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## SAINTS

### MUNI LOKESH DECLARED YUVACHARYA OF NAGRAJ JI SECT

Muni Lokesh was declared Yuvacharya of Rashtriya Ekta Samiti, an institution started by Late Acharya Nagraj ji after he left Terapanth sect, presently being headed by Acharya Shri Mahapragya due to internal differences. Muni Lokesh recently left Terapanth and promoted his new organisation 'Ahinsa Vishva Bharti'. The institution of Late Acharya Nagraji is presently headed by Acharya Manmalji, who is also quite a popular saint

## JAIN DIKSHA CEREMONY

**Shri Prabhas Muni** was accorded Jain Bhagwati Diksha in the holy presence of Acharya Dr. Shiv Muni Ji, Upadhyay Pravar Shri Jitendra Muni Ji and a large number of saints and sadhwi at Chandigarh on the 26th April, 2007. Devotees from all over northern part of India and arrived to take part in the diksha celebrations. Earlier on the previous day, as is customary, a massive procession was taken out through the city. Acharya Shiv Muni blessed the new saint and explained the duties, responsibilities, restrictions and conventions to be followed as a Jain sadhu.

Mumukshu Ritu Kumari, renamed as Sadhwi Jayanrekha Shri ji, following the path of salvation, accepted diksha at Pali on the 24th May, 2007, by the blessings of Acharya Shri Gunratna Surishwar Ji maharaj and in the holy presence of Shri Rashmi ratna Vijay ji maharaj and sadhwi Punyarekha ji.

Mumukshu Lata, renamed as Sadhwi Akshyaguna ji accepted diksha from Muni Mokshrati Vijay and Muni Tatwadarshan Vijay at Bangalore on the 21st May, 2007. Elaborate arrangements were made for the diksha ceremony where hundreds of devotees and relatives of mumukshu Lata were present.

## TEMPLES



### BHAGWAN MAHAVIR'S FOREHEAD GLOWS AT Koba TEMPLE, GANDHI NAGAR

Hundreds of devotees collect to witness the glowing forehead of bhagwan's idol at Jain temple at Koba in Gandhi Nagar in Gujarat. On a particular day and at a certain time in the year, sunlight penetrates through a hole in the roof and falls on the forehead. This phenomenon occurs on the 22nd May at noon time, once a year. Source Ethesh Jain, E-Mail : mailjain@yahoo.com



### NEW CD ROM ON NAKODA TEERTH

This CD-Rom produced by Pritish Shah includes all the art work of Nakoda Teerth by way of videos and photos. All the minute details have been attended to make the CD-Rom interesting from the view point of music, visuals, commentary as well as history. The Booklet of Shree Nakoda Teerth with short history and photographs is also included with this CD-Rom.

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### NEW JAIN TEERTH-CUM-TOURIST SPOT, MAHAVIR SMARAK DEVELOPERD AT LUDHIANA



As a result of the efforts made by "Bhagwan Mahavir 2600th Janm Kalyanak Samiti, Punjab", a new complex, comprising of a huge statue of Bhagwan Mahavir installed in open air, in the middle of the complex, a large modern guest house, dining facility, pravachan hall, meditation hall and other essential facilities has been developed and it has been inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Punjab, Sardar Prakash Singh Badal on the 31st March, 2007. The place is located at a distance of 25 km. from Ludhiana, on the Delhi highway on a 11 acre piece of land and it has been so designed in a serene atmosphere that it is a place for worship and meditation as well as a place of tourist interest. Shri Ram Kumar Jain, President of the said committee requested the Chief Minister on this occasion that necessary assistance may be provided so that this place can be brought on the tourist map of India. Yuvacharya Muni of Jain Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh, Dr. Vishal Muni was honoured on this occasion by the title of "Nepal Hind Gaurav".

### WORSHIP BY DEVOTEES AND SAINTS ORGANISED TO INVOKE GODDESS SARASWATI IN NEW YORK

Over three thousand devotees as well as Jain and Hindu monks took part in the worshipping ceremony of '24 Jain Tirthankars and Sarasvati Puja' on Long Island in New York. The puja was organised to promote unity of religions, non-violence and wisdom, said Naveen C Shah, the organizer and sponsor of the event. Sarasvati, common to both Hinduism and Jainism, is the goddess of education and wisdom. Tirthankaras, Jainism believes, were enlightened beings. The last in the lineage was Lord Mahavir, a contemporary of the Buddha. During the over two-hour ceremony, all participants recited mantras (in Sanskrit and translated in Hindi and English) and performed the rituals under the direction of Prof UR Daga, a scholar of Jainism and Indology from Jodhpur. The puja concluded with 'aarti' according to Hindu and Jain rituals. Gujarati brunch and Rajasthani dinner was served to all present at the venue, Hofstra University's David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex in Hempstead. The over \$100,000 raised through the event would go to several religious organisations. Shah is a Certified Public Accountant who has been associated with many religious organisations. He had organised Padmavati Devi Pujan for over 2,000 people in 2001.



