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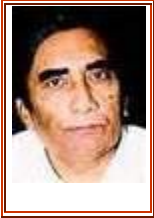
**"When there is growth, changes are automatic.
If we fear change, how can there be growth?"**

ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA'S CONTRIBUTION TO SPIRITUALISM APPRECIATED IN THE REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE BY PRESIDENT - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India in his message to the nation on the Republic Day stressed the need for national unity and in that context he made a mention about the important decisions taken during a meeting of 15 religious leaders at Surat in the presence of Acharya Mahapragya Ji for converting religion into a spiritual force. In order to implement the decisions, the President announced five inter-religious policies. It was for the first time in the Parliamentary history that the President of the country had included the name of a religious leader in his speech to the nation, particularly a Jain saint and under-lined the role played by religious leaders for maintaining peace and harmony. Jain samaj should feel proud of the recognition and appreciation given by him to a Jain Acharya.



FIVE PERSONS FROM JAIN COMMUNITY HONOURED WITH PADAMSHRI ON THE REPUBLIC DAY

Two prominent ladies belonging to Jain community, Ms. Sharayu Daftari and Prof. Sunita Jain, both famous for their contribution to religious and social activities and three gents, the famous Jain scholar, Shri Kumar Pal Desai from Ahmedabad, Rajasthani poet, Shri Kanahiya Lal Sethia from Calcutta and Dr. Komal Kothari for his rich contribution to literature and education were honoured with Padamshri award on the occasion of Republic Day, the 26th January, 2004



Shri Kumarpal Desai (61) is a many-faceted personality. Director of Gujarat University's School of Languages and Dean of Faculty of Arts, Desai is an eminent litterateur, columnist, sportswriter and a scholar of Jainism and has more than 110 books to his credit of which nine have received awards from Central and state governments. He started writing at the age of eleven and now guides research students in the fields of Gujarati literature, journalism and Jain philosophy. He has received several awards including 'Ahimsa International', Deeptimal Adishwarlal Award for Literature for 1997, Best sports journalist award, Gujarat Ratna, Jain Jyotirdhar Award, President's Special Award 'Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust award for promoting spiritual values and Indian Culture', Jain Ratna' award and many more. Desai regularly delivers lectures on Jainism in the US, UK, Singapore, Hong Kong, Belgium and Kenya. He was a key speaker on Jainism at the seventh biennial Jain convention at Pittsburgh in July 1993 and had addressed the World Parliament of Religions at Chicago (1993) and again at Cape Town in South Africa (1999). Desai was a member of the Jain delegation, which had an audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.



Sharayu Daftary is an ace businesswoman, a caring wife and also a social activist. She held position of President of the Indian Merchants Chamber, and has also earned the distinction of being the first woman to be elected as President of the Automotive Components Manufacturers Association in 1971 and the first woman member of the executive committee of FICCI. She is also founder and managing director of Bharat Radiators Ltd., an engineering and ancillary unit to the automobile industry which she established in 1958, at the age of 25 years. She guided the fortunes of her company with a business acumen and humane approach.

Mrs. Daftary has travelled extensively and lectured on subjects ranging from management and women's empowerment to vegetarianism, ahimsa, and Jain philosophy. Little surprise then, that the Jain Ratna Award was conferred on her because of her firm belief in ahimsa as a practicing Jain and her commitment to the propagation of Jain philosophy as well as human and ethical values.



Mrs. Sunita Jain is writer, honoured for her outstanding contribution in literature. She has been writing both in Hindi & English for last forty years & has 60 books to her credit as novels, short stories, poetry & critics etc. She is included in Vaishalik Ki Chhaya Mein, a notable collection of Jain literature edited by Rajesh Jain & Prabhakaran Jain. She retired recently after serving as professor at IIT and is now actively involved in number of projects & institutions. She is also known for her English translations of many writings by Jain Muni like Guptisagar Maharaj. *News courtesy Mr. Rajesh Jain, E-Mail: rajesh49@indiatimes.com.*

ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA ACCEPTS PRESIDENT'S REQUEST TO HOLD YEAR 2005 CHATURMAS AT DELHI

Acharya Mahapragya Ji has rescheduled his 2005 chaturmas programme and the new venue is New Delhi. This is at a special request of President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. President has made this request during his recent meeting with the Acharya at Surat. Earlier, this chaturmas was planned to be held at Udaipur in Rajasthan.



