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**IN THIS SPECIAL ISSUE OF AHIMSA TIMES
WE SALUTE TO ALL JAIN SAINTS FOR THEIR SACRIFICES AND SUFFERINGS**

The landmark 150th issue of Ahimsa Times published by Ahimsa Foundation is specially dedicated to our divine Saints who are sacrificing and suffering for the welfare of entire community. Year 2013, has not started with pleasant note for the community as a whole. The unfortunate incidences and accidents have shaken the whole of the community around the world. Unprecedented protest rallies were organised in every corner of the country. Protest and Condemnation Memorandums were submitted to every important Government functionary and authority in New Delhi and every other town of the country. The community needs to be applauded for their forbearance and self discipline. Although, under belly raze in every individual community member who heard about the incidences was very strong but not a single unfortunate incident of vengeance was noticed in course of demonstrations and marches.

However, it is deeply regrettable for the community, as our leadership totally failed in drawing any notable media attention to their cause. The 100 plus national television channels and news papers, which are ever ready to cover current issues did not know what is happening in Jain community.

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COUNTRY WIDE PROTESTS AGAINST GIRNAR ATTACK AND ROAD ACCIDENT DEATHS OF JAIN SAINTS

गुजरात में जैन मुनि पर जानलेवा हमला

नवभारत टाइम्स Jan 14, 2013, प्रतिनिधि गिरनार (गुजरात), 1 जनवरी की शाम को ऐतिहासिक जैन स्मारक गिरनार पर्वत की पांचवीं टॉक पर पूजा निमित्त गए जैन मुनि प्रबल सागर पर तथाकथित महंत के गुंडों ने जानलेवा हमला किया। इस महंत ने गिरनार पर्वत पर उस जगह जबर्दस्ती कब्जा किया हुआ है, जहां महाभारत कालीन जैन तीर्थंकर नेमीनाथ के चरण चिन्ह हैं जो

विश्वव्यापी जैन समाज की श्रद्धा के केंद्र हैं। जैन मुनि प्रबल सागर के पेट पर चाकुओं से पांच बार प्रहार किया गया। उन्हें स्थानीय अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया गया है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय जैन समाज और जागरूक अहिंसा और पुरा-संपदा संरक्षण प्रेमियों में इस घटना पर अत्यधिक रोष है। आर० के० जैन, अध्यक्ष, भारतवर्षीय दिगंबर जैन तीर्थ-क्षेत्र कमिटी, जो देश के समस्त जैन स्थापत्य एवं तीर्थों की कस्टोडियन है, ने इस दुष्कर्म की निंदा की है और केंद्रीय और गुजरात सरकार से अपील की है कि दोषी व्यक्तियों को सख्त सजा दी जाए, जो आए दिन आगत जैन तीर्थ यात्रियों एवं संतों पर बर्बरतापूर्ण हमले करते रहते हैं। साथ ही गिरनार पर्वत से अवैध कब्जा तुरंत हटाया जाए। उसके प्राचीन स्वरूप की रक्षा की जाए एवं जैन त्यागी-जनों और तीर्थ यात्रियों की सुरक्षा की पूर्ण व्यवस्था की जाए। उन्होंने जैन एवं अन्य प्रगतिशील संस्थाओं से सभ्य समाज में ऐसे अनवरत अमानवीय कृत्यों के विरुद्ध आवाज उठाने का आग्रह किया है।

जैन संस्थाओं का एक प्रतिनिधिमंडल बुधवार सुबह राज्यसभा में विपक्ष के नेता अरुण जेटली से मिला और गुजरात सरकार द्वारा कड़ी कार्रवाई एवं गिरनार पर्वत पर ऐसे अनवरत हमलों पर रोक व अवैध कब्जा हटाने के लिए अनुरोध किया।

स्मरणीय है कि गुजरात के पूर्व राज्यपाल स्व. महामहिम नवलकिशोर शर्मा ने प्राचीन गिरनार पर्वत स्मारक, जो आर्केलॉजिकल डिपार्टमेंट, गुजरात सरकार की ओर से संरक्षित है, पर अवैध कब्जा, उसके प्राचीन स्वरूप को नष्ट करने एवं असामाजिक तत्वों की हिंसा पर क्षोभ जताते हुए प्रशासन को त्वरित कड़ी कार्रवाई करने का निर्देश दिया था। कुछ वर्ष पूर्व जब लाल मंदिर, लालकिला दिल्ली में जैन स्मारक गिरनार पर्वत पर अवैध कब्जे के खिलाफ एक जैन आचार्य आमरण अनशन पर बैठे थे, एनडीए अध्यक्ष लालकृष्ण आडवाणी ने लाल मंदिर जाकर आचार्य से अनशन छोड़ने का अनुरोध किया था। उनके आदेश पर अगली सुबह हवाई जहाज से गुजरात के तत्कालीन गृह राज्य मंत्री अमित शाह आए और लाल मंदिर जाकर गुजरात सरकार द्वारा त्वरित दृढ़ कार्यवाही का आश्वास देकर आमरण अनशन तुड़वाया पर आज भी यथा स्थिति बनी हुई है।

अखिल भारतवर्षीय दिगंबर जैन तीर्थ-क्षेत्र कमिटी का प्रतिनिधिमंडल गुजरात की राज्यपाल महामहिम कमला बेनीवाल से भेंट करके संरक्षित स्मारक से अवैध कब्जा हटाने, उसकी प्राचीनता बनाए रखने, आए दिन की हिंसा रोकने और अपराधियों के खिलाफ सख्त कार्रवाई करने की मांग करेगा।

REQUEST TO READERS: Readers may also join Ahimsa Foundation in registration of their protest against such unfortunate incidents by writing to President of India, E-Mail: presidentofindia@rb.nic.in, Prime Minister of India, E-Mail: manmohan@sansad.nic.in, Home Minister of India, E-Mail: skshinde@sansad.nic.in and Lok Sabha Speaker, E-Mail: speakerloksabha@sansad.nic.in

JAIN SAMAJ SHOCKED BY ATTACK ON A JAIN MONK IN GIRNAR & KILLING OF TWO JAIN MONKS IN ROAD ACCIDENT IN GUJARAT

Entire Jain Samaj is shocked and anguished by the attack on a Jain monk in Girnar, Junagarh & killing of two Jain monks in road accident on NH no. 8 at Bharuch, both incident took place in the State of Gujarat.

The beginning of year 2013 is really alarming for Jains across the world. On Jan 1, 2013, Jain Monk Muni Shri Prabalsagarji Maharaj was returning from the Girnar Hill (5th Peak) at around 6 pm after Darshan of Charan Chhatri of 22nd Tirthankar Bhagwan Neminath. Munishri was attacked with knife by some anti-social elements and sustained five

severe injuries in the stomach which led to severe bleeding. Munishri was detained by these elements for hours after the attack. Later on at 2:30 am, he was admitted in Junagarh's hospital and his condition is said to be critical. Munishri fell unconscious and at 2:30 am some people bring him down from the hill by Palki and were taken to hospital via Ambulance.



A Jain monk takes a lifelong vow of never to hurt anyone, never to use and cause violence towards any (humans and non humans) and never to use any kind of vehicle (human , animal and mechanical driven) and never to get treatment in hospitals except Ayurvedic Treatment and never to move at night from one place to another. Never before in the history of Jains in India, has any Jain Sadhu been attacked brutally with knives and his vows been broken.

Girnar hill has been encroached illegally by Pandas since last 15-20 years. The matter is pending in High Court. Jain Pilgrims are threatened every day while their pilgrimage to this Jain Tirth and no security has been deployed till date. We are especially concerned that instead of protecting MuniShri's right to worship, the Govt. of Gujarat failed and this incidence has led to violation of Muni Shri's personal vow and ethical code of conduct for Jain sadhus invoked by the act of taking diksha; honoring this code means everything to our revered

sadhus and sadhvis. Forcibly transporting him in a vehicle and then hospitalization in the middle of the night, this has further violated Muni Shri's precious lifelong religious vows (of never using any kind of vehicle, animal, human or mechanically driven), causing him and the entire Jain community irreparable harm, including breach of faith in the law and government, which has greatly hurt the sensibilities and beliefs of the entire Jain community world over.

In the 2nd incidence, two Jain monks namely Shri Gyanshekhar Vijay Maharaj and Shri Hastigiri Vijay Maharaj died on the spot after they were run over by a truck on National Highway No. - 8 near Bharuch. When they were walking along the side of the highway, a heavy duty loaded truck rammed them from behind between Nabipur and Bharuch. In last 5 years more than 40 Jain Monks have died in such road accidents. Some community members also think that these accidents may be part of some conspiracy.

Jain Community request Gujarat Government to take immediate action to

- (1) Remove Illegal encroachers from Girnar Hill immediately,
- (2) Deploy Police Force on Girnar hill at all times and ensure security of Jain pilgrims & Jain monks,
- (3) take severe action against attackers,
- (4) CBI investigation in all such road accident cases of Jain Monks and fatal attack on Jain monk at Girnar Hill.

View: Video link : Jain Monks died in road accidents: www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=IbPrkFI8Vsg

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TRUCK DRIVER WHO 'RAN OVER' TWO JAIN MONKS ARRESTED

Ahmedabad/Vadodara, Thu Jan 10 2013, Bharuch police arrested the driver of the truck who allegedly ran over two Jain monks on National Highway 8 near Bharuch on January 1. "We have arrested one person identified as Ashwin Nayka. Based on his identity established by CCTV footage, we picked up Nayaka from Padra in Vadodara and arrested him later," Bharuch District Superintendent of Police (DSP) Gautam Parmar told The Indian Express. The DSP said Nayaka is a resident of Kamrej taluka of Surat district and works with a brick kiln. "He was on his way to Vadodara when the accident took place. He has confessed that while attempting to overtake two vehicles from the wrong side, he could not see the monks due to fog and ran them over," said Parmar. Police said they had analysed CCTV footages of Karjan toll plaza and kept a watch on Nayka. Jain monks Gyanshekhar Vijay Maharaj and Hastigiri Maharaj, both of Valsad, were killed on the

spot when they were allegedly hit by the truck from behind, around eight km from Bharuch town towards Vadodara on NH-8. They were reportedly on their way to Asuriya village from Bharuch on feet when they met with the accident. The truck driver had sped away after the accident. The death of the monks had sparked protests across the state with the Jain Community alleging that the two were "murdered". During funeral procession and cremation of the monks, thousands of Jains had blocked the NH-8. Police had to resort to lathicharge to make the traffic normal on the highway. But angry mourners retaliated with pelting stones at police. The lathi charge incident had enraged the community all the more and they had demanded suspension of Vadodra range I G Sashikant Trivedi and a probe by CID. The forensic report stated that the sample of the clothes of the monks matched with the tyre marks collected from the spot. The state DGP has decided to reward the police and forensic officers for the arrest.