### APPEAL FOR DONATION TO SHREE DIGAMBAR JAIN TEMPLE AT VASUNDHRA

The project is huge to the extent of Rs.1.35 crores. It is a giant task for a small group of devotees. Temple office bearers therefore request to all Jains to make financial donations for this purpose. You may log on to website [www.jainmandir.net/online donation.php](http://www.jainmandir.net/online donation.php) for donating on-line through your existing bank accounts net banking facility, credit cards. Alternatively donations can also be deposited directly to UTI Bank Ltd a/c no 296010100040910 in any of their branches across the globe. For details, contact: Naveen Kumar Jain, General Secretary, E-Mail: - naveenjain.er@gmail.com

### CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS



#### INVITATION

Jain International Convention of NRIs on "Relevance of Jainism in the Present Context

5th - 7th August, 2007

Convention Venue : Pragya Shikar, Mahapragya Vihar, Bhuwana, Udaipur (Rajasthan)

## **LECTURE BY SAMANI PRASANNA PRAGYA JI AT BERLIN UNIVERSITY ON RELEVANCE OF JAINISM IN 21st CENTURY**

Samani Prasanna Pragya Ji belonging to Svetambar Terapanth sect spoke at a seminar in Berlin University on 13th June, 2007 on the subject of 'relevance of Jainism as a religion in 21st century'. She said, the growth of scientific knowledge and outlook has destroyed our superstitions and false dogmas. But unfortunately and surprisingly it has shaken our faith in spiritual and human values. Today we know more about the atom and atomic forces than the values needed for a meaningful and peaceful life. Nowadays, due to tremendous advancement of science and technology, we have efficient means of transportation. Physical distance is no bar to meeting people of different nationalities, cultures and religions, and consequently we have come closer and more dependent on each other as we were never before. Our world is shrinking but unluckily, the distance between our hearts is increasing day by day.



## **JAIN JOURNALISTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI**

The 7th national conference of Jain journalists was held at New Delhi on the 20th May, 2007 at Ahimsa Bhawan, Shankar Road, New Delhi. Shri Bhupendra Jain, National President of Jain Patrakar sangh and Editor of Dainik Jan Priya, Lalitpur presided over the inaugural function. The chief guest was Shri Swadesh Bhushan Jain, Executive President of Punjab Kesari. The conference was attended by a large number of delegates, representing different Jain newspapers, magazines and Internet news media being brought out from various towns in the country, namely, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Several important decisions were taken with the objective of uniting

the journalists belonging to Jain community, strengthening the Jain Samaj, as a whole and taking up the causes and problems faced by it, which are coming in the way of fostering unity amongst different sects. A Jain Media Centre was proposed at the conference through which, a web site could be established in order to provide a regular news service to Jain newspapers and magazines.

Eminent Muni, Shri Vivek Sagar Ji maharaj graced the occasion with his holy presence and blessed the conference to develop ways and means to unite and strengthen of Jain community. The main participants, who addressed the conference were Sarva Shri Shri Amrit Jain from Amrit India from Jaipur and Jlnendu from ahmedabad, Anil Jain from Ahimsa Times, a part of web portal, [www.jainsamj.org](http://www.jainsamj.org), the first and only Internet news-letter, being hosted from New Delhi for the last seven years and representing entire Jain community at a global level, O.K. Jain from Udti Khabar from Delhi, Pravin Jain from Arihant Shiksha Times, Delhi, Narendra Jain from Swantantra Jain Chintan, Ajmer, Akhil Bansal from Samanvaya Vani, Jaipur, Navnit Jain from Sammedanchal, Meerut and Piyush Jain from sandhya Times, Delhi. Shri Moti Lal Bafna, General secretary conducted the proceedings of the conference and proposed a vote of thanks.