SHRI ROOP MUNI ASSURES COOPERATION TO SOLVE DIFFERENCES AMONGST SADHU SAMAJ



Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain saint, Shri Roop Muni (Rajat) who alongwith few other saints had deserted from the main stream, called 'Shraman sangh' and formed a separate sub-sect within Sthanakwasi sect, with Shri Umesh Muni as its Acharya, has now given a clarification through his article published in 'Jain Prakash' January, 2004 (II). He has indicated that he has always been in favour of unity amongst all the members of both the groups, the Shraman sangh, headed by Acharya Dr. Shiv Muni and the dissident group formed by the Shri Umesh Muni, himself and few others and mutual cooperation between 'sadhu-sadhwi' and 'shrawak-shrawikas'. He has requested the news papers also not to indulge in cheap journalism, spreading rumours and mis-leading people and should verify any information received by them from him before printing. He has given assurance of helping in resolving all dissensions and differences when the conference of all the saints is held.

(Editor's note: The learned and devoted saint may kindly consider the entire issue of mutual differences in the larger interest of unity within the Shraman sangh and show magnanimity in his approach so that two groups can again get unified. There does not appear any use of holding a conference of sadhus for such an issue and it is not feasible also to arrange such a conference. Unity is the need of the day and any obstructions in the way of unity should not be accepted.)

ISSUE OF SPECIAL COVER ON JAIN MAHOTSAVA



A special cover has been issued to commemorate Jinendra Panchkalyanak Pratishtha & Tri-Gajrath Mahotsava at Bilaspur (Chhatisgarh) on 24th January, 2004. A beautiful temple of first Tirthankar Bhagwan Rishabh Nath has been constructed at Bilaspur. Panchkalyank Pratishtha ceremony of the same was organized from 20th to 25th Jan. 2004 under the auspicious presence and guidance of Acharya Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj. On the day of Kewalgyan Kalyanak on 24th January, a this multicolored special cover has been issued. Cover depicts the photos of newly constructed Temple, chief idol of Bhagwan Rishabh Nath and Acharya Vidhyasagar Maharaj. Indian Postal Department provided special cancellation bearing line sketch of Acharya Vidhyasagar Maharaj giving blessings. *News Courtesy: Mr. Sudhir Jain, E-Mail: mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com*

American University holds EXHIBITION OF JAIN SCULPTURE & PAINTINGS

The University of Michigan Museum of Art has organised special display of several Jain sculptures, paintings and scriptures. Some of these items date back 2000 years. The exhibition will end on February 22. Many items such as 15th Century 'Kalpasutra' pages are of rare nature and difficult to find even in India. This display therefore provides a unique opportunity for the interested visitors to see and appreciate the items. For further information, please contact Mr. Manish Mehta, Jain Center of Greater Detroit, Ann Arbor, MI (734) 668-0348, E-Mail: manishm@comcast.net

TWELFTH CENTURY IDOLS RECOVERED ON EXCAVATIONS AT BARMER IN RAJASTHAN

During recent excavations at Kiradu, Junapatrasar and Devka villages in Barmer District of Rajasthan, rare and valuable items, including a white marble statue of Bhagwan Mahavir, 18" tall and 8" wide in sitting posture, Tamra patra, Shankh, idols of Ganesh and Kuber, water jug etc. belonging to 12th century were recovered by the State Archaeological Department. Excavations at these places are still going on. The 11th Finance Commission has sanctioned a budget of Rs. 3 crores for the excavations at these places. The idols and other items have been preserved and kept in safe custody at the museum of Archaeological Department at Jodhpur.