LETTER FROM GUJRAT CHIEF MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI ABOUT THE ATTACK ON JAIN SAINTS

Dear Friends,

I have received your email where you voiced your worries on the attack on Shri Prabal Sagarji Maharaj. The attack on Shri Prabal Sagarji Maharaj is truly a matter of great concern and the Government of Gujarat has taken immediate action to address the issue.

Considering the significance of the matter, Government of Gujarat has immediately arrested the accused and he was taken under judicial custody on 3rd January 2013. Besides, S.R.P. constables are posted at Girnar and CCTV camera are to be arranged between Ambaji and Datatrey.

Police department of Gujarat has taken immediate actions to address the issue. The security of each and every individual of Gujarat is of utmost importance to the state Government and I assure you that we will leave no stone unturned to protect our people and punish those who are found violating the laws and disturbing the peace.

Yours,



Narendra Modi

MP CHIEF MINISTER SH. SHIV RAJ SINGH CHOUHAN SADDENED BY ATTACK ON JAIN SEER



January 07, 2013, Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has appealed to his Gujarat counterpart Narendra Modi to initiate stringent action against those responsible for allegedly attacking a Jain seer at Girnar. "The entire state, including me, is anguished over the incident involving Jain Muni Prabal Sagar at Girnar town in Gujarat", Chouhan said in a letter to Modi. The seer was allegedly attacked by some unidentified persons last week reportedly with sharp weapons. "I appeal to you to take prompt action as per the feelings of followers of Jainism and Munishri against the accused persons", he said.

AHMEDABAD BJP COUNCILLORS AVOID JAIN RALLY

Saturday, January 12, 2013, In a surprising development, BJP councillors belonging to the Jain community did not take part in a silent rally over the issue of death of Jain monks in road accidents. It is understood that the party has issued a gag order against participation in the rally. Thousands of Jain devotees belonging to different sects marched from Mahalaxmi Crossroads to the collector's office, seeking action from the government. The procession, which started at 8 am, was 3-km long. The protestors handed over a memorandum to the collector, urging the government to protect Jain monks from assaults through road accidents. However, the BJP's Jain councillors were missing from the rally. There are over ten Jain councillors in the city but none of them were present in the rally. Disagreeing with the claim, some councillors said that they were present in the rally for a short time.

जनता में भारी आक्रोश गिरनार जी में दिगम्बर जैन सन्तों पर हुये प्राणघातक हमले के विरोध में दिया जापन मध्यप्रदेश



सागर - गिरनार जी में दिगम्बर जैन सन्तों पर हुये प्राणघातक हमले से आहत होकर मध्य प्रदेश के जिला सागर के जिला मुख्यालय में हजारों की संख्या में जैन समाज की जनता सड़कों पर निकल आई। सागर नगर के कटरा नमक मण्डी से बड़ी संख्या में जनसैलाब उमड पडा। दिगम्बर मुनि श्री अजित सागर ने प्रवचन दिये। मुनि श्री पुष्पदन्तसागर जी महाराज, मुनि श्री विमलसागर जी महाराज, मुनि श्री अनन्तसागर जी महाराज, मुनि श्री विषदसागर जी महाराज,

ऐलक श्री विवेकानन्द सागर जी, जनसन्त क्षुल्लक श्री विरन्जनसागर जी महाराज जी मंच पर विराजमान रहे। प्रवचन उपरान्त जनसैलाब एक रैली के रूप में नारे लगाता हुआ जिला कलेक्टर कार्यालय पहुंचा और प्रशासन को जापन सौंपकर विरोध जताया।
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जैन मुनी पर हमले के खिलाफ भाईदर, मुम्बई में आक्रोश

नवभारत टाइम्स | Jan 4, 2013, भाईदर। गुजरात के गिरनार क्षेत्र में दिगंबर जैन के धर्मगुरु प्रबल सागर महाराज पर हुए कातिलाना हमले के विरोध में मीरा-भाईदर में लगातार प्रदर्शन जारी हैं।



शनिवार को भी मीरा-भाईदर में इस घटना के विरोध में बड़ी सभा रखी गई है। 1 जनवरी को प्रबल सागर महाराज गिरनार क्षेत्र में भ्रमण कर रहे थे। उसी समय कुछ असामाजिक तत्वों ने उन पर पांच बार चाकुओं से वार किया। इस हमले में वे गंभीर रूप से वार किया। इस हमले में वे गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए थे। उनका उपचार वहीं अस्पताल में चल रहा है।

बुधवार को मीरा-भाईदर के दिगंबर जैन समाज ने इस घटना के विरोध में रैली निकाली। इस रैली में महापौर कैटलीन परेरा, भाजपा जिलाध्यक्ष नरेंद्र मेहता, नगर सेवक ध्रुवकिशोर पाटील तथा सुरेश खंडेलवाल सहित बड़ी संख्या में लोगों ने हिस्सा लिया। गुरुवार को मैक्सस मॉल के कंपाउंड में विरोध स्वरूप जनसभा का आयोजन किया गया। इस मौके पर भी बड़ी संख्या में शरीक होकर अपने गुस्से का इजहार किया। इस सभा में जैन गुरु प्रतीक सागर महाराज ने इस घटना को घिनौना कुकृत्य बताया। उन्होंने कहा कि समस्त जैन समाज तब चुप नहीं बैठेगा, जब तक दोषी दंडित नहीं होते। उन्होंने धर्मगुरुओं की सुरक्षा की मांग भी की। उधर

भारत जैन महामंडल के मीडिया प्रभारी गजेंद्र भंडारी ने बताया कि इस घटना को लेकर स्थानीय विधायक गिल्बर्ट मेंडोसा को ज्ञापन भी दिया गया है। इस मौके पर महापौर कैटलीन परेरा, नगरसेवक ध्रुवकिशोर पाटील, सुरेश खंडेलवाल, भारत जैन महामंडल के सचिव नरेश परमार, पारस परमार सकल दिगंबर जैन समाज के जयेश भाई, कांतिलाल भाई, मंत्री सुरेश भाई पूनम चंद शाह, योगेश भाई, सेवती लाल दोशी आदि शामिल थे। गजेंद्र भंडारी ने बताया कि विधायक गिल्बर्ट मेंडोसा ने आश्वासन दिया है कि वे अपने नेता शरद पवार से इस घटना को लोकसभा में उठाने के लिए निवेदन करेंगे साथ ही गुजरात के मुख्यमंत्री को भी धर्मगुरुओं की सुरक्षा के लिए ठोस कदम उठाने की मांग करेंगे।

सकल दिगम्बर जैन समाज देवेन्द्रनगर

आज दिनांक 6 जनवरी 2013 को सकल दिगम्बर जैन समाज देवेन्द्रनगर के आव्हान पर देवेन्द्रनगर के समस्त नगर वासियों ने मुनिश्री प्रवलसागर जी महाराज पर गिरनार जी में हुए प्राण घातक हमले के विरोध में नगर बंद कर धरना प्रदर्शन एवं रेली का विराट आयोजन किया गया। रेली के पूरे नगर भ्रमण के पश्चात गुजरात के मुख्यमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के समाज विरोधी रवैये के विरोध को इंगित करते हुए राष्ट्रपति, प्रधानमन्त्री सहित मध्यप्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री को ज्ञापन तहसीलदार देवेन्द्रनगर को सौंपे। इस दुर्भाग्य पूर्ण निंदनीय कृत्य की सभी ने भत्सर्ना की एवं दिगम्बर जैन समाज के मुनियों आर्यकाओ श्रावकों सहित जैन तीर्थ क्षेत्रों की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था ठीक करने का आव्हान किया गया।

STABBING OF SHRI PRABAL SAGAR JI MAHARAJ DENOUNCED BY DIGAMBAR JAIN TEERTH KSHETRA COMMITTEE

Shri R. K. Jain, National President of All India Digambar Jain Teerth Kshetra Committee, denouncing the heinous crime of eminent saint, Shri Prabal Sagar Ji Maharaj at Girnar appealed to the entire Jain community that they should send strong representation both to the state and central Governments for stern action against the culprits. Shri Jain visited the hospital (Trimoorty Aspathal) at Junagarh, where the saint was undergoing treatment. Shri Prabal Sagar Ji Maharaj was stabbed with four knives and has been seriously wounded in his lungs and spleen.

GIRNAR INCIDENT PROTESTED BY DELHI JAIN COMMUNITY

A Protest against the brutal attack on Jain Muni Shree 108 Param Pujya Prabal Sagarji Maharaj was organised by Digambar Jain Mahasabha on 5th January, 2013 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by some of the stalwarts of the community. In one voice, everyone strongly condemned Girnar incident as an act of cowardice by some stupid panda's and anti-social elements.

PROTEST AT HASSAN AGAINST GIRNAR INCIDENT

Hassan (Karnataka), January 2, 2013: A protest march was organised at Hassan on January 4, 2013 condemning the attack on Muni 108 Sri Prabhalsagarji Maharaj at Girnar. The president of the Jain Samaj Hassan Sri M. Ajith Kumar led the protest march which started at 10.30 a.m. from Dodda Basadi and passed through Mahavira circle, old bus stand and reach the district collectors office. In the end, a memorandum was presented to the district collector condemning the act.

PROTEST AT UDAIPUR AGAINST GIRNAR ACCIDENT

Udaipur (Rajasthan), January 2, 2013: Jain Samaj of Udaipur from which Muni Sri Prabhalsagarji Maharaj hails from have condemned the attack on him at Girnar. A group of people reached Girnar in 3 busses from Udaipur. All Jain Munis at Udaipur were in a state of shock and in a painful mood. A couple of Munis could not control their emotions and started sobbing during the pravachan. The entire Jain Samaj of Udaipur abandoned themselves from having Ghee & milk. Some people even went on fast to register their protest against the incident. More than 1000 people from the Jain community

assembled in front of the district collector and submitted a memorandum condemning the attack. Further, as a protest to the incident all the Jain establishments were closed at Udaipur on January 3, 2013.

JAINS RALLY AGAINST ATTACK ON LEADERS IN KOLKATA

Jan 10, 2013, Kolkata: Protesting against the recent attacks on religious leaders of the Jain community at Girnar Hill (a holy Jain pilgrimage) and Bharuch in Gujarat, members of the community organised a silent rally in the city.