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## **JAINA DELEGATION ATTENDS JAIN MANUSCRIPTS LAUNCH AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

The delegation to Buckingham Palace, London was led by Jaina President Kirit C. Daftary, joined by Director at Large, Arvin Shah and VRG Committee member Prakash Mody and others. Over 300 attendees from around the globe had gathered to attend launching of the Catalogue of the Jain Manuscripts of The British Library by His Royal Highness Duke of Edinburgh. The project and the Catalogue is published by the Institute of Jainology, London and printed by the Mumbai Branch. The Institute recognized Professor Balbir, the Sheths from India and also posthumously Professor Tripathi.

Dr. Nalini Balbir, Professor from University of Paris headed the project of cataloging Jain Manuscripts of Royal Library. It included manuscripts from the British Library, the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum. The Jain manuscripts kept there came not only from British sources, but also from German, Austrian and Indian scholars who felt it was the best and safest place to keep them.

Dr. Balbir said, "In our days of advanced technology, this kind of work is relevant not only for the sake of preservation, but also for understanding how social networks worked in the past. Copying a manuscript is a sort of collective undertaking, which implies not only the scribe, but individuals, joint families, local groups, and so forth who acted as sponsors.

Jain manuscripts usually provide a wealth of information of this kind, which we have tried to investigate." The work which started in 1994 by Professor Tripathi was completed in 2005. The manuscripts date as far back as 1201 AD, are mostly on paper and palm leaf, in the pothi format i.e. where the length is greater than the width. The catalogue contains information from 1083 manuscripts.

Catalogues of manuscripts are of the utmost significance as it is the only source to verify by comparison any inaccuracies with the current printed scriptures. The result of cataloguing is in the form of three volumes which include color plates as well as a CD containing 150 images. The vivid colors of the paintings are attractive and speak for themselves. The Catalogue was presented to The Duke of Edinburgh who formally declared it as launched. His Royal Highness in his address recalled how he had initiated the formation of the Alliance for Religions & Conservation in Assisi during the 25th anniversary celebration of WWF of which he was the President. He recalled how Jains had also presented their Declaration on Nature to him at the Palace in 1990 and been given the recognition as the 8th major faith of the world.

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### **THIRD BATCH OF SUMMER SCHOOL ORGANISED BY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF JAIN STUDIES INAUGURATED AT NEW DELHI**

The inauguration programme was organised at India International centre, New Delhi on 3rd June 2007. The project is getting more and more popularity as the number of participants is rising every year. As compared to first batch of summer school, which was attended just by 7 participants from U. S., this year it is being attended by 31 scholars from six different countries, as reported earlier. The project is receiving excellent support from a number of institutions based in U. S. and India. Mahavir Vision Inc. of Texas, USA.

### **INTERNATIONAL CUISINE CONFERENCE ON TRADITIONAL ASIAN DIET**

GOA ... BEACH DESTINATION OF INDIA, Hotel Fidalgo, Goa, India-September 2-5, 2007. Indology Goa and One Asia wholeheartedly welcome you to our International Conference in Goa on Traditional Asian Diet, which has become an endangered species. The aim of this Conference is to examine the evolution, benefits and state of research on this diet, as well as the potential and problems associated with its survival. The focus of this year's conference will be on Healthy Traditional Cuisines and their relevance in modern fast pace of life. The aim is also to set this as a platform for a cross-cultural communication.

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This background brings experts and students of Cuisine and Hospitality Industry together during the four day conference, "United We Eat", a conference on Traditional Asian Diet, which will be held at Hotel Fidalgo, ( [www.hotelfidalgo-go.com](http://www.hotelfidalgo-go.com) )

Panaji, Goa from September 2-5, 2007. It will be learning as well as spiritual experience for you.

Goa , the Beach Destination of India is the chosen Venue for this International Conference and is beautifully surrounded by the beaches. You may please visit the website [www.indologygoa.in](http://www.indologygoa.in) for online registration and more details on the Conference and do contact, E-Mail : [indologygoa@gmail.com](mailto:indologygoa@gmail.com) for any details.

The Conference fee (for SAARC countries including resident Indians) is Rs. 7500 for Industry and Private Sectors, Rs.5000/- for Government/Academics and Rs.3000/- for students. The Conference fee (for non-SAARC countries) is US\$ 550 for Industry and Private Sectors, US\$ 400 for Government/Academics and US\$ 150 for students.