SHRI ATUL JAIN APPOINTED ADVISOR TO UMA BHARATI

Sh. Atul Jain has been appointed advisor to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Ms. Uma Bharati. Earlier he had held several key positions in the government. He was a consultant in the national population commission during 2002 and adviser in the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during 2003.

TELEVISION SHOW BY "VISION 360" CHANNEL ON JAINISM

"Jainism Through the Life of a Follower" was the theme of a television show "Vision 360". It was telecast in Canada on 26 November 2003 by Vision Television. The show focused on the three main principles of Jainism - Ahimsa, Anekantvada and Aprigraha. Ahimsa was highlighted by showing how vegetarians faced survival difficulties in Canada. How and why Jains would not carry leather goods such as shoes, belts and wallets inside their sacred temples, why Jains would not use jackets, furniture and even car seats made from leather. The host of the show, Mr. Kevin O'Keef expressed hope that the general public would be inspired by Anekantavada to bring about global peace and by Aparigraha to arrest the rapid deterioration of our environment. The visual excitement created by Snatra Puja also underscored the fact that Jains regard their Tirthankaras as exceptional human beings and celebrate important events such as conception, birth, diksha, etc. in the lives of these Tirthankaras in the same festive and informal manner as they would do in the life of a human being. The host was particularly impressed by the fact that everyone could participate in the joyous ceremony. *News Courtesy: Mr. Prakash Mody, E-Mail: mody@sympatico.ca*

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SARVODAYA JAIN TEERTH, AMARKANTAK, UJJAIN AND MAHESHWAR IN M. P. DECLARED BY GOVERNMENT AS RELIGIOUS PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE

- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Ms. Uma Bharati has declared three places in Madhya Pradesh as 'religious places of pilgrimage', Amarkantak in Bilaspur District, Ujjain city and Maheshwar. Accordingly, the Government hence-forth becomes responsible for the safety of these pilgrimage places and moreover, sale of meat and wine has been completely prohibited at these three places. Amarkantak is the origin of river Narmada. Jain Acharya Shri Vidya Sagar Ji Maharaj had desired this place be developed into a Jain Teerth. As such, a Jain temple has been built and a large complex in the form of teerth has come up with all the facilities for pilgrims. The largest statue of Bhagwan Adinath Ji, said to be tallest in the world, made in Ashta-dhatu has been installed here. The installation ceremony of this temple was held last year on the 9th November, 2003 by the Vice-President, Shri Bhairu Singh Shekhawat.

W.H.O.'S ADVICE TO AVOID THE USE OF CHICKEN

In view of the fast-spreading epidemic in the form of "Bird-Flue" in the far-east Asian countries, the World Health Organisation has advised people strongly to keep away from eating chicken as a precautionary measure. So far, six deaths have been reported from Thailand, eight from Vietnam and quite a few from other near-by countries. People working in poultry farms have been asked to take special care in this respect.



DIGAMBAR JAIN MAHASABHA ESTABLISHES ITS BRANCH AT KUWAIT

During a visit by Shri Nirmal Kumar Sethi, All India President of Digambar Jain Mahasabha to Kuwait, he met the members of Digambar Jain samaj there, who numbered about 600 and persuaded them to open a branch at Kuwait city. The objective of opening the branch would be to develop goodwill and promote unity amongst all the members of Jain community. Shri Sumati Lal Dagaria was elected as the President and Shri Sohan Lal Kalawat as General Secretary of the Kuwait branch. *Courtesy: Jain Gazette, 29th Jan.,04*

CERTIFICATE COURSES BY CORRESPONDENCE IN JAIN PHILOSOPHY AND JAIN HISTORY

Social History Research Institute and Jain Friends have announced 6 months certificate courses by correspondence in 1. Jain Philosophy & Culture and 2. Ancient & Medieval Jain History. These courses are introduced by Social History Research Institute & will be conducted by Jain Friends. Courses are available in Hindi language only. Anybody from India & Nepal can get admission for these courses. For the prospectus and admission form, please mail your postal address to jainfriends@indiatimes.com

