



## TIMES GROUP CHAIRMAN MRS. INDU JAIN GETS LIFETIME AWARD FROM ICSI



New Delhi : Indu Jain, chairman of Times Group, India's largest media house that publishes The Times of India, has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) for translating excellence in corporate governance into reality. Jain, who also received the Padma Bhushan in 2016, was chosen for the award from a list of eminent contenders such as Anand C Burman, chairman of Dabur India, Anand Mahindra, chairperson of the Mahindra Group, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson and MD of Biocon, Venu Srinivasan, chairman & MD of TVS Motor Company, and Uday Kotak, founder and MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

The jury for the 19th ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance held in the capital was headed by the former Chief Justice of India, Justice Dipak Misra. Last year, Jain received the annual award for lifetime contribution to media from the All India Management Association (AIMA) for managing the Times Group, as well as establishing the Times Foundation, an organisation that works towards social causes. A philanthropist, she launched the Times Foundation in 2000 that runs several community services, operates a research foundation and manages relief funds.

**Ahimsa Foundation Congratulates Mrs. Indu Jain for her being nominated & Felicitated with this distinguish honour.**



## JAINS AND SIKHS WALKING TOGETHER



On Nov. 12, the world celebrated the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji, an apostle of peace, harmony, coexistence and respect between all religions and human beings. Since the birth of Guru Nanak Devji, Jains and Sikhs have been working and walking together. There is much in common between the two faiths. Jainism is one of the oldest and Sikhism among the youngest religions of the world; Sikhism is the fifth largest and Jainism the sixth largest in the world. There is a lot of intertwining of Sikh and

Jain history. About 2,600 years ago, Bhagwan Mahavir was born in Bihar and Jainism flourished there; Bihar, Patna in particular, was the site of a lot of Sikh history. About 350 years ago, Salis Rai Johri, a prominent Jain in Patna, hosted Guru Teg Bahadur and his family while he was on his way to Assam. The wife of Guru Teg Bahadur, Mata Gujri, stayed with this Jain family for several years.

In this Jain household Guru Gobind Singh (the 10th Guru) was born and raised till the age of six. This Jain family donated a piece of land for a dharamshala which eventually became the Sri Patna Sahib Takht. This same Jain Johri also built a Jain Temple next door. The Jain temple and Sikh Gurudwara on the same land, next to each other, on the same campus, separated only by a simple wall, is a unique example of coexistence, respect and cooperation with each other. Sikhs and Jains have never harmed, quarreled or destroyed each other's places of worship. In Punjab, Jains attend Sikh colleges and Sikhs attend Jain Colleges. The Punjabi University, Patiala, has a Department of Jainology.

Together, the members of both faiths have made Ludhiana a hosiery capital of the world. Some Jain monks have come from Sikh families and in Punjab, Jain sadhus often stay at Sikh homes and also get their gochari (food) from them. Jains have served Sikh Maharajas in important positions. All Sikh Maharajas whether in Patiala, Nabha, Fridkot, Jind, or other states, employed Jains in trustworthy positions such as treasurer as they were known for their honesty. Jains and Sikhs have not only co-existed but have provided safe havens for each other as, for example, during the 1947 migration from Pakistan in 1947 when protection was provided by a Jain acharya. Diwali is celebrated on the same day by followers of both religions. For Jains it is the day when Bhagwan Mahavir got nirvana and for Sikhs it is when Guru Hargovind was released from the Gwalior Fort. Unconditional Ahimsa is the core principle of Jains. Sikhs practice Ahimsa by Seva (service to others) to the needy and the practice of free langars. Both Jains and Sikhs have no caste system and stand for equal rights and respect for all humans, including women.

Academic study of Jainism and Sikhism has significantly lagged behind other Indic religions in North America. This gap is being closed with the establishment of centers for Jain and Sikh Studies. The Takht Sri Patna Sahib is being emulated in the U.S. with Jain and Sikh Studies Chairs at the University of California in Irvine Riverside and Santa Barbara; Loyola Marymount University in LA; San Diego State University, San Diego; Claremont School of Theology in Claremont; Charles University in the Czech Republic; and in India at the International School for Jain Studies working with Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar. A comprehensive book on interdependence of Jain and Sikhs is being planned.

From Southern California comes a very inspiring example of working together: Five years ago, the Jain and Sikh community in Los Angeles established the first joint Center for Study and Teaching of Jainism and Sikhism at Loyola Marymount University. After a thorough search, Dr. Niranjana Kaur Khalsa, a Sikh scholar with a Ph.D. in Sikhism from the University of Michigan, was hired as the professor for this Center. Prof. Khalsa taught standalone classes in Jainism and Sikhism with separate syllabi. She taught both the religions with equal love, sincerity, passion, dedication and high scholastic content. A well liked professor, her classes were always full. She took her students each semester to the Jain and Sikh temples in Los Angeles. By working together and learning from each other; these centers are working to tear down even the symbolic walls that separate them. We are sure there are hundreds of such opportunities all around us waiting to be explored and started.