We have also organised an Exhibition where authors and publishers can display their literature where general public will be invited. We will be accepting the literature on 40 % bookseller's commission and will offer 25 % to the general public.



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## INAGURAL FUNCTION OF 19th ALL INDIA SUMMER SCHOOL ON PRAKRIT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE HELD AT B. L. INSTITUTE OF INDOLOGY, DELHI



The inaugural Function of 19th All India Summer School on Prakrit Language & Literature was held at B. L. Institute of Indology, Delhi on Sunday, 13th May, 2007. it was presided over by Dr. Sudha Gopalakrishnan, Director, National Mission for Manuscripts, Govt. of India. Dr. Sudha Gopalakrishnan emphasised that the learning of Prakrit Language is necessary to read the Manuscripts written in Prakrit.

She appreciated the huge stock of manuscripts collection and its upkeep by the BLII library. On this occasion, Prof. Dayanand Bhargava delivered his lecture on "Some New Lights on Anekantavada"

## NEW PUBLICATIONS ON JAINISM

### MICROCOSMOLOGY : ATOMS IN JAIN PHILOSOPHY & MODERN SCIENCE

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By J. S. Zaveri & Muni Mahendra Kumar. The book deals with Microcosmology, Atom in Modern Science - Structure of Atom, New Physics - Dual Nature of Matter, Constituents of Atom and Quantum Physics. For fully understanding the structure of matter, we have to descend from the macroscopic to the microscopic level. This has to be done in two stages - first, at the atomic level and second, at the subatomic level. The Quantum physics forced itself upon the scientific world at the beginning of this century with a discovery made in 1900 by Max Planck. He was trying to solve a specific problem, dealing with energy radiation.

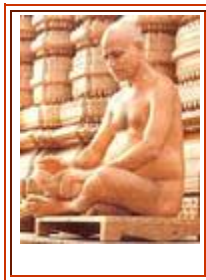
He wanted to know why objects glow bright and change colour when the temperature is increased (or decreased). Classical physics failed to give explanation to this simple phenomenon. Planck discovered that energy is not radiated (or absorbed) smoothly and continuously, but in spurts of specific amount or quanta (Planck himself was very unhappy with the implications of his discovery, as he had no intention to destroy the foundation of the Newtonian Physics.) (discrete packets). It was difficult to accept the concepts of

the new theory, even after its precise and consistent mathematical formulation, because their implications were practically unbelievable.

**Mind Beyond Mind** - by Acharya Mahaprajna. The book deals with The Pursuit of Truth, Control of the Sense Organs, Freedom from Negligence, Knowledge and Feeling and Recitation and Reticence. We have been thinking of gold as a very valuable metal, but we have never thought of dust as equally valuable. The former is very scarce, and therefore, valuable. The latter is available everywhere and therefore it is not valuable. Highly valuable things like gold are dangerous and have been the cause of innumerable strifes. Cheaper things like dust have, on the other hand, saved innumerable men. Gautama asked Mahavira if there was no difference between an emperor and a moth. The latter replied that there was none, for both were governed by their desires and self interests.

The more does our attitude become governed by feeling, the more do we become attached to the world. A mind overpowered by feeling spares the ego. To do things with half a mind in them will not enable the practitioner to achieve any kind of success in Sadhana. The whole mind has to be applied to the object of meditation. The recitation of Mantras should not be taken to be a merely mechanical process. It is essentially a spiritual effort and exertion. A distracted mind is an obstacle in Sadhana.

## IN QUEST OF THE SELF – AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE STORY OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SAINT - ACHARYA VIDYASAGAR



Revered saint, scholar and poet, acceded to the high spiritual office of Acharya at the tender age of twenty-six. He was chosen by his guru, Acharya Jnanasagar, in his own lifetime to succeed him and uphold the Digamabar ascetic tradition restored by Acharya Shantisagar to its pristine glory in the first half of the twentieth century. Acharya Vidyasagar's is a many splendoured personality. While his erudition and unwavering adherence to the discipline prescribed in the scriptures evoke awe and admiration, his childlike simplicity, sensitivity and empathy enable him to strike an instant rapport with the common man. No wonder, his following has spread far and wide, transcending the boundaries of class, creed and language.

The book is available at Maitree Samooh, 1/205/4, Professor's Colony, Hari Parvat Agra, or call 094251 32090. You can email us at E-Mail :maitreesamooh@hotmail.com and mail@creativelipi.com and we will be more than happy to assist you with more information about this book, Acharya Shree Vidhya Sagarji Maharaj, Muni Shree Kshamasagar ji Maharaj, activities and other publications of Maitree Samooh.