GURU JANMOTSAVA OF ACHARYA VIJAY SHANTI SURISHWAR JI AND DIKSHA MAHOTSAVA CELEBRATED AT MANDOLI IN RAJASTHAN - Thousands of devotees collected from far and near at Mandoli Nagar in Jalore District of Rajasthan to celebrate the 99th birth day of their most revered guru Shri 1008 Shri Vijay Shanti Surishwar Ji Maharaj, a Jain saint on Basant Panchami, the 26th January, 2004. Celebrations were held for the whole day, starting with Prabhat Pheri in the morning, followed by worship, Pakshal, Arti etc. in the temple, foundation stone laying ceremony of a large temple complex to be called, 'Shantipuram' and a community meet in the evening. Devotees decided to celebrate next year, the hundredth year of the Guru as 'Deeksha Shatabdi'.

INTERNATIONAL VEGETARIAN UNION TO ORGANISE WORLD VEGETARIAN CONGRESS AT BRAZIL IN NOVEMBER



More information about the veg event of the year, to be held at Florianopolis is given at the Congress web site at www.ivu.org and it is now available in Portuguese and Spanish too. There will be fashion shows, an eight band music festival, a beach barbecue and lots more, as well as a program of talks by renowned persons.

CONFERENCE PAPERS INVITED BY SOCIETY FOR CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY, US

The Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology is organising a three day conference from October 28 - 30, 2004 in Memphis TN, USA. The conference theme is "Religion & Violence". Papers for this programme are invited, which should cover Continental, philosophical and/or theological resources. Papers may be submitted to Jerry Stutzman at E-Mail: jstutzm4@calvin.edu. For more information about SCPT, visit: www.scptonline.org.

UK - NORTH WEST VEGAN FESTIVAL

It is a celebration of veganism and cruelty-free living at Manchester, England on Saturday 8th May, 2004. Check out the website www.veganfestivals.org.uk for news and more information about this festival. If any individual would like to be added to the speakers list you he also send his details to webmaster@ivu.org - include his name, approximate location, country, email address, website (if any). Brief details of his proposed subject would also be of interest, but that will not be recorded in the database.

CALL FOR BOOKS AND RESEARCH PAPERS FOR REVIEW & OLD BOOKS & MAGAZINES FOR THE LIBRARY.

Ahimsa Foundation, thorough is news letter, Ahimsa Times has been bringing out reviews of recently published books on Jainism, in English and Hindi. Reference of these books as well as the research papers presented at conferences or published in journals and magazines are also included. We therefore request all the authors and publishers of books on Jainism and allied fields to send a copy of each book or paper so that a proper review can be included in Ahimsa Times. It would help in obtaining due publicity to the materials produced on a global basis. To support "Ahimsa Foundation Public Library" you can also donate us your old books and current magazines related to Jainism. - Editor Ahimsa Times

JAIN HISTORY CONFERENCE AT NIPANI (KARNATAKA) GETS A BIG SUCCESS

The fourth Conference of Maharashtra Jain Itihas Parishad, held at Nipani (Karnataka) on 31st January & 1st February 2004 got a big success when the organizers declared to form an all India level association of state level Jain Itihas Parishads. On this occasion, Karnatak Jain Itihas Parishad was founded and noted Jain historian Dr. Hampa Nagraja was declared Hon. President of KJHP. About 750 scholars and history lovers from all over Maharashtra and Karnataka attended the conference. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. M.G. Takavale (Vice Chancellor of Shivaji University) and Nagnath Anna Naikwadi the great freedom fighter & supporter of Jainism. Dr. Takwale gave some information about the newly formed Jain Chair at Shivaji University. Noted Maratha historian and president of Maharashtra Itihas Prabodhini Dr. Jaisingrao Pawar appreciated the work of Jains in this region.

