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PRATISHTHA CEREMONY AT CLEVELAND

June 23-24 Parshvanath(Digambar) Bhagavan and Bhagvan Mahavir (Shwetambar) idols were installed with full pratishtha ceremonies in the Shiva Vishnu Temple in Cleveland, OHIO, USA during the two days of festivities on June 23-24. HH Sri Devendrakeerty Bhattarkaji Mahaswami from India conducted the Digambar ceremonies including Bhaktambar puja on Saturday, June 23 while Sri Nareshbhai Shah from NY conducted the Shwetambar ceremonies. A very large group of approximately 500 devotees attended the main events of Sunday. Together almost 1000 people attended the two day events. Courtesy: Chittaranjan Jain, Professor, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering, Cleveland State University.

COLLOSAL WASTE OF MONEY AND RESOURCES ON BUILDING NEW JAIN TEMPLES

It is understood that as many as hundred new Jain temples are built every year in different parts of the country. Assuming a meagre figure of Rs. 1 crore for each temple, the total sum of money involved on building new temples every year and on their installations (Pratishtha ceremonies) can not be less than Rs. 100 crores. It is a huge expenditure incurred by the Jain community in the name of faith and religious compulsions. On the other hand, there are hundreds of Jain temples in the country lying in a dilapidated condition, some of which, particularly in the south, are in total neglect. There is no one to look after these temples and many have been taken over by other communities. Many of these do not find anyone to perform worship and still, there are many others which are lying under lock and key due to impending court cases. The community has to think seriously about the colossal waste of money on one side and the degrading state of old and ancient temples on the other side. It is interesting to observe that there are many eminent architects and builders in Ahmedabad and elsewhere who are highly specialized in design, architecture and construction of Jain temples and they are minting money out of these projects from Jain institutions and trusts.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS



JAINA CONVENTION IN NEW JERSEY DRAWS THOUSANDS

Over 5,000 people attended a huge Jain convention that brought together several spiritual leaders like Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Gurudev Chitrabhanu and yoga guru Swami Ramdev. The three-day event was the 14th biennial convention of JAINA - and the broad theme of the convention was 'Peace through Dialogue'. On the first day, the gathering was addressed by Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and popular

yoga guru Swami Ramdev. Gurudev Chitrabhanu, considered the first Jain religious leader to come to the West and who inspired the formation of JAINA in the early 1980s, L.M. Singhvi, eminent jurist and former Indian High Commissioner to Britain, and Frank Pallone, Congressman from New Jersey also spoke on the occasion.

Chitrabhanu narrated the history of JAINA and its success in uniting various Jain sects in the US. Elaborating on the convention theme, he said peace through dialogue was possible only when one has inner peace. He added that Mahatma Gandhi's principle of non-violence was inspired by Lord Mahavir, the last Jain Tirthankara. In his keynote address, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar referred to his recent visit to strife-torn Iraq.



He said: 'I told them, 'You have seen that violence has not worked for four years, now give peace a chance'. He added that Jainism was most relevant today. Swami Ramdev said Mahavir established the highest human values such as non-violence, love and compassion, and thus belonged to all humanity. He also praised Jain principles such as not eating after sunset. 'If they are followed, you would not suffer from diseases like cancer and heart problems'. The 76-year-old Dr. L.M. Singhvi exhorted scholars to establish the historicity of Jainism as one of the world's oldest religions by establishing the historicity of the 24 Tirthankaras. JAINA represents 60 Jain organisations and an estimated 1,50,000 Jains living in the US and

AWARDS & HONOURS



HIMANSHU JAIN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS OTTO SCHOTT RESEARCH AWARD

Himanshu Jain, director of the International Materials Institute for New Functionalities in Glass at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., received the Otto Schott Research Award on July 2, at the International Congress on Glass in Strasbourg, France. The scientist who first compared the movements of atoms in glass to the wiggling of jellyfish in water has won the top award in the field of glass science. The biennial award, which carries a cash prize of 25,000 Euros, is the most valuable prize for glass research. Jain, a professor of materials science and engineering at Lehigh, is sharing the award with Walter Kob of the University of Montpellier in France.