### MINORITY STATUS

#### WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT ACCORDS MINORITY STATUS TO JAIN COMMUNITY



It is learnt from the sources in Writer's building in Calcutta that Sri Buddh Dev Bhattacharjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal has decided to fulfil the long-outstanding demand of Jain community for according minority status to this community. The total number of Jains, according to the statistics available, is only 52,203, which is just 0.07% of the total population of the state. So far, minority status has been given to Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Parsi and Bauddh communities. The sixth community to obtain minority status in West Bengal would be that of Jain.

### READERS NOTES

#### WARNING 'MEAT KILLS' ON ALL MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

More and more information about general harmfulness of meat and mass stockbreeding transpires every day. Food and agriculture organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has recently announced shocking facts: the livestock sector is responsible for 18% of greenhouse gas emissions, which is a higher share than the one of transport, and is also the major cause for soil and water degradation. In order to prevent from negative consequences of stockbreeding, it is urgent to abandon or at least restrict the consumption of meat. For this reason The society for the rights and liberation of animals from Slovenia has made an initiative to the Government of Slovenia to attach to meat and meat products warnings like: "Meat causes cancer", "Meat affects climate", "Meat causes suffering to animals", "Meat inflicts upon mind".

This initiative follows an example of the campaign against negative impact of smoking, where warnings like "Smoking kills" and others can be seen on packets of cigarettes. Although there is no doubt about smoking being harmful, this harm can not be compared with one caused by the stockbreeding. The rate of mortality caused by meat consumption is vitally higher than the one due to smoking. The environmental damage caused by smoking is incomparable with the harm caused by stockbreeding. And the climate changes caused by smoking are negligible comparing to the harmfulness of stockbreeding which is the main climate destroyer. Therefore warnings such as "Meat kills" would be at least of the same justification as warnings "Smoking kills". Our suggestion is that you carry out a similar action in your country. Our action in Slovenia was covered with some of the most watched media. Damjan Likar, E-Mail : damjan.likar@t-2.net, The society for the rights and liberation of animals. (Through Dr.Sandeep K.Jain, E-Mail : jeevdaya04@yahoo.co.in)

#### LIFE LONG VEGETARIAN DIET REDUCES THE RISK OF COLORECTAL CANCER



Science Daily - According to new research presented at Digestive Disease Week 2007 a vegetarian diet may have a significant impact on the gastrointestinal system, affecting the risk for certain diseases. The average person's lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer (CRC) is about seven percent and the role of diet in preventing this type of cancer remains under debate. Most of all, previous studies enrolled middle-aged subjects, raising the possibility that CRC development may start before common interventions. Researchers from Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) in Mumbai, India, set out to determine whether a vegetarian diet is associated with reduced risk of CRC if

started very early in life.

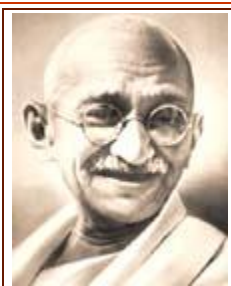
In this study, researchers used a prospectively created database of 8,877 Indian patients managed in a clinical nutrition service from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2005, to examine the association of life-long vegetarianism with incidence of CRC. During the evaluation for nutrition support, a history of life-long vegetarianism (due to religious reasons) was obtained from all patients to plan an appropriate diet. Twenty-seven percent of subjects (2,092 patients) from the control cohort were life-long vegetarians and 22.4 percent (178 patients) of subjects with colon cancer were vegetarians.

Patients with colorectal cancer (n=796) comprised the primary patient cohort for this study. Three groups of controls were generated from the same database for separate comparison with the CRC cohort. These included all patients with non-CRC cancers (control group one: n=7,273), patients with non-CRC and tobacco-related cancers (control group two: n=1,844), and patients with benign disorders (control group three: n=74). Multivariate analysis of 7,641 patients was performed by adjusting for age, gender, body mass index and economic status. Vegetarianism was significantly associated with patients over 65 years, male gender, body mass index (BMI) of less than 20 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> and economic deprivation. Colorectal cancer was positively associated with old age and male gender, and inversely associated with vegetarian diet, low BMI and economic deprivation. The inverse association of CRC and lifelong vegetarianism was observed with all the three control groups.