AHIMSA CHANNEL COVERING PROGRAMS FOR ALL JAIN SECTS NOW OPERATIONAL

Ahimsa channel had become operational on the 2nd October, 2003 and since then, it has been broadcasting programs concerned with Jain religion, its philosophy, religious practices, Jain art and culture, vegetarianism, non-violence, meditation, yoga etc., 24 hours a day. The discourses of eminent saints like Acharya Mahapragya Ji, Muni Shri Kshmasagar Ji and many others and lectures by Jain scholars like Dr. Hukam Chand Bharill are also broadcast from time to time. The channel is free to air and it can be set by the cable operators on the following location:

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Polarisation: Vertical; Downlink frequency: 3915.5 MHz - 3920.0 MHz.

MANGAL PRABHAT LODHA ELECTED KHARTARGACHCHA MAHASANGH PRESIDENT

Akhil Bharatiya Shri Jain Swetamber Khartargachchha Mahasangh held its Annual General Body meeting and elections on Sunday, 14th December 2003 at Kolkotta. Shri Mangal Prabhatji Lodha, Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra was elected unopposed as president for a three year term. *News Courtesy: Mr. Roomil Bohara, E-Mail: roomilbohara@khartar.com*

CHEMICAL INSECTICIDES SPREAD ON VEGETABLE PLANTS CAUSE POISONING & RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH

The indiscriminate use of chemical insecticides on vegetable plants by the farmers in the interest of increasing yield and enhancing profits is proving highly dangerous to the health of people eating those vegetables, specially in raw form. These insecticides often contain large amount of parathyroids which act like steroids, given to patients as a last resort at the time of death. These vegetables look fresh and healthy from outside but create poisoning in the stomach for all the time to come. Regular consumption of these vegetables continuously increase the poison content and therefore, create serious health risk. Further, the soil becomes poisonous and the effect is transferred to all the plants grown there later. The resistance of the body also decreases. Use of these chemical insecticides was started in 1985 and it has considerably increased over the years to avoid white ants and to protect the plants from diseases. Dr. Ashok Gupta, a child specialist has reported that insecticides sprayed on plants are a source of danger, particularly for growing children. The common symptoms observed are stomach-ache, repeated fever, stiffness of muscles, short temper, shivering, nervousness and lack of concentration.

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RAJASTHAN GOVERNMENT PLANNING TO TAP TEMPLE INCOME

The Government of Rajasthan is seriously considering to tap the income of temples received by way of donations on the same lines as has been done by some of the southern states. It is believed that several crores are offered by devotees every year and most of this money is unaccounted and misused or mis-utilized. It is estimated that as much as Rs. 300 crores would be earned by the Government every year from donations and other income of the temples. In Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh, temple management is being run by the Government and nearly same style be adopted here as well in order to revive the economy of the state. The Law and Devsthan Departments have carried out a study and legal aspects have been considered. Thus every temple, whose annual income is more than Rs. 10,000 would be accountable to the Government and the registration of temples would be mandatory. The Government shall have the right to appoint trustees and executive officers to manage temples. A task force will be constituted to develop and maintain the temples. It is reported that Reliance Group and Lakshmi Mittals family may form a part of the task force.

BOOK REVIEW

1. History and Development of Prakrit Literature by Dr. J. C. Jain



A synopsis of "History and Development of Prakrit Literature" (about 650 pages), authored by Dr. Jagdishchandra Jain is given below. Dr. R. Pischel of Germany, first wrote his monumental work entitled "Grammar of Prakrit Languages" in German in 1874. But still there has been no attempt made by any Indian or International Scholar to write on the History of Prakrit Literature and hence this can be considered as a first attempt ever to have written on this interesting topic. Dr. J. C. Jain (1909-1994) is a legendary figure in the field of Indology, specifically Jainological and Prakrit Studies, occupied the Chair in the Universities of Bombay, India, Peking China and Kiel, Germany. Besides being an author of more than 80 books on a variety of subjects, he has contributed numerous research papers in Indian and International journals. Some of his outstanding works include the Vasudeva Hindi, A Jain Version of the Brhatkatha; Life in Ancient India as Depicted in Jain Canons; Prakrit Sahitya ka Itihasa; Bhagwan Mahavir (translated in several Indian and foreign languages); Studies in Early Jainism; Prakrit Narrative Literature etc. This book is being published by Manohar Publications at New Delhi. Contact: Anil J. Jain E-mail: ajjain@vsnl.com