The march began from the Digambar Jain Bada Mandir in Bysack Lane and culminated at Metro Channel in Esplanade. On January 1, revered religious leader Muni Sri Prabal Sagarji Maharaj was detained attacked with knives at Sidhkshetra Girnar in Gujarat's Junagarh district. His condition is said to be critical. The same day, two other sadhus were killed in a road accident. "We are deeply hurt by the attacks on our religious leaders. Though the Gujarat high court directed the government to get rid of the encroachers from Girnat Hill, they have not done anything to protect the community. We just want to convey our message through the rally," said Narayan Jain, a representative of the community from the state. "Even in West Bengal, the idols of our deities at temples in Kankurgachi, Kalakar Street, Bally and Alipore were stolen. The police have still not recovered the idols stolen from Bally and Alipore. We want more protection and assurance of safety fom the state," said Jain. The community condemns

the attack on their revered relious leader, Muni Sri Prabal Sagarji Maharaj, who was detained by some people and was hurt by knives at Sidhkshetra Girnar in Junagarh district of Gujarat on January 1. His condition is critical. Two other Sadhus were also killed in a road accident on the same day. "Even in West Bengal, the idols of our deities in the temples in Kankurgachi, Kalakar Street, Bally and Alipore were stolen. The police has still not recovered the idols stolen from the temples in Bally and Alipore. We want more protection and assurance of safety from the state," said Jain.

DEATH OF JAIN MONKS SPARKS VIOLENT OUTBURSTS ACROSS GUJARAT STATE



Jan 2, 2013, Bharuch: Wide spread protests have been reported following the mowing down of two Jain monks by a truck near Asuria village located nine kilometres from Bharuch on Tuesday. Stone pelting on the police and subsequent lathi charge took place during their Palkhi Yatra in Bharuch on Wednesday. More than 10,000 people from the Jain community across the state gathered in Bharuch to attend the cremation of the two monks. The route of the Palkhi Yatra of monks Shri Gyanshekhar Vijay Maharaj and Shri Hastigiri Maharaj Sahib was to begin at 9 am from Srimali Pole Jain Temple

in Bharuch to the place where the accident had taken place. However, the route was changed following insistence by the police that was protested by the community leaders. The yatra reached Zadeshwar Chowkdi on the highway causing a massive traffic jam. Efforts were made by Inspector General of Police Shashikanth Trivedi, Superintendent of Police Gautam Parmar, MP Mansukh Vasava along with MLAs Dushyant Patel and Arunsinh Rana to maintain calm but they went in vain. Some miscreants started pelting stones on the police and the latter resorted to a lathi charge to disperse the crowd. The yatra eventually reached the spot of the accident late in the afternoon where the bodies of both the monks were cremated. Ajitbhai R. Mehta of Jain Monk Vihar Group based in Surat said, "We demand a thorough investigation in the accidental deaths of the monks which we believe is premeditated. We condemn the attitude of the police. Instead of beating innocent people who came to attend the cremation of respected monks they need to investigate the killing of saints who spread the message of peace and harmony in the society." He said that more than 40 monks have been killed in road accidents in the last five years. Reports of protests by community members have also poured in from Vadodara, Navsari, Ankleshwar and other places.

SILENT PROTEST IN JHUMARI TILIYA OVER ATTACK ON JAIN MONK

Ranchi, 8th January 2013, Women, girls and men in large numbers took out a silent procession in Jhumari Tiliya on Monday to register protest against the attack on a Jain Muni, Prabal Sagarji Maharaj in Juna Gargh in Gujrat on the first day of this year. Organised by Jain community, the procession started from Jain Mandir situated near docter gali of Jhumari Tilaiya and went up to Purnima talkies, backed to Jain Mandir. The protesters held boards and placards. All small and big shops remained shut till 1 pm. The procession was morally supported by peoples from different walk of life. President of Jain Samaj Manik Chhand Shetty, Sect Sushil Chabara Jay Kumar Gangawal, Vimal Suraj Pawdilal Lalit Suri, district president of Marwari Youth Manch Himanshu Kedia secretary Sanjay Sharma Rajesh Jain, ward Parshad Pinki Jain Rotary District president Jay Kumar Gangwal, president of Rotary Kupulse Jhumari Tilaiaya Ritesh Duggar were in also with the procession. A group of office bearers went to DC office and submitted a memorandum to Koderma DC Rajesh Kumar Sharma in this regard.

PUNE JAINS MARCH TO PROTEST ATTACKS ON JAIN MONKS

To protest the attacks on Jain monks, Jain community from Pune organized a rally on 10th January 2013, under the banner of Sakal Jain Sangh Pune. The main organizers were Jain Sena and Jain Yuvak Mahasangh, Pune, supported by all Jain organizations in the city. The organizers had expected some 5000 to 6000 participants, but in actual, estimated 30000 Jains, mostly youngsters, took part in the march, the biggest March of Jains in the history of Pune. Thanks to the young generation of Pune Jains.

SILENT MARCH ORGANISED AT HAZARIBAGH TO PROTEST ATTACKS ON JAIN MUNIS

09 January, 2013 Hazaribagh, The people of Hazaribagh came on streets on Tuesday to protest against the series of attacks on Jain Munis in different parts of the country. After Maharashtra and Rajasthan on 1st of January some unidentified criminals attacked on Muni Prabaal Sagar at Girinath Sthan, Gujarat. The criminals wounded him badly by using knife. Similar incidents had already taken place in Maharashtra last month. To protest these incidents people of all religion assembled at Bara Bazar Jain Mandir premises under the banner of 'Sarva Dharma Qaumi Ekta Samiti'. From here they started their march and traveled almost entire town without telling or shouting anything. This was a silent rally of the denizens of Hazaribagh through which they registered their protest. At the end of the rally a memorandum to President of India was handed over to the SDO. In this memorandum demand of strong action against the culprits has been made. A large number of women from every religion of society took part in this silent protest march. It was led by leaders of every religions and political parties.

ALLAHABAD - JAINS TAKE OUT SILENT PROTEST MARCH

Jan 10, 2013, Allahabad: Protesting against the recent attack on a Jain saint in Junagadh district of Gujarat, members of Jain community took out a silent procession here to condemn the incident. Holding placards and banners demanding punishment for the guilty persons, the protesters, including men, women and children, said the attack on saints amounts

to insult of Indian culture and doctrine of Ahimsa. The procession started from Zero Road Jain temple and after passing through Johnstangunj, Chowk, Leader Road and other parts of old city culminated at Subhash crossing in Civil Lines where a meeting was also held. General Secretary, Jain Samaj Prayag, Anoop Chandra Jain said Jainism preaches the doctrine of ahimsa in life and its followers are simple, austere and peace loving. They are guided by the principle of 'Live and let live'. The character and lifestyle of Jain saints who are involved relentlessly in hard penance is entirely different from others in society. In such a case, any attack on such person/persons is condemnable and government should punish the guilty severely. Another speaker Rajesh Kumar Jain said the attack on Jain saints is an attack on Indian culture and Indian culture is identified by the presence of saints in such large numbers.

SURAT - PROTESTS CONTINUE AGAINST JAIN MONKS' DEATHS

Jan 6, 2013, Surat/Palanpur: Protests against mowing down of two Jain monks near Bharuch on January 1 continued on Saturday with the community members taking out rallies in Surat and Palanpur. In Surat around 10,000 Jains from different sects gathered and carried out a silent rally on Athwalines Road, condemning the deaths of two Jain monks on Bharuch Highway. The rally started from Sargam Shopping Centre and ended at the district collectorate. All the participants were in white clothes and were carrying banners condemning the deaths. The participants demanded a proper investigation by a special agency into the deaths and sought an assurance to prevent such incidents in future. On Tuesday, Shree Gyanshekhar Vijay Maharaj and Shree Hastigiri Maharaj were mowed down by a truck on National Highway 8 between Bharuch and Nabipur. Senior Jain monks alleged that it was murder and had been crushed as part of a conspiracy. "It was a silent rally and we made our point in a very polite manner. We were assured by the district collector that the issue will be taken up at the higher level and necessary steps will be taken," a textile businessman Piyush Jain said. The state government has ordered an inquiry into the incident and CID has been ordered to probe the deaths. "The issue was represented before the government and a meeting between leaders of Jain community and chief minister Narendra Modi will take place in short time," BJP MLA from Majura constituency Harsh Sanghvi, who led the protest march, said. In Palanpur, members of Samast Jain Samaj led by monks took out a protest rally against increasing number of Jain monks being killed in road accidents. In a memorandum addressed to Modi, they sought that steps be taken to provide adequate security to monks who undertake journeys on foot.

MANGALORE JAIN COMMUNITY CONDEMNS ATTACK ON MUNI MAHARAJ

Jan 5, 2013, Mangalore: Jains of Dakshina Kannada district submitted a memorandum to the President, Prime Minister, Union home minister, chief minister of Gujarath, Governors of Gujarath and Karnataka through deputy commissioner N Prakash condemning the incident of attack on Jain saint 108 Acharya Prabala Sagarji Muni Maharaj. Jain leaders stated in the memorandum that Muni Maharaj, who was visiting Girinar Hills pilgrimage centre in Gujarath on January 1, was attacked and was stabbed four times by miscreants for no reason whatsoever. "It is said that a group of Hindu fanatics called 'Pandas' are trying to capture the Jain pilgrimage centre where 22nd Theerthankara Shree Neminatha Swamy attained Moksha. Therefore, it is a holy pilgrimage centre for Jains and it is called a Siddhakshethra from time immemorial," they stated in the memorandum. "We the Jains of Dakshina Kannada district are shocked to hear about the said heinous incident. Therefore, we are hereby place our unanimous protest against such unprovoked violence and strongly condemn the heinous act of assaulting a Jain Muni of noble and pious status in the community.

We hereby lodge our heartfelt protest against any violence or such other heinous acts against holy Jain Munis in the country," leaders stated. "We humbly request the Government of India and state governments to provide necessary police protection to our Jain saints who are on pilgrimage visits to the holy places of worship for Jains in India and to protect the microscopic minority of Jains of historical name and fame 'Bharatha Khandah, 'Bharath'," they urged. "Jains in India are minority community and the percentage of Jain population is less than 1. Jains are the followers of Ahimsa. They never protest violence against them and they never harm any living beings. They (Munis) are keeping on visiting different pilgrimage centres of India by walk only. They preach the philosophy of Jainism, a universal faith of non-violence, truth and peace," they stated.

DIGAMBER JAIN SAMAJ PROTESTS AGAINST BANGALORE INCIDENTS



Jan 7, 2013, Condemning the recent attacks on Jain temples and monks, the Digamber Jain Samaj held a silent protest rally at the Digamber Jain temple in Wilson garden. The incidents which recently occurred in Gujarat and Karnataka, moved the community to bring the issues to the notice of the government.

In the first incident that happened on January 1, a group of Jain saints travelling in Girnar hill in Junagadh, Gujarat, were assaulted by some miscreants. Jain Muni Shri 108 Prabal Sagar Ji Maharaj was stabbed four times in the incident.

In the other incident on January 3, a manastambha (column of honour) and chaturmukha (four-headed) idol of Jain Tirthankara were defaced by miscreants on the ancient Mandaragiri hillock in Tumkur district. Also, the gate leading to the group of temples on the hillock was dismantled.

The Jain community has stated that they would be handing over memoranda to the respective state governments against these untoward incidents. They also requested the authorities to take immediate action to ensure the safety of their monks and shrines.