"A well-planned vegetarian diet is a healthy way to meet your nutritional needs," said Yogesh M. Shastri, M.D., of Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Hospital, Frankfurt, Germany and previously a co-author of this study at TMH, Mumbai, India. "The exact mechanism by which life long vegetarianism may reduce the risk of sporadic CRC needs further investigation. Prolonged vegetarianism starting in early life may be a viable lifestyle option for those at risk of developing the disease." Note: This story has been adapted from a news release issued by American Gastroenterological Association. Prof. C. Devakumar, E-Mail : cdevakumar@yahoo.com.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### MAHATMA GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY DECLARED AS INTERNATIONAL NON-VIOLENCE DAY



"Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday has been declared as the International Day for Non-violence. In a tribute to Gandhi's philosophy of brotherhood and peace, the UN General Assembly declared October 2, his birth anniversary, as the International Day of Non-Violence. The resolution, which urged member States to observe the day each year in appropriate manner to disseminate the message of non-violence, was co-sponsored by 137 of the 191 members and was adopted without a vote." In the recent avatar of Munnabhai, the very well informed Circuit tells Munnabhai that October 2nd is 'dry day' and it is a holiday, when bhai first enquires what is the significance of that day. Circuit could be forgiven as many Indians would perhaps live with similar sentiments. October 2nd doesn't touch our lives, just like Independence Day or any other National Holiday. Apart from the 'government' celebrations and compulsory celebrations in education institutions, there is nothing to provide meaning and significance to the national day. So, if you are not a government employee or associated with an educational institution, you may as well take it easy or plan your outings on those days because the traffic in the roads will be less. In this backdrop comes the UN resolution on celebrating Gandhiji's Birthday as the global Non-Violence Day. It is an honor for India and Indians.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has welcomed the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of an Indian resolution declaring October 2 as the International Day of Non-Violence. In a statement, Dr Singh described it as "a great tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and a proud moment for India."

### COURT ALLOWS UNDER-AGE JAIN STUDENT TO PURSUE POSTGRADUATE COURSE



New Delhi, May 23 The Delhi High Court directed Delhi University to allow Dipika Jain, who was short of the required 20 years, to take an entrance test for admission into its post graduate course. Justice B.D. Ahmed asked the university and the head of its Mathematics Department to let Dipika Jain, an undergraduate student at Maitreyi College of the university, take the entrance test. In a petition, Jain, a resident of Gurgaon in neighbouring Haryana, submitted that the university had barred her from taking the admission test for a post-graduate course in Operational Mathematics on the ground that she would not fulfil the required criterion of being 20 years old on Oct 1, 2007. She said the university, in fact, had admitted her to the college to pursue her graduation course in mathematics only on the high court's directions three years ago.

Opposing Jain's plea to take the entrance test, counsel for the university said she was falling short of one year and 20 days in age to qualify for admission to the post graduate course. But her counsel submitted, "She is a bright student and stood second in her second year examination. She has scored 71.6 percent marks in aggregate and would score a high percentage of marks in the final." Not allowing her to pursue her higher studies would be an infringement of her fundamental right, he said. Courtesy : Gaurav Jain 'Lakshaya', M: (+91)- 981 198 1233, E-mail : gauravejainyji@gmail.com.

#### **NEW HOSTEL FACILITY FOR JAIN STUDENTS IN NEW BOMBAY**

Shri Sohan Lal Jain, an Industrialist from Bangalore inaugurated the newly-built "Acharya Shri Nanesj Hostel" for Jain students at Panvel near New Bombay for students coming from other regions to study for C.A., I.C.W.A., M.B.A., Engineering and Medicine. The hostel, which is a three-storeyed building, provides accommodation for 100 students in 50 well-furnished rooms with the facilities of a vegetarian mess, recreation room, reading room etc. The admission to the hostel will be given on merit-cum-need basis. The chief guest at the inauguration function was Shri Suresh Dada Jain, M.L.A. and former Minister in Maharashtra Government. Shri D.R. Mehta, former Chairman, SEBI and Shri Sardar Mal Ji Kankaria from Calcutta were were special guests.

#### **INDIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS OPPOSE AMERICAN PATENT AND COPY-RIGHT ON YOGA TO U.S. COMPANIES**

A large number of members of Parliament met at New Delhi to discuss the issue of American patent being allowed on Yoga and sanctioning yoga-related copy-rights to American companies. American Patents and Trade Marks Office has so far sanctioned 150 yoga-related copy-rights and 134 patents on Yoga-related instruments and equipment. The M.P.'s, considering Yoga as a part of Indian ethos and culture have seriously opposed this move by the U.S. Government department.