Jain is being cited for "outstanding work towards advancing fundamental understanding of the movements of atoms inside glass." The Donors' Association for the Promotion of Science in Germany, which administers the Schott award, also noted Jain's research into unique light-induced phenomena in glass, his studies of the corrosion of glass in nuclear environments, and his work with sensors, infrared optics, waveguides, photolithography, nanolithography and other photonic applications of glass.

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Jain initially called the phenomenon the "jellyfish" fluctuations for the AC (alternating current) conductivity of ionic solids at low frequency and low temperature. He later coined the term "jellyfish fluctuations of atoms in solids." His theory met with resistance but has since gained acceptance and is described today in some textbooks on materials and their behaviors. The Donors' Association also commended Jain for the breadth of his international collaborations. Jain has worked with engineers and scientists and even dentists in Germany, France, the Czech Republic, India, Ukraine, Japan, Greece, Portugal, Egypt, China, the UK and the U.S.

The Otto Schott Research Award has been presented since 1991, biennially and alternating with the Carl Zeiss Research Award, to recognize excellent scientific research and to encourage cooperation between science and industry. Both awards are administered by the Donors' Association for the Promotion of Science in Germany. The award is named for Friedrich Otto Schott (1851-1935), a German chemist who invented borosilicate glass, which is known for its high tolerance to heat, chemicals and sudden temperature changes. Prior to joining the faculty of Lehigh University in 1985, Dr. Jain worked as a researcher for six years at the Materials Science Division of Argonne National Laboratory, and the Nuclear Waste Management Division of Brookhaven National Laboratory. During this period he also taught a graduate course on ceramics at Columbia University in New York City and served as a Visiting Scientist at University of Dortmund, Germany and Indian Institute of Technology at Kanpur, India.

Dr. PREM SUMAN JAIN HONOURED BY PRESIDENT

Dr. Prem Suman Jain, Professor and Head of the Department of Prakrit at Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur was honoured by the President of India on the 21st May, 2007 at a glittering ceremony at Rashtra Bhawan. A letter of Admiration and appreciation alongwith a shawl was presented to him on the occasion. Dr. Jain has contributed immensely in the field of Prakrit literature during the last 35 years. He is the author of several books in Prakrit and has published about 35 research papers in this field. According to him, Prakrit is a strong link between various regional languages and without the knowledge of Prakrit, the study of ancient literature, both Vedic and Jain, can not be accomplished.

ASHOK BADJATYA HONOURED AS 'SAMAJ RATNA' AT SHRAWANBELGOLA

Shri Ashok Badjatya, past president of Digambar Jain Mahasamiti, patron of Bhagwan Bahubali Mahamastakabhishek celebrations-2006 and a renowned industrialist from Indore has been honoured by Karmyogi Swastik Shri Charukeerti Bhattarak Ji in the holy presence of Acharya Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji maharaj as "Samaj Ratna" for his worthy services offered during the 2006-Mahotsava to the Digambar Jain society.

MR. ANOP R. VORA HONORED WITH 'JAINA RATNA AWARD' AT JAINA CONVENTION

Mr. Anop R. Vora has received the 2007 "Jaina Ratna Award" from Federation of Jain Associations of North America at the 2007 JAINA Convention on July 7, 2007. Every two years, JAINA Awards Committee selects an exceptionally deserving person, who has moved JAINA forward based upon non-sectarian approach, published articles and given talks to advance Jainism, supported local and international charity projects, participated in interfaith activities, practiced basic tenets of JAINISM and showed a high level of personal character and integrity in dealing with others. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Vora thanked the community for their kindness and generosity and assured every one that he would do his very best to serve the community even more, compared to what he has contributed over the last 15 years. Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Past President of JAINA, introduced Mr. Vora to an audience of about 5000 people including many Jain dignitaries and congratulated on his achievements.