We have covered the news of protest rallies only from few cities. We are continuously getting similar information about community reaction from many other towns.

TEMPLES

UK FACTORY PREMISES WILL BECOME A JAIN TEMPLE



With the efforts of Dr. Natubhai Shah, the UK based Jain community is given permission to convert a former factory premises in Colindale into a Jain temple. The premises will be converted into the three-storey building on Colindale Avenue. The ground and first floor of the building are marked for community centre. The third floor will be the temple for the Jain community. According to Dr. Natubhai Shah, chairman of the Jain Network, the centre would mainly serve to the Jain community in north-west London and Colindale. After the network applied for planning permission, more than 70 people signed a petition opposing it, citing parking and traffic congestion and criticising the scale and appearance of the development. Dr Shah said the organisation would be seeking private funding and he hoped the community centre would be up and running in four years' time.

जैन समाज की कई बड़ी संस्थाए गिरनार जी के केस के नाम पर चन्दा इकठ्ठा करती रही है - विश्व जैन संगठन संजय जैन, अध्यक्ष - विश्व जैन संगठन ने मांग की है कि जैन समाज की कई बड़ी संस्थाए गिरनार जी के केस के नाम पर जैन समाज से चन्दा इकठ्ठा करती रही है लेकिन आज तक किसी को ये नहीं पता कि केस कहा चल रहा है, किसके खिलाफ चल रहा है, इस विषय में कोई निर्णय हुआ या नहीं या इस केस की क्या स्थिति है?



इस सवाल आज इसलिए महत्व है क्यूकी जानकारी के अनुसार सन 1947 में जैन समाज द्वारा जूनागढ़ की सरकार को गिरनार पर्वत को भारत में रखने हेतु रकम दी गयी थी और तत्कालीन गृहमंत्री श्री पटेल जी ने भी गिरनार पर्वत को जैनों का सिद्ध क्षेत्र होने की वजह से भारत में ही शामिल करने की आज्ञा दी थी। सन 2004 में भी गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा 5 वी टोंक पर महंतों द्वारा अवेध निर्माण को हटाने के आदेश दिए थे परन्तु पिछले 8 साल से इस विषय पर किसी भी संस्था द्वारा यह नहीं बताया गया की आगे क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है। क्यों अवेध रूप से महंतों द्वारा जैन टोंकों पर कब्जा बनाया हुआ है। क्यों मुनि श्री पर

जानलेवा हमले के बाद राजनीती की जा रही है? दिनांक 2 जनवरी को जैन समाज के प्रतिनिधिमंडल के नाम पर केवल चक्रेश जैन जी और महासभा के सेठी अरुण जेटली से मिलने चले गए और वह जाकर समाज को दिखाने के लिए हँसते हुए ऐसे फोटो खिचवा कर वापिस आ गए जैसे दिगम्बर जैन संत को चाकू लगने से उत्पन्न रोष व्ययक्त करने की वजाय किसी के लडके की शादी का कार्ड देने गए हो। हमारे नेता तभी क्यों राजनेतिक नेताओं से मिलते हैं जब कुछ अनहोनी हो जाती है। यदि समय रहते गिरनार जी के विषय में कार्यवाही की जाती तो शायद ये स्थिति न बनती क्यूकी आपको याद होगा कि कुछ साल पहले तक गिरनार जी पर जैन स्वतंत्र रूप से जैन जयकारा लगाते हुए जाते थे और आज क्या हो रहा है? मेरा उन सभी जैन संस्थाओं से निवेदन है जिन्होंने गिरनार जी की स्वतंत्रता के नाम पर समाज से चन्दा इक्कट्ठा किया है, तुरंत समाज को ये बताये की गिरनार जी की ये हालत क्यों हुए? समाज को साल दर साल समय रहते गिरनार जी के विषय में जानकारी क्यों नहीं दी गयी? आज पर्वत पर महंतो ने पैसा कमाने के लिए अलग-2 कुंड बना लिए हैं। समय रहते आन्दोलन क्यों नहीं किये गए? वोटों की राजनीती के चलते आज कोई सरकार कुछ नहीं करेगी। यदि केस समाज के पक्ष में था और है तो सुप्रीम कोर्ट जाकर पर्वत को खाली कराने हेतु रिट क्यों नहीं डाली गयी या सुप्रीम कोर्ट में इस विषय में रिट क्यों नहीं लगाई गयी। From: Sunjay K. Jain, VJS, E-Mail : vishwajains@yahoo.com

PROTEST AGAINST DEMOLITION ISKCON TEMPLE IN RUSSIA

Akhil Bharat Hindu Yuvak Sabha Organization Sec. Sh. Prashant Patel along with National Spokesperson Sh. Rakesh Gurkha yesterday met Ms. Yuila E. Arjaeya, Culture Secretary, Embassy of the Russian Federation, New Delhi to apprise ambassador of Russia about resentment on the proposed demolition of ISKCON Temple in Russia on 15th January. Ms. Yuila E. Arjaeya assured that she will communicate our concerns to ambassador and will also forward our letter to the concerned office in Moscow. In the meeting that lasted for two hours many cultural and religious matters were also discussed. Source: Rakesh Gurkha, National Spokesperson, Contact No. - 9873003069

LETTER OF REPRESENTATION TO RUSSIAN EMBASSY, NEW DELHI

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to reports from various sections of Media about the demolition of the Hindu temple in Russia, to be undertaken on 15th Of January 2013. We are very much upset and shocked to know about this proposed demolition.



A Hindu temple in Hindu Dharma has a great amount of importance. It is one of the means of Hindus to connect with God and is also the center of providing education about the religion to the Hindus. Temple is a place where Hindus collectively worship God and is an indispensable part of our religion and is lifeline of Hindus. Demolition of the Hindu temple in Russia is very serious issue of hurting religious sentiments and encroachment on human rights and the freedom of right to practice religion.

Through your office we request you to convey to H.E.Vladimir Putin (President of Russia) and H.E. Dmitry Medvedev, (Prime minister of Russian) to reconsider the demolition of the ISKCON temple and reevaluate this issue keeping in mind spiritual and emotional aspect of the Matter. Hindu temple emits

saatvic (pure) vibrations which helps in purifying the environment and thus benefiting the country at the subtle level. If one creates an environment effective for worship in temples the nation will receive blessings of the divinity which will benefit the country at large. In view of the fact that India and Russia enjoy a strong strategic, military, economic and diplomatic relationship, both of us boast of rich cultural heritage and respect for Humanity. We hereby request the Russian government to intervene in this matter and stop the demolition of the Hindu temple (ISKCON) in Russia and reassure the Hindus in Russia and the world over, that Russia is a friend and will uphold and help in promoting the preserving the Hindu cultural site. Rakesh Gurkha, National Spokesman, Akhil Bharat Hindu Yuvak Sabha, 9873003069.

JAIN TRUST FILES PLEA IN HC OVER GIRNAR SHRINE ROW

Ahmedabad, January 10, 2013: The legal case about illegal construction around a Girnar Jain shrine on the fifth tonk in Junagadh has been filed at Gujarat High Court. Digambar Jain Sect has alleged that due to illegal construction around the idol of lord Neminath is disturbing the devotees in worshipping the idol and footprint of lord Neminathji at the site. The dispute over the engraved stone idol and footprint on the fifth peak of Girnar goes back several years. While the Jains claim that they belong to lord Neminath, some Hindu mahants ascribe them to Lord Dattatreya. According to Jains, there was a clear high court order in 2005 that prohibited any new construction. However, the construction has been done overlooking the order of the court. Archaeological department has also taken note of the illegal construction at the site.

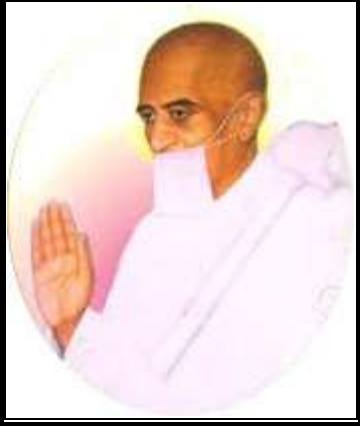
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जिस संत को हजारों-लाखों लोगों की असीम श्रद्धा भक्ति प्राप्त हो और वो उससे बिलकुल ही निस्पृह, अनासक्त तथा सीधा-सरल भाव-युक्त रहे, तो ये ऐसी बात होगी कि गुलाब का फूल तो है, सुगंध और सौन्दर्य भी है, मगर उसमे कांटा नहीं है। ऐसे ही अनूठे, सीधे-सादे, विनम्र, गुणज्ञ, एकांतप्रिय, सरल और सच्चे संत थे मधुकर मुनि जी। जिनकी जन्म शताब्दी वर्ष हम मनाने जा रहे हैं।

पूज्य गुरुदेव श्री का जनम वि० स० 1970 मार्गशीर्ष शुक्ल 14, दिनांक 12 दिसंबर 1913 को जोधपुर के पास तिवरी ग्राम में हुआ। आप श्री के पिता का नाम श्री जमनालाल जी धारीवाल (कोठारी) एवं माता जी का नाम तुलसाबाई था। आपका बचपन का नाम मिश्रीमल था। छोटी आयु में ही आपके सिर से पिता श्री का साया उठ गया।



बचपन के धार्मिक संस्कार --

आप में बचपन से ही धर्म गुरुओं के प्रति गहरी श्रद्धा भक्ति थी। एक बार स्वामी जी श्री जोरावरमल जी म० सा० व्याख्यान दे रहे थे, तब स्थानक के बाहर सारे बच्चे खेल रहे थे। उस समय गुरुदेव श्री की उम्र 6-7 वर्ष की थी। आपने सभी बच्चों से कहा कि अंदर गुरुदेव व्याख्यान दे रहे हैं, बाहर में भी तुम्हें व्याख्यान सुनाता हूँ। सब बालक बैठ गए। आप मिट्टी का ऊंचा चबूतरा बनाकर बैठे और बच्चों से बोले-मैं तुम्हारा गुरु हूँ, तुम सब मेरे चेले हो, मैं व्याख्यान सुना रहा हूँ, तुम सब खमा बापजी बोलना। बालक मिश्रीमल के यही धार्मिक संस्कार धीरे धीरे दीक्षा लेने की तैयारी में रंग गए।

दीक्षा में बाधा : वैराग्य की जीत --

माता श्री तुलसा जी ने जब ये शुभ संस्कार बालक मिश्रीमल में देखे, तो उन्होंने गुरुदेव श्री जोरावरमल जी म० सा० को दीक्षा देने की प्रार्थना कर दी। परिवार के अन्य लोगों ने आपकी दीक्षा में कई विघ्न पैदा किये। बात कचहरी तक चली गयी। तब स्वयं मजिस्ट्रेट ने आपकी परीक्षा ली और नन्हें बालक का वैराग्य, और प्रबुद्धता देखकर चकित रह गए और दीक्षा की आज्ञा जारी की। आखिर में वि० स० 1980 वैशाख शुक्ल 10, दिनांक 26 अप्रैल 1923 को अजमेर के भिणाय ग्राम में अत्यंत हर्षोल्लास के साथ आचार्य श्री जयमल जी म.सा. की परंपरा में स्वामी जी श्री जोरावरमल जी म० सा० के पास आपने संयम जीवन अंगीकार किया। स्वामी जी श्री हजारीमल जी म० सा० और स्वामी जी श्री ब्रजलाल जी म.सा. आपके बड़े गुरु भ्राता थे। आपकी दीक्षा के कुछ समय बाद आपकी माता श्री भी दीक्षित हुईं।