2. ABC of Jainism by Shri Shanti Lal Jain

Published by: Jnanodaya Vidyapeeth, Bhopal

This book has been written mainly for those who want to understand Jaina philosophy and basic principles of Jainism under the guidance of outstanding Jain saint Acharya Shri Vidyasagar Ji and his disciple, learned and scholarly Muni Shri Kshmasagar Ji. The contents of the book are objective and authentic, presented in a simple language in question and answer form. The author of the book, Shri Shanti Lal Jain has been an eminent engineer, former Executive Director of M. P. State Electricity Board and now a Power Consultant of International repute. Those readers living abroad will find this book most useful for themselves and their families, specially youngsters. Common topics like theory of karma, law of nature, Anekanta, three jewels of Jainism, religious practices etc. are explained in this book and are illustrated with sketches.

3. "Jain Darshan, a Paribhashik Kosh" (Hindi) by Muni Shri Kshmasagar Ji Maharaj

Published by: Jnanodaya Vidyapeeth, Bhopal.

Price: Rs. 25/- Pages: 281

It is a pocket book sized dictionary, which gives brief definitions, meanings and explanations of various terms used in Jain religion and philosophy. There are many words in Jain Philosophy which are unique and highly technical, such as nigod, ashvav, sanwar, sallekha etc. and it is often not easy to make out their meanings unless a special study is made. This book gives simple explanations about many such terms. The book would be useful during study, contemplation, meditation and while listening to discourses by saints and scholars. The book is dedicated to author's Guru, Acharya Shri Vidya sagar Ji Maharaj.

4. Andekha Sach" by Kavita and Nitin Soni

Publisher: Matri-Samuh, Bhopal.

It is a small booklet which briefly relates to the authors' observations in restaurants offering vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. Many of us are not aware about how the so-called vegetarian food is prepared in the kitchens of big hotels. The book is divided into three sections, Tandoor, Indian and Chinese. The authors have shown that in all such restaurants which serve both types of food, it is just not possible to avoid mix-up or pollution of vegetarian items with non-vegetarian materials.

5. "Jeevan Kya Hai" (What is life?) by Dr. Anil Kumar Jain

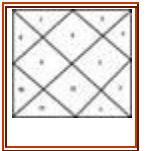
Publisher: Vidya Prakashan Mandir, New Delhi.

Price: Rs. 30/- Pages: 100.

The book deals with the subject of life after death, transformation of life, atma and karma and how they exist, according to Jain philosophy. The author who is himself a student of Physics (Ph.D. from Agra University), has tried to compare the concepts of life as enunciated in Jain scriptures with those in the modern science and has tried to bring out similarities between the two in many cases. The book accordingly covers three aspects: (I) Fields in which scientists have performed studies and which are described in Jain philosophy also; (II) Fields in which scientists have studied but there is no mention in Jain philosophy; (III) Fields which are clearly explained in Jain scriptures and literature but which are still a mystery for scientists. The author has also touched upon the new fields of cloning and Genetic Engineering and showed that these subjects are quite in line with Jain philosophy.

ASTROLOGICAL HELP BY MR. CHIRAG JAIN

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ACHARYA SHRI MAHAPRAGYA DECLARES CHATURMAS-2004 PROGRAMME

Nam	Place	Name	Place
Muni Bhupendra Kumarji	Kantha	Sadhvi Rajkumariji (Nohar)	Jasol
Muni Budhamalji	Sardarshahar	Sadhvi Ramkumariji (Ladnun)	Kelwa
Muni Jayachandlalji	Shahada	Sadhvi Ratanshreeji	Bardoli
Muni Jineshkumarji	Bhusaval	Sadhvi Ratanshriji (Shri Dungargarh)	Pali
Muni Kamalkumarji	Karnataka	Sadhvi Raviprabhaji	Sangrur
Muni Lok Prakashji 'Lokesh',	Delhi	Sadhvi Sanyam Prabhaji	Adampur
Muni Prashantkumarji	Delhi	Sadhvi Sarasvatiji	Jagrao