They strongly expressed their views that Yoga was born in India more than 5000 years ago and ancient literature was available on this subject written by sages and saints and it was therefore not a part of modern science. It was totally wrong on the part of U.S. Government to sanction copy-rights and patents on Yoga to American companies. They also urged the Indian Government to take up the matter with U.S. Government.

#### **BHAGWAN MAHAVEER VIKLANG SAHAYATA SAMITI'S -'JAIPUR FOOT' COMING UP NOW IN COLOMBIA**



Prosthesis that has helped thousands of disabled worldwide to walk again, is set to be launched from Colombia - its first centre on foreign soil. The Colombian government has sanctioned the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti -, producers of the artificial limb, to set up base in the South American country. The BMVSS has entered into a tie-up with a Colombia-based NGO. M.K. Mathur of BMVSS told IANS: 'The Jaipur Foot centre in Colombia is slated to start in August.'

According to him, experts would go to Colombia with the required machinery. Initially three-fourths of the artificial foot would be made in Jaipur and the rest in Colombia. The entire production would shift to Colombia after a few months. It was Jaipur resident Ram Charan Sharma, who hails from a family of sculptors, who conceived Jaipur Foot in 1968. It was only after trials and with the assistance of eminent orthopaedic surgeon P. K. Sethi that the prosthetic limb was launched that year.

The amazing lightness and mobility of the artificial limb, coupled with its low price, is the reason for its popularity. Those who wear it can run, climb trees, pedal bicycles and drive a car - all without the aid of a stick or any support. While a prosthetic limb can cost several thousand dollars in the US, the Jaipur Foot costs only \$20-28 in India. Sublimely low-tech, it is made of rubber -, wood and aluminium and can be assembled with local materials. Established in 1975, BMVSS provides the artificial limb free to millions of people who have lost their limbs in accidents or war. Its chief patron is D.R. Mehta, a former head of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

It was only after the Afghan war in the late 1970s that the use of the limb spread outside India. Russian land mines in Afghanistan had then disabled thousands. The International Committee of the Red Cross found the Jaipur Foot to be the hardest to tackle the tough, mountainous Afghan terrain. Since then, countless landmine victims in many countries have been fitted with the Jaipur Foot. The limb has also provided relief to 15,000 physically disabled people in foreign countries. The centre is also known as a 'mini India' with people flocking to it for relief from all over the country. 'We receive patients from Gujarat in the west to Assam in the east, and from Srinagar in the north to Kanyakumari in the south,' said a BMVSS official.



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### JAIN SAMPARK NIRDESHIKA IN MARATHI PUBLISHED

On the opening ceremony of 17 th All India Marathi Jan Sahitya Sammelan hold at Akluj in Solapur District of Maharashtra, the first edition of Jain Sampark Nirdeshika (Jain Communication Directory) was published in the hands of Mr. Sharad Patil, MLA of Pune Graduates' Constituency. Some 1000 people from Marathi Jain Literary people were present at the function. The prominent personalities present at the function were Swastishree Laxmisen Bhattarak of Kolhapur, Pracharya Shivajirao Bhosale (President of 17 th All India Marathi Jain Sahitya Sammelan), Shri Kallappa Anna Awade ( President of Dakshin Bharat Jain Sabha, Ex M. P. and great personality from Co-Operative movement), Hon. Justice Bhalchandra Vagyani, Gajendra Ainapure (MLA of Pune Teachers' Constituency), Mr. Milind Phade (Hon. Editor of the Nirdeshika), Mahavir Sanglikar ( Publisher, Compiler and Editor of the Nirdeshika) and many others. The Nirdeshika is in Marathi language and contains a lot of addresses with information of Jain Educational institutions having minority status, Jain Hostels, Trusts giving scholarships to Jain students, Jain M.P.s, Jain M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s from all over India, Jain I.A.S. and I.P.S. Officers, Jainology and Prakrit Departments in various Universities, Research Institutes on Jainology and Prakrit, Research Magazines on Jainology, Selected Hindi Jain Magazines, Jain Magazines in Marathi, Gujarati and Kannad, Publishers of Jain Books in Hindi and Marathi, Various Awards for great work of Literature, Social Work and other fields given by Jain organizations and institutions, Renowned Marathi Jain Writers, Jainism Websites, Discussion Groups and Orkut Communities etc. Available at: Jain Friends, Post Box No, 58, Jagannath Complex, 199 Mumbai-Pune Road, Chinchwad East, Pune 411019 (India) Cell: 09890203549 E-Mail: [jaindirectory@gmail.com](mailto:jaindirectory@gmail.com).