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UPPEKHA JAIN CROWNED "MISS INDIA WORLDWIDE CANADA"

Uppekha Jain of Brampton, Canada, has been crowned 'Miss India Worldwide Canada 2007' on Saturday, 21 July 2007 at Versailles Convention Centre in Mississauga. She also won in two additional categories, the Miss Best Talent for her dramatic and powerful Bharatnatyam dance performance, as well as Miss Beautiful Hair. Uppekha will represent Canada when she competes at the international level Miss India Worldwide Pageant to be held in Durban, South Africa, in December 2007. Uppekha is currently working after completing her BBA from Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. She is a very accomplished professional Bharatnatyam dancer who has been trained for many years under the renowned Lata Pada of Sampradaya Dance Creations and accompanied Lata on her world tour performances. Uppekha is the grand daughter of Mahinder and Madhu Jain of Scarborough, Ontario and daughter of Monica and Chintan Jain.

CHATURMAS 2007

SHWETAMBAR TERAPANATH SECT: 1 Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji, Yuvacharya Shri Maha Shramanji, Sadhvi Pramukha Shri Kanakprabhaji will be having their chaturmas stay at Acharya Shri Chaturmas Vyavastha Samiti, Mahapragya Vihar, Bhuvana, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

2. Muni Shri Sumermalji, Muni Shri Udit Kumarji and Sadhwi Shri Kanak Shriji to stay at Oswal Samaj, B- 69 Vivek Vihar II Delhi.

3. Sadhwi Shri Kanak Shriji will be staying at Khiloni Devi Dharmshala, Behind MP Market, Pitampura, Delhi.

SHWETAMBAR STHANAKWASI SECT:

1. Shri Ram Muni Ji maharaj (Nirbhay maharaj), Up-Pravartak in Shraman Sangh, the major part of Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect is going to hold his chaturmas at Agra (Moti Katla).

2. Acharya Shri Umesh Muni Ji maharaj, belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect is going to have his chaturmas stay at Indore.

SHWETAMBAR MOORTI-PUJAK SECT:

1. Acharya Shri Vijay Arihant Surishwar Ji maharaj would be holding chaturmas (alongwith a group of 400 saints) at Palitana

2. Muni Shri Shanti Bhadra Ji maharaj will be holding his chaturmas at Jodhpur (Ratnaprabha Kriya bhawan)

3. Acharya Shri Hemendra Surishwar Ji maharaj will be holding chaturmas at Bhinmal, Dist. Jalore (Rajasthan)

4. Acharya Shri Maniprabh sagar Ji maharaj may be holding his chaturmas at Indore.

5. Acharya Shri Vijay Ratna Prabh Suri Ji maharaj alongwith his sangh has announced his chaturmas this year at Malad (East) in Mumbai.

DIGAMBAR SECT:

1. Acharya Shri Pushpadant Sagar Ji maharaj is going to hold his chaturmas along with his sangh at Gauhati (Assam).

2. Acharya Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas along with his Sangh at Shrawanbelgola (Karnataka)
3. Acharya Shri Sukumalnandi Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Ahmedabad.
4. Acharya Shri Abhinandan Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Udaipur.
5. Muni Shri Tarun Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Kolhapur.
6. Muni Shri Punya Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Kanpur.
7. Muni Shri Sudha Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Banswada (Raj.)
8. Muni Shri Saurabh Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Hissar.
9. Muni Shri Prasanna Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Calcutta.
10. Balacharya Shri Yogendra Sagar Ji Maharaj will be holding his Chaturmas at Jaipur.
11. Ganini Pramukha Aryika Shri Gyan Mati Mata Ji will be holding her Chaturmas at Hastinapur.

DIKSHA CEREMONY

SHRI HEMANT KUMAR MEHTA, belonging to Chennai accepted Jain Bhagwati Diksha under the eminent saint, Shri Padam Chand Ji Maharaj, disciple of Shri Parshwa Chandra Ji Maharaj in the Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect. The ceremony was held at Aymavaram Jain Dadawadi at Chennai, where more than 15000 devotees attended the function.

KUMARI VARSHA CHORDIA accepted diksha in the Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect in the presence of Shri Ashish Muni Ji Maharaj with the blessings of Sadhwi Ratna Shri Chandana Ji on the 28th June, 2007 at Nasik. An impressive varghoda procession was taken out on the previous day to celebrate the event.