गहन अध्ययन --

दीक्षा लेते ही आपने मौन व्रत धारण करके संस्कृत, प्राकृत, व्याकरण, जैन आगम, न्याय, दर्शन आदि का गहन अध्ययन प्रारम्भ कर दिया। लगभग 20-22 वर्षों तक आपने मौन व्रत का पालन किया। इस एकनिष्ठ ज्ञानोपासना के कारण मुनि श्री ने अध्ययन, भाषण और लेखन में प्रौढ़ता प्राप्त कर ली। आपको प्रज्ञामूर्ति, बहुश्रुत, पंडित रत्न, आगम मनीषी आदि अनेकानेक उपाधियों से संबोधित किया जाने लगा।

जयगच्छ आचार्य पद एवं विसर्जन --

वि० स० 2004, वैशाख कृष्ण 2 को नागौर में आप श्री को जयमल गच्छ के नवमे आचार्य पद पर प्रतिष्ठित किया गया। उस समय आपका नाम मिश्रीमल जी से बदलकर जसवंतमल कर दिया गया-यशवंत-यशस्वी। आचार्य पद ग्रहण करने के पश्चात् आपके मन में एक उथल पुथल भरी बेचेनी ही भरी रही। एकांत साधना, शांति-प्रिय, निर्लिप्त व्यक्ति को कभी भी पद की चाह, यश की लिप्साओं से दूर रहना ही पसंद होता है। आप श्री ने दृढ़ निश्चय के साथ आचार्य पद का त्याग कर दिया। ये आपकी

महानता थी कि आपने अपनी साधना के लिए आचार्य जैसे प्रतिष्ठापूर्ण पद का विसर्जन कर दिया। आपका कहना था कि, मैं अनुशासन में रह तो सकता हूँ, पर किसी को रख नहीं सकता।

श्रमण संघ गठन : भूमिका --

इस पद त्याग से स्थानकवासी समाज में एक बड़ी भारी क्रांति हुई। यह क्रांति थी-पद लिप्सा का लगाव कम और संघ की एकता का प्रबल भाव। इन दोनों विशिष्ट भावों ने वि० स० 2009, सन 1952 के सादडी में सम्पन्न हुये विशाल साधू सम्मेलन में कई स्वतंत्र संप्रदायों ने अपने अस्तित्व को गला कर श्रमण संघ को जन्म दिया।

वि० स० 2033 में आपका वर्षावास नागौर में था, तब आपको श्रमण संघ के उपाध्याय पद से विभूषित किया गया। आपकी विद्वता और योग्यता से प्रभावित होकर, तथा सकल संघ के हार्दिक आग्रह पर वि० स० 2036 श्रावण शुक्ला 1 को आचार्य सम्राट श्री आनंद ऋषि जी म० सा० ने 25 जुलाई 1979 को हैदराबाद में आपको श्रमण संघ का प्रथम युवाचार्य घोषित किया। इससे श्री संघ में हर्ष की लहर दौड़ गयी। बाद में वि० स० 2037 चैत्र शुक्ल 10 को जोधपुर में युवाचार्य चादर औढाई गई।

मीठा मिश्री : स्वनाम धन्य --

मधुकर मुनि जी मधुर, सरल, विनम्र एवं शांत स्वभाव के गंभीर सत्पुरुष थे। आपकी वाणी से जैसे अमृत वर्षा होती थी। सचमुच मिश्री सी मिठास थी आपके जीवन में और वचनों में। मारवाड़ में अधिकांश श्रद्धालु आपको "मीठा मिश्री" नाम से जानते थे। आप स्वनाम धन्य थे- एक बार आप धनारी ग्राम में पधारे। तब वहाँ एक खारे पानी का कुआँ था, आपके चरण प्रभाव से उस कुवे का पानी अमृत समान मीठा हो गया। स्वभाव में सहज मधुरता-गुणज्ञ दृष्टि होने के कारण आपका उपनाम "मधुकर" था।

देवलोक-गमन --

आचार्य सम्राट श्री आनंद ऋषि जी म० सा० के हार्दिक आग्रह पर श्रमण संघ को मजबूत बनाने और भावी योजनाओं पर विचार करने के उद्देश्य से आपने मारवाड़ से महाराष्ट्र की ओर उग्र विहार किया। इस विहार काल में आपके 60 वर्षों के संयम साथी-बड़े गुरुभ्राता श्री ब्रजलाल जी म० सा० का धूलिया में देवलोकगमन हो गया। आप दोनों की जोड़ी राम-लक्ष्मण के जैसी थी। नासिक में आचार्य श्री के साथ ऐतिहासिक चातुर्मास पूर्ण करने बाद वि० स० 2040, मार्गशीर्ष कृष्ण 7, दिनांक 26 नवंबर 1983 को नासिक में आपका आकस्मिक स्वर्गवास हो गया। जिस चादर को आचार्य श्री आनंद ऋषि जी म० सा० ने दी, वो युवाचार्य श्री ने आचार्य भगवंत के श्री चरणों में पुनः समर्पित कर दी। आपके महाप्रयाण से संघ में जो क्षति हुई है, वो कभी भर नहीं सकती।

आगम प्रकाशन : साहित्य सृजन --

पूज्य गुरुदेव श्री मिश्रीमल जी म० सा० "मधुकर" उत्कृष्ट साहित्य शिल्पी थे। आपने दूरगामी दृष्टि रखते हुये 32 आगमों का हिन्दी भाषा में अनुवाद एवं सम्पादन कर प्रकाशित करवाने जैसा भागीरथी कार्य किया, जिससे सभी संप्रदायों के साधू संत एवं जनमानस लाभान्वित हुये। आपका यह उपकार जैन समाज युगों युगों तक याद रखेगा। (उल्लेखनीय है कि 16 आगमों का प्रकाशन आपके देवलोकगमन के पश्चात आपकी अंतेवासिनी शिष्या श्री उमराव कुँवर जी म० सा० अर्चना" ने प्रबल पुरुषार्थ से पूर्ण करवाया) आप मधुर प्रवचनकार, कुशल कथाकार भी थे। आपने सरल भाषा में जैन कथामाला के 51 भाग भी लिखे, जिनकी पूरे भारतवर्ष में अत्यंत सराहना हुई। इसके अतिरिक्त साधना के सूत्र, अंतर की ओर, पर्युषण पर्व प्रवचन, तीर्थकर महावीर आदि अनेक पुस्तकें लिखीं। अहिंसा की विजय, तलाश, छाया, आन पर बलिदान, पिंजरे का पंछी आदि अनेकानेक

उपन्यास भी आपकी सफल कलम से निकले। आपकी अंतिम शिक्षा-रचना थी-जीओ तो ऐसे जीओ । आपके साहित्य जन-जन हितार्थ थे।

सचमुच मे आप जैसे सरल, मीठे, विद्वता के साथ विनम्र, साधू विरले ही होते है। ऐसे निर्मल संयम साधक और जिनशासन प्रभावक गुरुदेव के श्री चरणों मे शत शत वंदन -- From- Sanjeev Nahta, Ahmedabad, 9426381668

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JAIN STUDIES

SHWETAMBAR JAIN AGAM LITERATURE IN MICROSOFT WORD FILES (HINDI UNICODE FONTS)

Muni Shree Deepratna Sagarji has provided to Jain eLibrary 32 of 45 Shwetambar Murtipujak Jain Agams' Original Sutras (Mool Gathas) in Microsoft Word File in Hindi Unicode Fonts. These files are now available on Jain eLibrary Website. The data entry and proofing / editing work of the remaining 13 Ägams will be completed in next 3 to 6 months. Pujya Shri Maharaj Saheb has worked countless hours on this project for the past 10 months to complete these 32 of 45 Ägams and will continue to work to complete this project. Jain Ägams in Hindi Unicode (Mangal) fonts provides a tremendous help to Academicians, Scholars, research workers, teachers who now can simply copy and paste any reference material needed from Jain Scriptures or Agam Literature. All website work requires Unicode fonts also. The great grand Guru Maharaj of Muni Shri Deepratna Sagarji is Late Acharya Shri Anand Sägar Suriiji (popularly known as Sägaränand Suriiji) who was instrumental to build Jain Agam Mandir at the foothills of Mount Shatrunjay, Palitana. The walls of this Jain temple inscribe these 45 Jain Ägams. He earned the title "Agamodhdharak" Acharya in Shwetambar Jain tradition. If you have any suggestions about the Ägams word files, please inform Muni Shree - jainmunideepratnasagar@gmail.com
To view and download all Unicode Word files of Jain Ägams, please go to Jain eLibrary website: www.jaineLibrary.org

Source: Pravin K Shah, JAINA Education Committee, Jain eLibrary Project Team, E-Mail: jainaedu@gmail.com, www.jainelibrary.org

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR CHAMELI DEVI JAIN AWARDS FOR WOMEN MEDIA PERSONS

New Delhi, January 12, 2013, The Media Foundation has invited nominations for its Annual Chameli Devi Jain Awards for an Outstanding Woman Media person for 2012-13. Journalists in the print, broadcast, and current affairs documentary film media are eligible, including photographers, cartoonists and newspaper designers. Names and addresses of sponsors or references should be clearly mentioned with email and phone numbers, a press release from the foundation said. According to it, the criteria for selection will be excellence, analytical skill, social concern, insights, style, innovation, courage and compassion. Other things being equal, preference will be given to small town/rural and Indian language

journalists. The entries will be evaluated by an independent panel of jurists whose verdict shall be final, it said. Nominations should include a bio-data (with complete postal address, telephone, fax numbers and email address, for facility of communication), together with samples of work done during 2012-13 in the form of clippings/tapes/CDs in standard formats. These should be accompanied by a brief appreciation of why the candidate is especially deserving of recognition, the release said. Nominations addressed to B. G. Verghese, C-11, Dewan Shree Apartments, 30, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi -110001 should be received not later than February 18, 2013. The Award will be announced some days before it is presented at the India International Centre Auditorium in Delhi on March 20, 2013.

FORTY FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE TO STUDY RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL AT ISJS



The Center for Jain Studies at Claremont Lincoln University invites to study Jain Religion at the International School for Jain Studies in India this summer. Faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students with an academic background, or strong interest, in the Indic traditions are encouraged to apply for this heavily subsidized immersion experience. Prospects have the choice of applying to one of two fellowship programs.