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## **DEVLOK**

### **1. Shri Mohan Muni Ji Maharaj,**

General Secretary, Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh, while moving on foot from Ajmer to Jaipur on way to Delhi, met with a serious accident with a fast-moving vehicle driven by a reckless driver and he expired on the spot. The accident occurred near village Parlu on the 26th May, 2007. His body was carried to near-by Dudu village by the residents of Dudu village, who happened to be from Jain community. The news of accident spread fast to Jaipur, Ajmer and other near-by places and a large number of devotees rushed to Dudu to have his darshan.

The last rites were performed by them as is customary and the body was then cremated at the village. He was 84 years old but still, he used to have vihar on foot, unlike many other saints, who are carried in a hand-driven cart. During his sainthood, he had moved to various places in the states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Delhi. He was instrumental in working towards unity among sadhu-samaj and worked hard as a General Secretary to prevent rift between two sections caused by vested interests and his contribution to Shraman sangh was well-known.

### **2. Sadhwiji Shri Prem Kumari,**

From shwetambar sthanakwasi sect, aged 93 years, left for her heavenly abode, having accepted santhara, just 3 hours before the death at Pali town in Rajasthan on the 25th May, 2007. She had accepted diksha at the age of 33 years alongwith her son and daughter.

### **3. Mahasati Shri Suyashya Ji,**

Follower of Shri Saubhagmal Ji maharaj and Acharya Umesh Muni Ji maharj and disciple of Mahasati Shri Magan Kunwar Ji maharaj left for her heavenly abode after a protracted illness on the 22nd May, 2007, having accepted santhara well in time. She had obtained Diksha on the 13th May, 1964 from Shri Umesh Muni Ji.

### **4. Aryika Raj Srimata Ji.**



A Jain Ganini from Digambar sect left for devlok at the age of only 47 years on the 7th May, 2007 at Aurangabad in Maharashtra. She had accepted Kshullak-vrat Diksha under Acharya Shri Pushpadant sagar Ji maharaj at Chhindwada in M.P. and Aryika-vrat diksha under Acharya Shri Kalyan Sagar Ji maharajat at Gwalior in the year 1987. Born on the 17th March, 1961, she was accepted as Aryika on 19th April, 1987 and was given the title of Ganini on 17th February, 1997. She had been suffering from Kidney ailment for the last 6-7 years.

### **5. Sadhvi Hem Prabha & Sadhvi Vineet Prabha**

Belonging to Shwetambar Moorti-pujak Khartar-gachh sect, met with an accident and died on the spot, while moving on the road from Pali towards Jaipur in Rajasthan on the morning of Thursday, the 21st June, 2007. A fast-moving trolley, driven by a reck-less driver went out of control and hit severely the whole group of sadhwis, killing on the spot, two of them, Shri Hem Prabha Shri Ji and Sri Vineet prabha Sri ji and injuring seriously, the other three. Those injured were rushed to near-by hospital in Pali town, where they are reported to be under observation and treatment.

The body of the two sadhwi, was carried in 'baikunthi' in a large procession to the cremation ground in the afternoon of the same day. Shri Pushp Jain, Member of Parliament, Shri Gyan Chand Parakh, M.L.A., Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha, President of Khartargachh sect and M.L.A. from Maharashtra joined the procession and paid their homage to the departed souls.

#### **THANKS GIVIN PRAYER**

Today we give thanks for this vegetarian meal and the people who have labored to harvest and prepare this meal for us.

We give thanks for the many lives that have contributed to our lives. We also ask for forgiveness from the living beings that we have harmed, intentionally and unintentionally.

We are grateful for our health and the opportunity to eat with others on this day. We aspire, with compassionate hearts, to use the energy that we gain from this meal and our friends to contribute to the peace and happiness of all living beings.

We pray that all the people of the world will avoid inflicting harm on animals and fellow human beings and practice nonviolence and compassion.

We express our sorrow at the suffering of all the turkeys and other animals that have died. May peace and compassion grow in ourselves and extend to all around us.

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