MISCELLANEOUS



SMT. PRATIBHA PATIL SEEKS BLESSINGS FROM TERAPANTH MUNI RAKESH KUMAR JI AT JAIPUR

Smt. Pratibha Patil, erstwhile Governor of Rajasthan (now President of India) received with folded hands, eminent Swetambar Terapanth Muni, Shri Rakesh Kumar Ji, Disciple of Acharya Mahapragya, accompanied by Muni Shri Sudhakar Ji and Muni Shri Deep Kumar Ji at Raj Bhawan in Jaipur and sought their blessings for her success in the forth-coming elections for the Presidentship of the country. She was briefed by the saints about the Anuvrat movement and the Ahimsa Yatra being undertaken by Acharya Mahapragya.

JAIN PRESS CLUB OF INDIA FOUNDED

A group of Jain journalists has established a Jain Press Club of India, an institution for welfare of Jains working in the field of journalism. In a meeting at Pune, the founder president Dr. Ravsaheb Patil announced that JPCI would work for organizing journalists, Editors, Press Reporters, Publishers, Writers, Photographers, Artists etc. JPCI will also guide newcomers from the community in the field and provide training for them. "This institute is basically for small and non established journalists and supported by renowned ones from the community", Dr. Ravsaheb Patil added. Dr. Ravsaheb Patil appointed Mahavir Sanglikar as Communications Co-ordinator of JPCI. In December of this year, a national level convention of JPCI will take place at Pune in which about 1000 participants from all over India are expected to join. For further information, contact Dr. Ravsaheb Patil on 0982 297 8747 or Mahavir Sanglikar on 0989 020 3549. E-Mail: msanglikar@yahoo.

SHRI BRIHAD BHARTIYA SAMAJ OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDIES IN VARIOUS FIELDS

The details and the contact address for the Scholarships for the Academic year 2007-08 are given below. Shri Brihad Bhartiya samaj invites applications in the prescribed forms for scholarship for the Academic Year 2007-08 from Indian students and overseas students of Indian origin undergoing full time Degree courses in Indian Universities and IIT's in medicine (MBBS, BDS, Ayurveda and Homeopathy), of 70% marks and others with minimum 60% marks in their last University Examination and female students studying in first year and above for Nursing and Education with a minimum of 45% marks are eligible. Guardian's total annual income should not exceed Rs 60000/= about 200 students will be selected for the award of scholarship on the basis of merit. Students in receipt of scholarship from the Central and/or State Governments or from their Universities/Colleges/Institutions will not be eligible. Application forms and copies of rules will be available from the office of the Samaj at N. K. Mehta International House, 178, Backbay Reclamation, Babubhai M Chinai Marg, (Behind LIC 'Yogakshema'), Mumbai-400 020 and may also be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped (Rs.10/-) large-sized envelop to the Samaj Office. The last date for returning the duly filled in application forms to the Samaj Office is 25th September.2007. For details, contact: S.R.Halbe, Hon. Secretary, Shri Brihad bhartiya Samaj.

FIRST PRAKRIT UNIVERSITY BEING ESTABLISHED AT SHRAWANBELGOLA

The first ever university in the world for teaching Prakrit and other ancient oriental languages is in the process of establishment at Shrawanbelgola in Karnataka. It is being named as Bahubali Prakrit University. The proposal for formal

sanction has been sent to the University Grants Commission. The entire work has been taken up by Srut Kewali Education Trust. The work of constructing buildings has already been commenced. The main subjects covered for teaching would be Jain philosophy, Jain culture, history, art, Mathematics, Ayurved, Astrology and Archeology. The languages to be taught would include Prakrit, Sanskrit, Aprabhansh, Pali, Hindi and Kannad. Research and publication work would be taken up in due course. Fifty teachers are going to be appointed at the first instance.

AMENDMENT TO LAW ABOUT BANNING SATI-PRACTICE ACCEPTED BY CABINET

In order to make the existing law about banning Sati-practice more effective, the Central Cabinet at a meeting held recently under the chairmanship of Shri Arjun Singh, Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has accepted the amendment proposed by the National Women's Commission. According to the amendment, the relatives of the person attempting to commit Sati, the Pundit present on the occasion as well as the on-lookers will all be held guilty and responsible for the act. They will have to prove in the court that they made every possible effort from their side, individually and collectively to stop the woman from committing Sati.