“Water is the same in all. Only utensils are of different colors,” said Sant Kabir. Let us work together even more to learn from the beauty of each tradition and dismantle all the walls of hatred and mistrust.

Dr. Harvinder Singh Sahota, Laguna Beach, Calif, Dr. Sulekh C. Jain, Las Vegas, Nevada

### **FOR SP JAIN GLOBAL BATCH OF 2019, THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT**



SP Jain School of Global Management (SP Jain Global) has reported a successful closure of the placement season for its flagship global MBA program and the Master of Global Business Program, with employment locations spread across India, Dubai, Singapore, Philippines, Vietnam, Bahrain, Qatar, Africa, among others. Dr. Balakrishna Grandhi, dean of the school's full-time post-graduate programs, attributes this success to the school's unique tri-city learning model.

SP Jain Global has campuses in Dubai, Singapore, Sydney and Mumbai. “Our students have a unique edge when it comes to competing for global jobs. Having lived and studied in three of the world's top business cities, they have first-hand knowledge of how to operate and succeed in a global business environment,” Dr. Grandhi said.

#### **Key highlights**

1. 50 per cent placements for international opportunities.
2. Highest offer for the GMBA program is `45 lakh, and the average offer is `20 lakh. The former witnessed a 10 per cent increase from 2018.
3. Top recruiters for the Global MBA program are KPMG, Dell, Rivoli, Tata NYK, KPIsoft, Accenture Strategy, E&Y, Deloitte, Vector Consulting, Cedar Consulting, Cogoport, Johnson & Johnson, Adani, Genpact, PWC, Barclays, Ceva Logistics, Zen Rooms and Sofis.
4. The highest offer for the master of global business program is `36 lakh, and the average offer is `18.5 lakh. The former witnessed a 16 per cent increase from 2018.
5. Top recruiters for the Master of Global Business program this season include Deloitte, Schneider Electric, Johnson & Johnson, Landmark Group, Kuehne+Nagel, Redington Gulf, Aramex, Westcon, Dunia Finance, Homebox, Danzas, Essar, Adani, Cogoport, Cedar Consulting and Genpact.
6. Consulting emerged as the top recruiting sector with 24 per cent offers, followed by logistics and supply chain at 17 per cent and information technology at 16 per cent. Other sectors were fintech, banking, investment banking, retail, luxury, education, staffing, energy, pharmaceuticals, etc.
7. Leading startups like Zenrooms, Gnowbe and Cogoport also commanded a sweet spot in this season's placement race.

## JAINS FILE INTERVENTION AGAINST A PIL OVER TEMPLE ENTRY & OFFERINGS

Mumbai : Two Jain groups this week have moved the Bombay high court against while one intervention was filed in favour of a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Samrat Samprati Sanstha, a religious public trust, seeking to “prevent highhanded and arbitrary interference in observing and professing religious faiths and beliefs of Shwetamber Tapgachha sect of Jain religion”.

The HC took all three intervention applications on record.

The Matunga Jain Shwetamber Murti Pujak Tapagachha Sangh and Charities and Nitin Shantilal Vora, Trustee Of Shri Navjivan Jain Shwetamber Murtipujak Sangh, filed intervention applications to also oppose an interim order passed by the HC last December. By its order, which the HC continued this week, the court had directed the state to ensure that members of the Samrat Samprati Sanstha are not obstructed from offering prayers or performing religious services in ‘places of public worship’ including the Jain temples. The sect, in turn, has to also ensure that they will not obstruct members of other sects of Jain religion from entering such places of worship and performing religious ceremonies there, said the HC. They want to assist the HC and seek dismissal of the PIL, said their counsel Niteen Pradhaan.

Sujay Kantawala, counsel for the Samrat Samprati Sanstha, said inspite of the interim order, their monks were not being allowed entry into many temples. A bench headed by Justice Ranjit More continued the interim order and posted the matter to January 15 to hear all parties. Dilip Sangoi, belonging to Svetambara sect and who follows Tapagachha Be-tithi, in his intervention supported the PIL and the interim order. His plea is “whether directions are needed to be issued for effective implementation of provisions of Hindu Places of Public worship (entry authorization) Act and Protection of Fundamental Right?” The Tapagachha sect of Jainism believes in performance of Navangi Pooja of their religious jain living monks and observance of Be-tithi.



## DEGREES OF JAIN UNIVERSITY’S KOCHI CAMPUS ‘INVALID’: KERALA GOVERNMENT



New Delhi : The Kerala government has issued a circular cautioning students and parents against taking admission at Jain University’s off-campus centre in Kochi.

Citing a circular issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the state government’s circular states: “The Kochi campus has no legal validity and the degrees issued to the students from the particular campus would not be valid.” Jain (Deemed-to-be University) has its main campus in Bangalore, Karnataka. It started its off-campus centre in Kochi this year. However, it had

not secured the necessary permissions from the UGC before starting.