The 6-week program (June 1-July 15): This fellowship program is designed to meet the needs of scholars and students with some background in South Asian or Religious Studies. Students can earn 6 graduate semester credits for completing this program. Up to 20 fellows will be admitted into the six-week program.

The 4-week program (June 1-June 30): This fellowship program offers an ideal introduction to India, the Dharma traditions, and Jainism. In four weeks, students will acquire proficiency in Jain Studies, and be prepared to undertake more advanced research in the future. Students can earn 3 graduate or undergraduate semester credits for completing this program. Up to 20 fellows will be admitted into the four-week program. To apply, download Application Form at www.jain.claremontlincoln.org/study-jainism-in-india/admission_application_form/, The final application deadline is February 10, 2013.

AWARDS & HONOURS

PRACHI JAIN OFFERED ONE CRORE SALARY PACKAGE BY GOOGLE



Jaipur, California based Google Company has offered highest ever package of Rs. one crore salary to Prachi Jain of Jaipur. She is a software engineer. She is resident of Mansarovar, Jaipur and passed from Delhi, IIT as Computer Engineer. Earlier in 2009, she stood first in IIT's entrance examination. She is also the recipient of "Kalpana Chawla Award". Courtesy: Shri Tarak Guru Jain Granthalaya, Guru Pushkar Marg, Udaipur, Rajasthan-313001, E-Mail : tguru1966@gmail.com

MAHAVEER GOLECHHA SELECTED FOR AWARD FOR ALZHEIMER'S DRUG



Mahaveer Golechha, the London-based Indian researcher was selected to be felicitated for an award that includes his work on a drug that can be a potential cure of Alzheimer's disease. Golechha, 27 would travel to San Francisco for receiving this Young Investigator Scholarship Award which will be awarded by the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation at its 7th Annual Drug Discovery for Neurodegeneration Conference in February 2013. Mahaveer Golechha would be felicitated for the research on naringin, which is said to be the bioflavonoid found in citrus fruits and grape fruits. In the study conducted by Golechha, he found discovered that naringin has essential anti-Alzheimer activity. This in turn could be essential for further research for developing cure of the disease. Alzheimer's disease is primarily the neurodegenerative disorder which affects mostly the

elderly. Mahaveer Golechha's work on the naringin would be included in the poster presentation at the San Francisco conference.

NALIN JAIN BECOMES HEAD OF GE TRANSPORTATION BIZ IN INDIA



Jan 08, 2013, Global conglomerate GE has appointed Nalin Jain as head of transportation business in India. Nalin Jain has taken over as the President and CEO of GE Transportation in India. He would also continue as the Head of GE Aviation in the country. "In his new expanded role, Nalin would be responsible for spearheading the development and implementation of GE Aviation and Transportation strategy in India," GE said in a statement. GE India President and CEO John Flannery said that under the leadership of Jain, the company's footprint in aviation segment has grown in the region. GE Transportation has interests in diverse areas including rail, mining and marine industries.

JUSTICE D. K. JAIN NEW LAW COMMISSION CHAIRMAN



Jan 8, 2013, New Delhi: The Centre Government appointed Justice D. K. Jain as the chairman of the 12th Law Commission of India less than three weeks before his retirement as a Judge of the Supreme Court. Justice Jain, who would take up the assignment after his retirement on January 24, will have a three-year tenure and has been saddled with a wide terms of reference including one to examine existing laws from the gender equality perspective and suggest necessary amendments. The 12th Law Commission was constituted through a Government Order with effect from September 1, 2012, with the term ending on August 31, 2015. It was asked to identify obsolete laws for their repeal and also suggest suitable measures for quick grievance redressal of citizens grievances in the field of law. The new Law Commission would also examine the Laws which affect the poor and carry out post-audit for socio-economic legislations and take all necessary measures to harness law and the legal process in the service of the poor.

सुधीर लूणावत का नाम सिक्कों का संग्रह करने के लिए 'इलाइट वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड' बुक में दर्ज किया गया



बीकानेर. गंगाशहर निवासी 26 वर्षीय सुधीर लूणावत (जैन) का नाम विभिन्न देशों के सिक्कों का संग्रह तैयार करने के लिए 'इलाइट वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड' बुक में दर्ज किया गया है। इलाइट वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड ने सुधीर लूणावत को इस संबंध में सर्टिफिकेट भी जारी किया है। सुधीर लूणावत ने बताया कि उनके पास वर्तमान में विभिन्न देशों के 16 हजार से अधिक सिक्कों और नोटों का संग्रह है। सुधीर लूणावत विभिन्न देशों के सिक्कों का संग्रह पिछले 15 वर्षों से कर रहे हैं। इससे पहले सुधीर लूणावत का नाम गोल्डन बुक ऑफ रिकॉर्ड में भी दर्ज है। पुरे देश में सुधीर लूणावत ऐसे पहले शक्स हैं जिसे ये सम्मान मिला है। सूरत की एक टेक्सटाइल कम्पनी में मार्केटिंग के कार्य के साथ-2 सुधीर लूणावत जीवदया और शाकाहार प्रचार-प्रसार के कार्यो में भी विशेष रुचि रखते हैं। सुधीर लूणावत की इस उपलब्धि पर उनके परिजनो और दोस्तों ने प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की है। Source: Sudhir Lunawat, Uday Ganga Pariwar, New Line, Chordia Chowk, Gangashahar-334401, Bikaner, Rajasthan, E-Mail : lunawatsudhir@yahoo.com & sudhirlunawat@gmail.com

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

CHARUKEERTHIJI INAUGURATES 'TIRTH DARSHAN' BY JHC

Moodabidri (Karnataka), January 13, 2013: Swasti Sri Charukeerthi Bhattarakaha Swamiji, pontiff of Modabidri Jain mutt

inaugurated 'Tirth Darshan' the first show of WWW.JAINHERITAGECENTRES.COM. He inaugurated the event in the premises of Sri Dhavala college, Moodabidri.



The event was hosted by Tribhuvan Yuva Jain Milan as a part of its annual Tribhuvan Yuvajanotsava event. Speaking on the occasion, Sri Charukeerthiji said that, 'Jainism holds a very unique and antique heritage of its own. JHC is working towards bringing to light all these heritage sites using the electronic media, the most effective medium of communication in the current times.' He appreciated the 'Tirth Darshan' initiative & felt that this gives an opportunity to the individuals & members of the Jain Samaj to have a darshan of many Jain temples at a single place. He further aspired that JHC should conduct many more events on the similar lines in the days to come and commended Nitin H. P. & Dr. H. A. Parshwanath for their efforts. Nitin H. P., the executive director of JHC said that the 'Tirth Darshan' event is a initiative by JHC that is aimed at popularising the Jain temples & Jain Heritage Centres to the door

steps of common people who otherwise are deprived of the connectivity with electronic media. Explaining the initiative he said that photos of Jain temples, pilgrim centres & Jain idols shared on their website will be put up on flex banners and will be exhibited at different places based on different themes. Further, he said that JHC is open to take these banners to any part of the world depending on the requests by different organisations & popularise the Jain heritage across the globe. Contact for more details: Nitin H. P. (Ph: 9880818869, E-Mail: info@jainheritagecentres.com)

DIKSHA CELEBRATIONS

दीक्षा महोत्सव का आयोजन: असाड़ा (बालोतरा)



आचार्य महाश्रमण ने वर्धमान समवसरण में चार युवाओं को संयम रत्न प्रदान किया। चारों मुमुक्षु कई वर्षों से अपनी साधना में संलग्न थे। फिर संयम की परिपक्वता व पारिवारिक जनों की लिखित एवं मौखिक आज्ञा प्राप्त होने पर हजारों श्रद्धालुओं की उपस्थिति में दीक्षा प्रदान की। दीक्षा के बाद आचार्य महाश्रमण ने मुमुक्षु जवेरीलाल जीरावला का नामकरण मुनि जिज्ञासु कुमार, मुमुक्षु भाग्यश्री का नाम साध्वी भावितयशा, मुमुक्षु पूजा बाफना का नाम साध्वी प्रशांतयशा तथा मुमुक्षु मैत्री सिंघवी का नाम साध्वी मंजूलयशा रखा।

गौरतलब है कि एक सप्ताह पूर्व आचार्य ने बालोतरा में दीक्षित मुनि क्षेमंकर कुमार तथा साध्वी प्रांजलयशा को बड़ी दीक्षा प्रदान की थी। दीक्षा कार्यक्रम में मुनि मधुरकुमार व मुनि हेमंतकुमार ने अपने विचार व्यक्त किए। कार्यक्रम का संचालन मुनि हिमांशुकुमार ने किया। व्यवस्था समिति के संयोजक बाबूलाल सिंघवी ने आगंतुकों का स्वागत किया तथा महामंत्री जवेरीलाल ने आभार ज्ञापित किया।

GROUP DIKSHA CEREMONIES PLANNED BY SWETAMBER STHANAWASI SECT

Group diksha ceremonies have been planned for all the saints intending to accept bhagwati diksha for the first time so as to save time as well as resources on the 14th February, 2012 Japani Park, Rohini, New Delhi. The proposal to arrange group diksha was made by Upadhyay Shri Ravindra Muniji Maharaj on the occasion of the century celebrations of diksha centenary of Acharya Shri Anand Rishriji Maharaj and Shri Mishri Malji Maharaj 'Madhuker ". Those intending to accept diksha were requested to send their names to either to Upadhyay Shri Ravindra Muni Maharaj or to the office of Sthanakwasi Jain conference. The group diksha of saints and sadhwiji would enable the devotees to conveniently have their mangal darshan at a single place. It would also help in saving the expenditure incurred in organising the diksha programmes.

DIKSHA CELEBRATIONS (SWETAMBAR MOORTI PUJAK SECT)



Mumukshu Kumari Kalyani, daughter of Shri Vijay Kumarji and Smt. Sarla Devi Jain accepted holy Jain Bhagwati Diksha with the blessings of Sadhwi, Dr. Manju Shriji and in the holy presence of Shri Suman Pragyaji and Sadhwi Shri Vishwa Darshanaji of Moorti Pujak Sect. The diksha program was attended by thousands of devotees at Chinchwad, Pune.

Mumuksha Sushri Ashaji Chhallani, (Born 27th April, 1988) daughter of Shri Prakash Malji and Smt. Vimla Devi Chhallani, belonging to Bhopal Garh, Rajasthan, would accept Bhagwati diksha with the holy blessings of Acharya Shri 1008 Hirachandji Maharaj, head of Akhil Bharatiya Jain Ratna Hiteshi Shrawak Sangh. The diksha would be held at Subodh Law College Campus, Shipra Path, Mansarovar in Jaipur on the 27th January, 2013. For details contact: Shri Manendra Ostwal: 94141-32521 or Shri Vinay Chand Daga: 93145-06509.