HEALTH MINISTER ADVOCATES STEPS TO STOP GIRL FOETICIDE

The Health Minister Mr. Ambumani Ramdass, speaking at a programme organised by the National Federation of Indian Women on increasing incidence of girl foeticide, advocated the need to start compulsory registration of women immediately on becoming pregnant. He said this step is now being necessitated in view of the fast-increasing number of girl-foeticide cases and decreasing sex-ratio (ratio of female to male) in different parts of the country. He suggested that this work can be entrusted to National Rural Health Mission for Women for the rural areas. For urban areas, he proposed to establish a similar 'National Urban Health Mission'.

PRO-VEG GROUPS TARGET BIRLA STORES IN MUMBAI

Advocates of uncompromising vegetarianism in the Mumbai city have found a new cause. Prominent Marwari and Jain groups have denounced the Aditya Birla Group's decision to sell non-veg food at its new retail outlets and accused it of putting profit over the community's traditions. This marks the start of a new conflict between pro-veg campaigners and sellers and consumers of non-veg food. Pro-veg groups have already been accused of blocking out nonveg-eaters from housing societies in south Mumbai. The protestors, including the influential Marwari Ekta Parishad that represents nearly 2,000 businessmen from the community, the Maharashtra Gopalan Samiti and Vaishnav Group have said that the Birlas, who have iconic status among Marwaris and Jains, are violating the basic tenets of their culture by selling "unacceptable stuff" and should immediately stop supporting the killing of animals for food. Representatives of the groups say they have sought a meeting with Rajashree Birla, matriarch of the family, to register their protest and if the retail chain still continues to sell non-veg food, hold demonstrations outside the outlets. A source from the Aditya Birla Group, however, dismissed the confrontationist posture of the organisations as a "publicity stunt." The Aditya Birla Group's entry into India's growing retail industry began with the opening of its first 'More' supermarket in Viman Nagar in Pune early this month.

Vegetarian groups not attached to any particular community have also said they do not approve of the stand that a supermarket should not stock non-veg food. Pankaj Shah, joint treasurer of Vegetarian Society's city unit said, "We cannot stop a supermarket from selling a particular kind of food. But the food should be sensitively displayed out of view of vegetarians." Shah said that while he promoted vegetarianism, he did not believe in forcing shops not to sell non-veg food. "Mumbai is a cosmopolitan city. You cannot deny people their right to shop for food items of their choice," he added. Courtesy: Mr. Gaurav Jain, E-Mail - gauravejainyji@gmail.com



NEERA JAIN'S JEWELLERY FOUND MISSING FROM BANK LOCKER IN DELHI

Gold and diamond jewellery worth several lakh rupees were found missing from a locker of Vijaya Bank. A case of theft has been registered. Neera Jain, the complainant, had gone to the bank to take out her jewellery when she found the valuables missing from the locker. To her utter surprise, the locks were intact but the locker was empty. The family had been operating the locker for more than a decade.

DELHI BUSINESSMAN RAJINDER JAIN SHOT AT, RS 7.5 LAKH LOOTED

July 16: A businessman was shot at and Rs 7.5 lakh robbed off him robbery in north-west Delhi. The victim, identified as Rajinder Jain, was shot at twice - in lower abdomen, and his leg - and is undergoing treatment at the intensive care unit of Maharaja Agarsen Hospital.

The police said three unidentified motorcycle-borne youths committed the crime. According to police, the assailants overtook Jain, who was riding a Scooty, near Dayanand Park on Lawrence Road and forced him to stop. The assailants first asked the businessman to hand over the bag with cash - Jain had kept in the scooter's dickey - and shot at twice once he refused. The police are at present interrogating eyewitnesses.