Muni Mohanlalji 'Shardul'	Sardar Shahar	Sadhvi Sarojkumariji	Seva Kendra Ladnun
Muni Rakeshkumarji	Toward Mewad	Sadhvi Satyaprabhaji	Vani
Muni RavindraKumarji	Churu	Sadhvi Sirrekumariji	Dhuri
Muni Sagarmalji	Toward Kantha	Sadhvi Sohanaji (Chhapar)	Bhivani
Muni Sumati Kumarji	Chennai	Sadhvi Sohanaji (Didvana)	Hissar
Muni Sumermalji (Ladnun),	Hyderabad	Sadhvi Sohankumariji (Dungargarh)	Narvana
Muni Udit Kumarji	Hyderabad	Sadhvi Somlataji	Toward Mewad
Muni Suvrat Kumarji	Chhapar Seva Kendra	Sadhvi Subhvatiji	Hansi
Muni Tarachandji	Sahukarpeth, Chennai	Sadhvi Sumanshreeji	Bangalore
Muni Vijayrajji	Sirsa	Sadhvi Surajkumariji	Toward Mewad
Sadhvi Ajitprabhaji	Toward Mewad	Sadhvi Surajkumariji (Sardarshahar)	Bombay
Sadhvi Anandshreeji	Dhubdi	Sadhvi Suvarnarekhaji	KGF, Karnataka
Sadhvi Anima Shreeji	Coimbatore	Sadhvi Svayamprabhaji	Toward Mewad
Sadhvi Ashokshriji	Nagpur	Sadhvi Tejkumariji	Bidasar Seva Kendra
Sadhvi Bhagyavatiji	Toward Punjab	Sadhvi Ujjvalrekhaji	Toward Mewad
Sadhvi Dhankumaraji (Sardarshahr)	Toward Mewad	Sadhvi Vidyavatiji	Bombay
Sadhvi Dhanshreeji	Toward Malwa	Sadhvi Vinayshreeji	Bhikhi (Punjab)
Sadhvi Gulabanji (Bhadra)	Ukalana	Sadhvi Yashodharaji	Bhuj
Sadhvi Gulabkumarji (Sardarshahar)	Jasol	Sadhvi Yashomatiji	Gangapur
Sadhvi Guptiprabhaji	Sunam	Samani Niyojika Akshaypragyaji	Moscow (Russia)
Sadhvi Jaswatiji	Gandhidham	Samani Mangalpragyaji	New Jersey, USA
Sadhvi Jatankumaraji (rajaldesar)	Samana	Samani Muditpragyaji	Orlando, USA
Sadhvi Jayashriji	Rajaldesar Seva Kendra	Samani Sanmattipragyaji	Hueston, USA
Sadhvi Kailasvatiji	Kalavali	Samani Pratibhapragyaji	London
Sadhvi Kan Kumariji (Sardarshahar)	Seva Kendra GangaShahar	Samani Sthitpragyaji	Udhna (Surat)
Sadhvi Kanakrekhaji	Sindhnor, Karnataka	Samani Veeneetpragyaji	Kandivli, Mumbai
Sadhvi Kanakshreeji	Surat	Samani Achalpragyaji	Koba, Ahmedabad
Sadhvi Kanchan Kumaraji (Ladnun)	Shahibag Ahemdabad	Samani Bhavitpragyaji	Chitradurga
Sadhvi Kanchan Kumaraji (Udaipur)	Nathdwara	Samani Gyanpragyaji	Aurangabad
Sadhvi Kanchanprabhaji	South Kolkatta	Samani Kantipragyaji	Tohana
Sadhvi Kundanrekhaji	Viratnagar, Nepal	Samani Kusumpragyaji	Jorhat
Sadhvi Laxmikumariji	Toward Mewad	Samani Lokpragyaji	Dinhatta
Sadhvi Madhurekhaji,	Toward Malwa	Samani Madhurpragyaji	Chikmanglur
Sadhvi Madhusmitaji	Katabhanji (Orrisa)	Samani Malaypragyaji	Kanpur
Sadhvi Naginaji	Vav	Samani Manjupragyaji	Farvisgunj
Sadhvi Nirvanshreeji	Shri Dungargarh Seva Kendra	Samani Manjulpragyaji	Katak, Orrisa
Sadhvi Phoolkumariji	Toward Malwa	Samani Parampragyaji	Tiruannamala
Sadhvi Prakashavatiji	Toward Mewad	Samani Sanghpragyaji	Patna
Sadhvi Pramodashriji	Jalgaon	Samani Sharadapragyaji	Keskal, Chattisgarh
Sadhvi Rajimatiji	Toward Mewad	Samani Ujjvalpragyaji	Ludhiana