READER'S NOTES

REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATION AND COURTS - BHARUCH ACCIDENT CASE



Dear Sir, Reference: Request for strict action and in-depth investigation in the matter of Death of 'Jain Muni Pujya Gyan Shekhar Vijayji Maharaj Saheb' and 'Pujya Hastagiri Vijayji Maharaj Saheb' in road accident near Bharuch on 01-01-2013. We are indeed thankful to the entire administration for a speedy action in nabbing the culprits in the above matter. You have responded with utmost sincerity for which the entire 'Jain Sangh' expresses a feeling of satisfaction.

However, our concern now is that as it happens usually in such cases the culprits are produced in the court and given bail. Thereafter, the case drags on for months and years and as it fades in the memory of people, all the track is lost. We request that the culprits in this case should not be released on bail and they must be made to reveal the names of people behind this

accident. We firmly believe that there is a deep rooted conspiracy behind such dastardly acts. Though we have some suspicion in mind, it may not be proper to voice them unless there are irrefutable proofs. A very strict and sustain interrogation of the accused will definitely reveal the identity of the culprits. Details of investigation in similar past cases may also throw some light. We hope you will consider this favorably and put at rest the apprehensions bothering the entire Jain Sangh. If we can be of any assistance we shall be glad to provide the same. Yours faithfully, Courtesy: Jain Sangh, E-Mail: svjtkpathsala@gmail.com

VIOLENCE AGAINST JAINS IN INDIA ON THE RISE: WHAT CAN THE JAIN COMMUNITY DO?

Jains must protect their own - Jain monks and nuns are soft targets for wayward, poorly educated and misguided youth. Allegedly, they are paid hefty sums of money to knock down Jain ascetics. Some years ago, I have put for a scheme where each person of the Jain community, or at least fit and able adults, would take up the duty to escort all Jain monks and nuns in his neighbourhood irrespective of the tradition they belong to, for a period of 15-20 minutes or so, unfailingly, all year around. For instance, I am free between 7 am to 10.30 am. I could easily take any 15 - 20 mins. slot in that period to escort Jain ascetics safely in my area. This kind of initiative can be taken by most of Jains living in India. And everyone can spare 15-20 mins. a day. Esp. if this is within walking distance from their homes.

Jains must take recourse to the law - Jains have to use the law as an effective means to protect themselves and their community from louts and lumpen elements, vagabonds and petty criminals and misguided religious fanatics. This leads us to the next point..

Jains must ensure national minority status for the Jain religion - This will ensure that we get far better legal and judicial protection. The govt. of any democracy has a sacred covenant with its citizens, esp. with its citizens who belong to minorities, to protect them. We have to ensure that our govt. acts in time to protect the Jain community, its places of worship, its cultural heritage, its literature, its historical imprint and its ascetics.

Jains must sensitise non-Jains by making Jain teachings accessible and available to all - While Jains are very good at building temples, Jains are a long way behind Isckon and the Svami Narayana folks, not to speak of the popular modern 'saints' in promoting the ubiquitous presence of Jain scriptures. Jain teachings should all be skillfully translated into English and made available to the common man at concessional rates. (And I do not mean the pravacanas of Jain monks, but classical Jain texts). It is highly necessary to educate Jains first, and then non-Jains, about the teachings of the Jain faith. Once they understand the underpinning of non-violence, they will understand the ways of Jain acetics and laity.

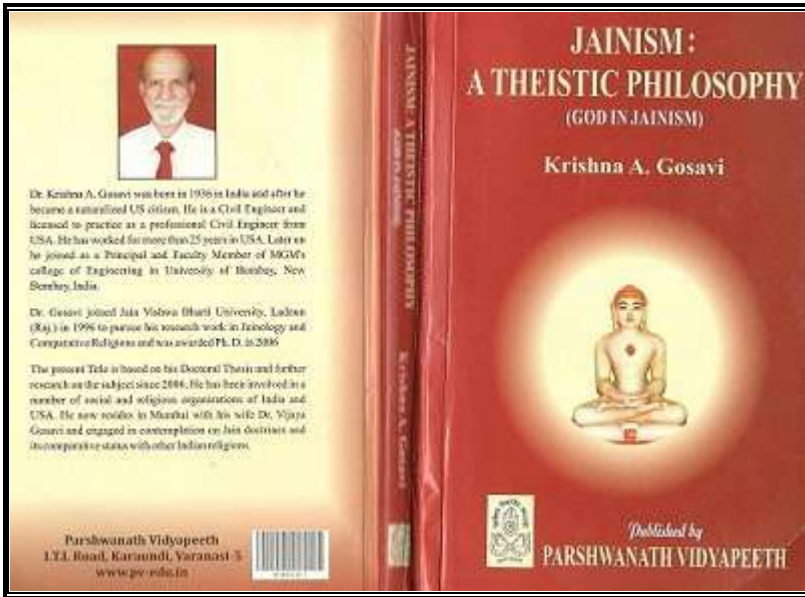
Jains should play a bigger role in doing charity - Jains do far more charity than they are credited with. But somehow, they have landed themselves with the image of being an insular community that helps only Jains and would much rather build multi-crore temples than help the poor and the underprivileged.

Jains should be less ostentatious as a community - Public display of wealth is not only in bad taste, it creates a resentment in what is still a poor nation. We all know the extreme disparity of wealth distribution in India. Too much pomp and show causes jealousy and a false image of extreme prosperity. Jains should take advantage of their fabulous standard of education and use the internet as a level playing field to defend, promote and protect their faith.

Hope this helps. Please feel free to share my views with others. From: Manish Modi, E-Mail: manishymodi@gmail.com

NEW BOOKS ON JAINISM

GOD IN JAINISM by Dr. Krishna Gosavi - Dr. Krishna Gosavi's just published Book " GOD IN JAINISM" is a must read. Dr. Gosavi's doctoral thesis on Jainism published by Parshvanath Vidyapith, Varanasi, is a refutation of its Classification in Indian Philosophy as an atheism, because it is a theistic Philosophy, a realism.



In this book the author has tried to establish Jainism as a Theistic Philosophy contrary to Pre-established theories about God, particularly in Vedic Philosophy. Generally, Jainism is considered as an atheistic philosophy because, like Brahmanical theology, it does not believe in trinity of God as creator, sustainer, and destroyer. But it believes in the existence of the Paramatma, the supreme soul which has been considered as synonyms of God in other Indian Philosophical Systems. Jainism considers Paramatma as God. The author maintains that Jainism is not an atheistic philosophy but is a theistic one. It holds that classification of Jainism in Indian philosophy as a Nastika or its English translation, quite often, made as an atheistic or heterodox is quite unjustified and misleading because Jainism is a very much theistic philosophy and religion, if compared with all religions of

the world. This scholarly research work presents a balanced scholarship, offering perspectives and raising issues from both the Western and Indian academia. Courtesy: Dr. Sulekh C. Jain, Houston, Texas, USA, E-Mail: scjain@earthlink.net

PHILOSOPHY AND ANIMAL SUFFERING BY ELISA AALTOLA

Animal Suffering: Philosophy and Culture explores how animal suffering is made meaningful within Western ramifications. It is often argued that today's culture is ambivalent in its attitudes toward non-human animals: on the one hand, many speak of the importance of 'animal welfare', and on the other, billions of animals each year are treated as little more than production units. The book gains its impetus from here, as it seeks to map out both the facts and norms related to animal suffering. It investigates themes such as (a) animal welfare and suffering in practice, (b) scepticism concerning the human ability to understand non-human suffering, (c) cultural and philosophical roots of compassion, and (d) contemporary approaches to animal ethics. At its centre is the pivotal question: What is the moral significance of animal suffering? The key approach brought forward is 'intersubjectivity', via which the suffering of other animals can be understood in a fresh light. Contact: Elisa Aaltola, E-Mail: elanaa@utu.fi

MISCELLANEOUS

JAIN LEADERS TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT ROAD MISHAPS

Following the fatal road accidents involving two monks near Bharuch, leaders of the Jain community have started imparting training to monks to prevent such accidents. While many leaders are debating about the issue and discussing corrective measures, some of them have initiated action in their own ways.

Incidents of Jain monks dying in road accidents have surfaced frequently in recent times. According to community leaders, monks have to follow certain religious tenets. They travel from one place to another just after dawn and before sunset. As they have to walk barefoot, most monks prefer to walk early in the morning - increasing the chance of road mishaps.

Referring to an initiative to train monks, Shermalji Maloo, trustee of Khatargachchh Trust, said, "Our Acharya Abhaydevsurishwarji Maharaj Saheb has already taken a decision to train sadhu-bhagwant (Jain monks). We are telling them that they should walk on the side opposite to the driving direction, which will drastically reduce chances of accidents. We are also telling them to walk in a single line on the roadside. There is heavy traffic on the highways nowadays." Urging action against errant drivers, the trustee said, "It is not only the monks who need training, but also the drivers on the highways."

Niraj Kumarpalbhai, a community leader in Ahmedabad, has other suggestions. "Sadhu bhagwants may confine their long travels. They should also prefer to move on internal routes rather than taking the highways," he said, adding, "At the same time, the state government should increase highway patrolling, especially at the time when sages are travelling. It should not be a big issue for the government as it already has highway police patrolling units. They just need to direct them to increase their vigil during early hours and before sunset. Such a system should be implemented." Palitana-based senior leader of the community, Acharya Muktiprabhsurishwarji Maharaj Saheb, said, "All the Jain saints are disciplined enough to walk on the road in the right manner. Looking at incidents that have occurred in the last couple of years, it doesn't seem like accidents; rather it seems that somebody is doing it intentionally. There is one Anoop Mandal in Rajasthan. Its members are beating Jain monks, so its involvement cannot be denied in such incidents."

ANOP MANDAL WEBSITE SPREADING HATRED - www.welfareoftheworld.com/mission_alien.html
You may read Anop Mandal Website through the link given above.