SANJAY JAIN, JEWELLER HELD FOR BORIVLI (MUMBAI) BUILDING CRASH

Six days after Laxmi Chhaya building collapsed at Borivli, the police have arrested the jeweller Sanjay Jain, who carried out structural alterations in his shop on the ground-floor, precipitating the crash. Sanjay Jain, 32, owner of Vardhaman Jewellers, has been booked under Section 304 of the Indian Penal Code for culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Jain is one of four brothers from a family accused of doing up the interiors of their unit at the expense of the building's stability. They had allegedly reduced the width of a pillar, damaging the foundations of the seven-storied building. Laxmi Chhaya came down like a pack of cards on July 18, killing 29 people and injuring 18 others. According to the FIR filed by the police, Kailash Jain has been held responsible and declared a wanted accused. "He is absconding for three days," deputy commissioner of police Makarand Ranade said. The police said Sanjay Jain had been arrested since shop number 5 was registered under his name. Jain had earlier made an application to the society requesting minor repairs. "Even though permission was not granted, he went ahead and started chipping off the main pillar that was crucial to the building," said a resident. The neighbours had in fact urged the jewellers to stop the renovation work as they thought it was perilous to the building.

AFTER MUMBAI BUILDING COLLAPSES, PRAYER FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

July 19: Draped in white saris and walking bare feet, a group of 15 'Jain Sadhvis' chanted in chorus-'Sankheswara Pashwanathayan Namah'. The Sadhvis meditated from 5 am to 2 pm at an apartment close to the collapsed structure. These Sadhvis belong to the nearby Sambhavnath Jain temple in Borivli. The police and the authorities carrying out rescue operations had put barricades to prevent people from entering the site. However, the Sadhvis went to the spot early in the morning for a short span and touched the pile of rubble. After spreading the message of 'Ahimsa' as taught in Jainism, they left the site quietly.

RENU JAIN, DELHI ALLEGED HER MOTHER-IN-LAW FOR KILLING HER NEW-BORN DAUGHTER

Renu Jain, 23, told police that her mother-in-law, Raj Bala, killed her 25-day-old daughter on Monday while giving the baby a massage. "I was feeding my daughter when my mother-in-law came and took the baby to the other room. After a few minutes the baby fell sick and had to be admitted to a nearby hospital. My baby's condition deteriorated and she died in the evening. She alleged her mother-in-law had "done something" to the baby when she took her to the other room. Her in-laws immersed the baby's body in the river Yamuna in a hurry early on Tuesday. Renu had married Vijender Jain in 2005 and said her relationship with her husband was bitter because of her in-laws. Acting on her complaint, police recovered the body of the baby after several hours of search in the river and sent it for post mortem.

U. K. TEXTBOOK FOR CHILDREN ABOUT JAINISM LAUNCHED AT HARROW CIVIC CENTRE

The book, called Discover Jainism, covers the history of the religion, its practices, importance figures, and beliefs. Colin Hynson, the author of the book, said at the launch: "This book is an opportunity for people, especially children, to understand other communities in Britain, and possibly learn something they haven't heard before. I hope this book goes some way towards explaining the impact of Jainism in Britain and through history." Discover Jainism, developed in conjunction with the Institute of Jainology, is the third in a series of national curriculum-standard texts that aim to teach young children about different religions. Previous books have covered Hinduism and Islam, and a new book on Baha'i is being planned for next year. The textbook has been developed alongside with a website - www.learnjainism.org. The website has material for school teachers as well as interactive games, such as crossword, jigsaws, and even Jainism bingo. The launch of the book was organized by Harrow cllr Navin Shah.

NEWS FROM TERAPANTHINFO.COM

Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji, Yuvacharya Shri Maha Shramanji & Sadhvi Pramukha Shri Kanakprabhaji will be at Udaipur, Rajasthan during their chaturmas period. For the detailed chaturmas programme, please click the www.terapanthinfo.com

Pragya Diwas, (88th Janm Diwas of His Holiness Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji) was celebrated on 12th Jul 2007 at Terapanth Bhawan, Anuvrat Chowk, Naiyon Ki Talai, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India.



