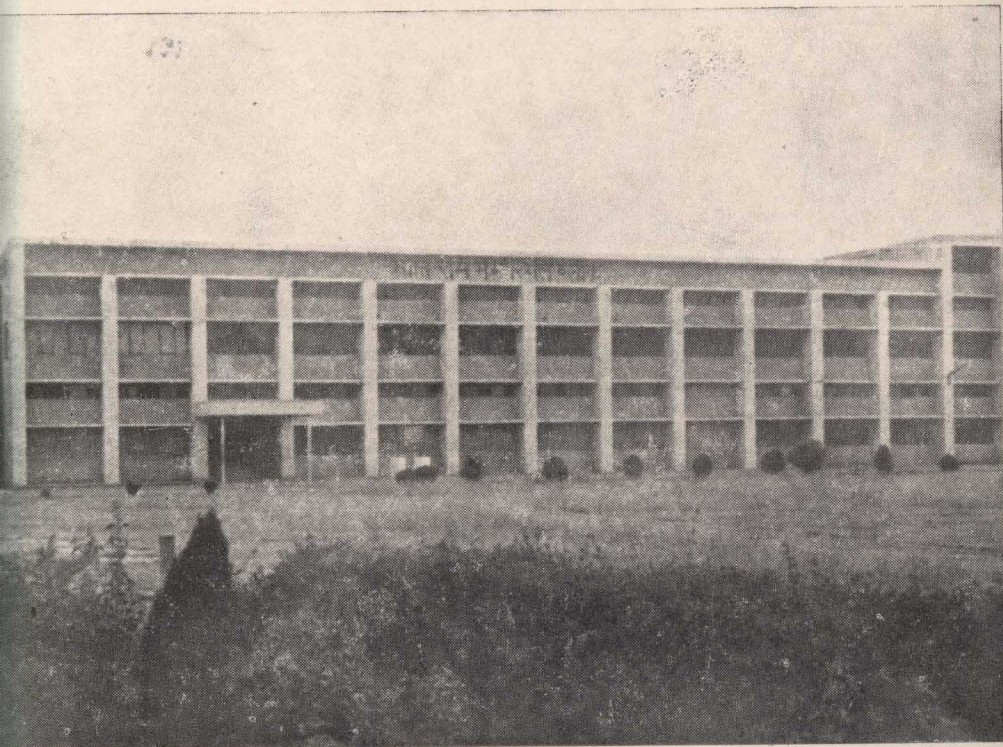
24. Harmony, simplicity and naturalness are the essence of Bhagwan Mahavira's religion.

25. Learn always to dole out to the world; never learn to beg.

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