श्री गुरु पुष्कर देवेन्द्र जैन कैलेण्डर का प्रकाशन

श्री तारक गुरु जैन ग्रंथालय, उदयपुर की ओर से निरन्तर दूसरे वर्ष "श्री गुरु पुष्कर देवेन्द्र जैन कैलेण्डर 2013" का प्रकाशन किया गया है। श्रमण संघीय सलाहकार श्री दिनेशमुनि जी के मार्गदर्शन में तैयार इस बहुरंगी आकर्षक कैलेण्डर के प्रेरक हैं डॉ० द्वीपेन्द्र मुनि जी एवं डॉ० पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि जी म०। इस कैलेण्डर में तीर्थकरों के पंच कल्याणक पर्व, जैन एवं श्रमण संघीय पर्व, लौकिक एवं राष्ट्रीय पर्व तथा देश के प्रमुख नगरों के मानक समय के अनुसार पचचक्खाण मार्गदर्शिका दी हुई है। देशभर में निशुल्क वितरित इस कैलेण्डर में लौकिक एवं राष्ट्रीय पर्वों में उन जैन विभूतियों का उल्लेख भी किया गया है, जिनका राष्ट्रीय जीवन में उल्लेखनीय योगदान रहा। कैलेण्डर के पीछे की ओर भी विविध यंत्र, मंत्र, नक्षत्र-विचार, मुहूर्त, राशि-फल के अलावा युगप्रधान आचार्य श्री अमरसिंहजी म० सा० की परम्परा के प्रमुख सन्तों के जीवन की प्रमुख तिथियों का उल्लेख किया गया है। श्री राजकुमार बापना द्वारा सम्पादित यह कैलेण्डर कई बातों में विशिष्ट है। जिस महानुभाव को कैलेण्डर की आवश्यकता हो वह पत्र द्वारा मंगवा जा सकता है पत्र में पूर्ण नाम, पता (पिनकोड सहित) फोन नम्बर, मोबाईल नम्बर लिखकर श्री तारक गुरु जैन ग्रंथालय, गुरु पुष्कर मार्ग (शास्त्री सर्कल) उदयपुर, राजस्थान-313001 पर भेजें। अथवा ईमेल करें : tguru1966@gmail.com

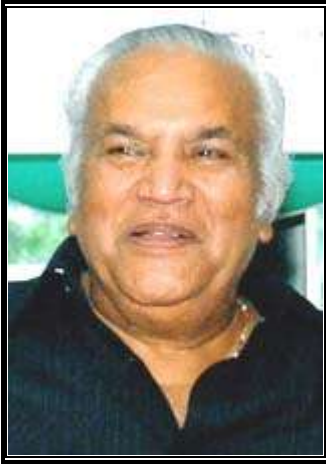
JAIN COMMUNITY LEADS IN EYE DONATIONS

It is heartening to note that Jain community has registered substantial increase in eye donation post death. According the figures from Jaipur based eye bank society 70% of the eye donations are from Jain community. During the last two years, out of 93 eye-transplant operations, 64 were performed from the eyes donated by Jain community. In previous years also, Jain community surpassed all others in the matter of eye donations. Jain saints also have been motivating the community members in this respect during their discourses. Even, they them-selves have started coming forward for donating their eyes, as a part of 'Netra-Dan'. One such example is that of Shri Mahim Prabh Ji Maharaj, who was the founder of "Sambodhi Dham" at Jodhpur, who was probably the first Jain saint to have donated his eyes and whose eyes were transplanted after his death. His two sons, Shri Chandra Prabh and Shri Lalit Prabh also Jain saints of eminence have been spreading the message of going for donating eyes for the good of needy people. It is believed according to Jain philosophy, that 'Netra-Dan' is supposed to be a charity of the highest order, which could lead to 'dev-gati' or heavenly abode during the next birth.

TOP JEWELLER NAVRATAN KOTHARI ARRESTED IN JAL MAHAL CASE

Leading jeweller and businessman Navratan Kothari has been arrested in Indore in Rs. 10,000 crore Jal Mahal scam. A Jaipur court had issued an arrest warrant against him on January 9. The Indore Police arrested him a little while ago following a tip off about his presence in the city. Kothari was there to attend funeral of Vinay Lunkad, father of Rajiv

Lunkad who is General Manager of the Jal Mahal Resorts Private Ltd, which has been given monument Jal Mahal, lake Man Sagar around it and land worth Rs. 3,500 crore by Rajasthan Government for 99 years for just Rs. 2.5 crore a year.



Mofatraj Munot, Mumbai based owner billionaire owner of Kalataru Group is equal partner in the project. Munot has been extremely close to Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot who has been often visiting Kothari's functions too. Deputy Election Commissioner of India Vinod Zutshi also faces arrest warrants in the same case. The government let Munot and Kothari reduce water in the lake to reclaim enough land for a proposed hotel and commercial complex. They were given a series of exemptions and relaxations which went against the term of tender.

Jaipur's city magistrate had issued his arrest warrants on January 9 after additional sessions judge, Jaipur upheld the arrest warrants. Rajasthan High Court had earlier refused to stay arrest warrants. The Supreme Court in October had rejected appeal against the arrest warrants and ordered additional session judge to decide the appeal by January 5, staying the arrests until then. Rajasthan High Court had on a PIL, cancelled the sale cum lease of lake, monument and the land describing it a breach of trust on part of state government. Last year too, the Rajasthan Police did not carry out arrest warrants giving accused enough time to exhaust various options to get stay. This time too, Rajasthan Police has been forced to send its team to Indore to bring Kothari to Jaipur after Indore Police detained him and subsequently arrested him after confirming about the arrest warrants.

FOUR ARRESTED FOR THEFT AT PUNE JAIN TEMPLE, 35,000 RECOVERED

Pune: The Chinchwad police arrested four men, all from Nepal, for theft at a Jain temple in Chinchwadgaon. The police have recovered Rs 35,000 and an ornament. Two of their accomplices are, however, still at large. Addressing a news conference police said the thieves entered the temple in Chinchwadgaon from the roof and stole around Rs. 67,000 on January 18. The trustees of the temple lodged a police complaint under sections 379, 34 of Indian Penal Code. Police received a tip off that a Nepali citizen was on a spending spree this helped in cracking the case by the police. During police interrogation, thieves confessed that they along with other five accomplices stole the cash. The four have been identified as Mukesh Lalbahadur Sahi (23), from old Chinchwadgaon octroi post but originally a resident of Dullu, Dadimadi, taluka, district Dailekh, Nepal; Ganesh Chandan Shah (22), Gavhanevasti Bhosari - originally from Narayanpur, taluka Hungachla, district Achham, Nepal; Rakesh Padma Khatri (30), a resident of Narayanpur, taluka Hungachla, district Achham, Nepal and Ramesh Rupanand Joshi (40), plot no 222, Sector no 10, Pimpri Chinchwad New Township Development Authority (PCNTDA), Bhosari but originally from Ghodasen, Dhakari, taluka Mangalsen, district Achham, Nepal.

ROBBERY AT JAIN TEMPLE IN BHAYANDER

Jan 9, 2013, Mumbai: Two unknown persons robbed silver ornaments worn by the idols at a Jain temple in Bhayander (west). Two security men were guarding the temple. According to the Bhayander police, the robbery took place in the Seemandhar Swami Jain temple at 90 feet road. As is the practice, prasad in the form of lunch is offered to devotees every Wednesday. On Tuesday night, the caterers along with their workers stay back in the temple premises to prepare for the lunch. The caterers and their workers, all known to the temple management and security guards Kamlesh Kumar and Ishwar Singh, got into the temple premises. The two unidentified robbers are believed to have entered along with the labourers and went unnoticed. At around 5 am on Wednesday, when the trustee Ashok Mehta entered the temple, he found the lock of the temple which houses the idols open. The ornaments worn by five of the idols were missing. A complaint has been registered with the police. The security guards who were questioned by the police said that they did not realize that two new workers were part of the group. On Wednesday when a head count of the workers was taken, two were missing. The temple did not have a closed circuit television (CCTV).

IDOL, PARASOL STOLEN FROM GURGAON JAIN TEMPLE

Jan 18, 2013, Gurgaon: Thieves stole a parasol and an idol from a Digambar Jain temple located in Hans Enclave near Rajiv Chowk. On complaint, the police have lodged the FIR. According to police, Dinesh Jain, a resident of Delhi, has lodged a complaint with the Sadar police station about the theft. In his complaint, he stated that he has a piece of land near Rajiv Chowk, where he maintains a Digambar Jain Mandir. On Monday night, unidentified thieves took off with stolen a parasol and an idol from the temple.

JAIN CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2013

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POSH - FEBRUARY 2013 - MAHA							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Posh: 1 To 10 February Maha: 11 To 28 February							AVOID GREEN & ROOT VEGETABLES Date : 1 3 6 8 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 AVOID ROOT VEGETABLES Date: 2 7 8 10 13 14 19 22 23 25 JAIN FESTIVAL Date: 08 - Meru Teras Date: 25 - Poonam (Bhav Siddhachal Yatra) AUSPICIOUS DAY Date : 02 - Padmaprabhuswami Chavan Kalyanank Date: 07 - Shitalnath Janma & Diksha Kalyanak Date : 08 - Adinath Nirvan Kalyanak Date : 10 - Shreyansanth Kevalgnan Kalyanak Date : 12 - Abhinandanaswami Janma Kalyanak Date : 12 - Vasupujya Kevalgnan Kalyanak Date : 13 - Dharmanath Janma Kalyanak Date : 13 - Vimalnath Janma Kalyanak Date : 14 - Vimalnath Diksha Kalyanak Date : 18 - Ajitnath Janma Kalyanak Date : 19 - Ajitnath Diksha Kalyanak Date : 22 - Abhinandanaswami Diksha Kalyanak Date : 23 - Dharmanath Diksha Kalyanak
4 Vad Nom	5 Vad Dasam	6 Vad Agiyaras	7 Vad Baras	8 Vad Teras	9 Vad Chaudas	10 Vad Amas	
11 Sud Ekam	12 Sud Bij	13 Sud Trij	14 Sud Choth	15 Sud Pancham	16 Sud Chhath	17 Sud Satam	
18 Sud Aatham	19 Sud Nom	20 Sud Dasam	21 Sud Agiyaras	22 Sud Baras	23 Sud Teras	24 Sud Chaudas	
25 Sud Poonam	26 Vad Ekam	27 Vad Bij	28 Vad Trij				

DEVLOK GAMAN

PALKHI (AGNISANSKAR) OF TWO SADHU BHAGWANTS AT BHARUCH

In a very unfortunate event on the very first day of the year 2013 on NH No. 8 near Bharuch, two Sadhu Bhagvant viz. Shri Dhyanshekar Vijayji & Shri Hastgiri Vijayji were crushed to death by a tyrant truck driver. Both Sadhu Bhagwants were walking on extreme left of the road side on the soil and were hit from the back giving no chance even by horn or no brake was applied. Both Sahdu Bhagwants were moved to Civil Hospital at Bharuch for post mortem and their Palkhi (Antimyatra) started from Civil Hospital, Bharuch. Agnisanskar was performed at the place of accident on NH No. 8. Source: Naynesh Jain, E-Mail: naynesh@jain24.org

Poojya Shri Shanta Kunwarji, disciple of 'Malav Singhni' Shri Kamalawatiji Maharaj belonging to Shraman Sangh accepted 'Sallekhana Santhara' on the 12th December, 2012. The final santhara had been granted to her earlier on the

29th November, 2012 by Shraman Sanghiya Mahamantri Shri Saubhagya Muniji Maharaj. The office bearer and members of Jain Conference expressed their condolences on the occasion and wished success in achieving their mission.

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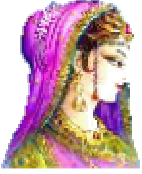
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