BRIEF

Terapanth saints, Shri Sumermal ji (Ladnun), Muni Shri Udit Kumarji have held meetings with leading personalities and politicians in Delhi, such as H.E. Vice President of India, Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Honourable Union Home Minister Shri Shiv Raj Patil, Leader of Opposition, Shri Lal Krishna Advani, Delhi BJP Chief, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Deputy Mayor of Delhi, Shri SS Bajwaji.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6th International Preksha Meditation Camp will be held at Udaipur, Rajasthan from 14th to 21st Nov 2007. For Registration, contact prekshacamp@yahoo.com
- Jain International Convention of NRIs will be held at Udaipur, Rajasthan, India from 5th to 7th August 2007. For participation please contact Convention Secretariat Dr. SS Surana Director +91 9414263458, +91 9828121564.
- Preksha Meditation Camp will be organised by Preksha International from 20th Aug 2007 to 26th Aug 2007 at Mahapragya Vihar, Bhuwana, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India. For details please click the www.preksha.com.

DEVLOK GAMAN

HARYANA JAIN SAINT MUNI RAM PRASAD ENDS LIFE PERFORMING SANTHARA

July 20: A Jain saint accepted "Santhara", a Jain ritual to give up life by abstaining from food until death. Seventy-seven-year-old Jain Muni Ram Prasad vowed to take "Santhara" on July 11 at a temple in Gohana region of Sonapat District of Haryana. Giving away life through Santhara is considered an auspicious process to attain salvation in Jain community. The saint had given up food and survived only on water for eight days. Hundreds of people, visited the temple, where the saint Muni Ram Prasad had taken the vow, to have a last glimpse of the saint. In the news letter of June it was mentioned that the body of Shri Mohanmuniji was cremated at parlu village but in fact the body was carried to Ratlam MP where the Dol was carried in a presence of number of devotees and cremation was done at Jain Diwakar Smarak Bhawan, Sagod Road, Ratlam. In his memories a amount of about Rs.30-35 lacs were declared by different people as donation. The error is regretted. Courtesy: Rajesh Bhatewara, 11/5, South Tukoganj, Nath Mandir Road, Indore – MP.

MAHASATI SHRI SHANTI KUNWAR JI MAHARAJ, belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh and disciple of Shri Chand Kunwar Ji maharaj and owing allegiance to Acharya Shri Umesh Muni Ji breathed her last on the 7th June, 2007 at the age of 71 years at Karolbagh, New Delhi. She was born at Indore and had her diksha at Nalchha in M.P. She had widely traveled on foot during vihar, spreading the message of Bhagwan Mahavir.

MAHASADHWI SHRI AJAY KUMARI JI MAHARAJ, belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh met her untimely death in a road accident and left for her heavenly abode on the 7th June, 2007 at Karnal. She was moving during her vihar from Karnal towards Delhi when a fast-moving vehicle ran over her. She was immediately rushed to a Karnal hospital but could not be saved. Shri Ajay Kumari Ji was born in the year 1947 at a village Jalav Khedi in Jeend district in Haryana and had accepted diksha at the same place in 1967.

OBITUARY



PROMINENT JAIN INDUSTRIALIST GOLCHHA PASSES AWAY

KATHMANDU, June 29: Hulas Chand Golchha, a renowned industrialist in Nepal passed away at his residence at Sitapaila. He was 75. He was suffering from liver and cardiac problems, high blood pressure and diabetes for the last few months. He is survived by his wife and four sons. His last rites were performed at Aryaghat, Pashupati this afternoon. Golchha passed away a day after Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala went to his residence to meet the ailing industrialist who headed the Golchha Organisation in Nepal. Golchha Organisation is involved in various businesses including manufacturing of zinc plates, food processing and jute. Golchha was the owner of at least a dozen industries. Golchha was also a consular general of Poland to Nepal. He worked for 23 years at the Federation of Nepalese Chamber and Commerce Industries and was honoured with the Rajat Jayanti for his contribution. International Lions Club honoured him '15 years Chevaron Padak.' World Hindu Federation, Kathmandu Lions Club and Sanatan Dharma Seva Samiti had also honored him. Golchha received membership from more than 100 countries and gained consultative status from all the UN agencies.

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