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POLYTHENE BAGS CAN KILL COWS

Dear Editor,

This is very unfortunate that Jains who are proud of saying that they follow a life of not harming any living- beings have not been touched by killing of cows caused by eating polythene bags thrown by us. After the death of several cows recently, the Municipal Corporation investigated the matter and the postmortem reports found hundreds of kgs of polythene in their stomach. The death of poor cow is so pathetic that after consuming kilos of polythene bags her stomach gets filled up with polymer so tightly that neither it moves forward nor get digested and the cow can not take any food for months and has to wait for death. This death is so painful that even I will suggest that it's better to slaughter the animal rather giving her such a slow death.

I appeal the distinguished persons of JAIN SAMAJ to create awareness amongst the community to stop using polythene bags and lead a non-violent way of life, what jainism teaches us. Dr. Rajeev Jain, Lalitpur (UP) E-Mail: drrajeev@sancharnet.in

PLIGHT OF EXOTIC ANIMALS IN INDIA

Dear Editor, Ahimsa Times

I want to draw your kind attention towards the condition of exotic animals/wildlife covered under CITES provisions. In India these animals are imported/bred and are kept in such a bad condition that they die very soon but are again replaced probably illegally on same documents by circuses/breeders. The wild life Department says that as these are not protected under Wildlife Protection Act 1972 of India, so they can not take cognizance of offences committed upon them and in many cases, even the zoos refuse to rehabilitate them as these are not covered under the Indian law. The prevention of Cruelty to Animals is not so stringent. Kindly come to the rescue of animals covered under CITES in India. Dr. Sandeep K. Jain, E-Mail: jeevdaya@rediffmail.com

DEVLOK GAMAN

Aryika Murtimati Mata Ji, disciple of Shri Vardhman sagar Ji Maharaj left for her heavenly abode at the age of 85 years at Bhinder village in Udaipur Dist. of Rajasthan. She had obtained permission to take a vow of sallekhana before death from her guru.

SAD DEMISE

1. Shri Daulat Mal Bhandari, an eminent lawyer and freedom fighter of his time, passed away at the age of 97 years on the 11th January, 2004. He came from a highly respectable, educated and religious family of Jaipur. He used to be a brilliant student having obtained M.A. and LL.B. degrees from Lucknow university. He was a highly successful lawyer and occupied the position of Rajasthan High court Judge in the year 1955 and Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court at Jodhpur in 1970. He also took active part in freedom struggle in 1942 and was elected a member of Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha in 1945 and joined as Minister in the State cabinet. His body was cremated with full state honours.

2. Dr. Bhanwar Lal Surana, an eminent journalist, Editor of daily "Mhara Bharat" and President of Rajasthan Shramjeevi Patrakar sangh passed away at Jaipur at the age of 70 years. He had been associated with journalism right after his education and had become the Chief of the Rajasthan Bureau of Dainik Hindustan. Apart from being a journalist, he was closely associated with religious and social organisations and took active part in humanitarian activities.

3. Shri Prem Chand Jain, Freedom fighter and advocate died on January 20, 2004 at Muzaffarnagar after prolonged illness, family sources said. Shri Jain, 81, is survived by one son and two daughters, sources said adding, he was consigned to flames here with full official honors. Shri Jain, took an active part in the freedom struggle and was jailed a number of times.

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