An official at the Kochi campus confirmed that the state government has issued circular regarding the university. He spoke to Careers360 on condition of anonymity. However, he added that the UGC inspection is pending and scheduled for December 9. The circular states that the UGC did not permit Jain University to start a centre in Kochi.

Students in a fix A statement issued by the Kerala higher education department reported by Times of India says that the UGC has informed the state government that it has not permitted the university to start the off-campus centre. The state government circular has come after the academic session had already commenced. According to the university official, there are 1,030 students enrolled in various undergraduate and postgraduate courses at the campus. It has 30 faculty members teaching there. The circular says the institution has been asked to wind up the courses offered. Careers360 tried to reach out to the Vice-Chancellor, N Sundararajan, who also said the circular had been issued but refused to comment any further.

### GOVT ISSUES ADVISORY AGAINST KOCHI OFF CAMPUS OF JAIN UNIVERSITY

Thiruvananthapuram : State government here on Saturday issued an advisory against the Kochi off campus of Jain university. "University Grants Commission (UGC) not given permission to Bangaluru Jain deemed to be university to start off campus in Kochi. Students should be careful enough against falling prey", higher education department said in a statement. "UGC has informed the state government that it has not given permission to Jain university for starting off campus in Kochi. It has also been intimated that instructions were given to the university for winding up the courses offered at the facility centre.



Hence, the Kochi campus of Jain deemed to be university has no legal validity and the degrees issued to students from the particular campus would not be valid", the official statement said. The off campus of Jain university started functioning in Kochi in 2019, offering around 30 courses in undergraduate and post-graduate levels in commerce, economics, computer science, life science, applied science and business studies.

### TRI-NATION AHIMSA YATRA TO REACH CITY TODAY



Mysuru : The city is gearing up for the Tri-Nation Ahimsa Yatra of the 11<sup>th</sup> acharya of Jain Terapanth Samaj, Acharya Mahashraman ji, which will arrive here on Tuesday on a three-day visit. According to the organisers, the Ahimsa Yatra will be taken out from T. Shetalli to JSS Medical College at Bannimantap on Tuesday. On November 20, the yatra will be taken out from JSS Medical College to Adishwar Vatika in Siddartha Nagar.

On the last day November 21, the Ahimsa Yatra will begin from Terapanth Bhavan on MG Road and reach Brahma Kumaris in Yelwal. From there, the acharya's destination will be Hubballi and he will reach Hyderabad in January. All the yatras will commence at 6:45 am.

Mahaveer Derasriya, president of Terapanth Yuvak Parishad, said that on November 20, an Ahimsa Rally, organised by Sri Jain Shwethambar Terapanth Samaj, will be taken out from St. Philomena's Church Circle to

Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of the world famous palace at 7:30 AM in which hundreds of Jain community leaders and members will participate.

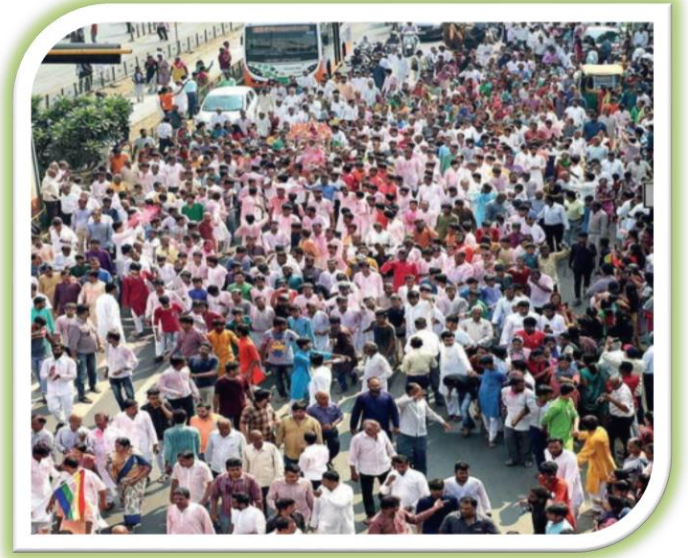
Vikas Gugliya, a member of Terapanth Yuvak Parishad, said that the Tri-Nation Ahimsa Yatra started from Red Fort, New Delhi in 2014, Nepal - 2015, Guwahati - 2016, Kolkata - 2017, Chennai - 2018 and Bengaluru - 2019. Rajan Baghmar of Youth Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh said the objectives of the Ahimsa Yatra are to promote harmony, to propagate morality and a movement towards de-addiction.

**Acharya Sri Mahashramanji**

Acharya Sri Mahashramanji is the eleventh acharya of the Jain Terapanth religious order. His external and internal personality is encompassed with charisma. His personality is integration of brilliance and forgiveness, spiritualism and leadership, ethicality and pragmatism. The last acharya to visit Mysuru was the 9th acharya, Sri Tulsi ji, who visited the city in 1969. The city is hosting a Terapanth acharya after a gap of 50 years.

### **FINAL JOURNEY OF JAIN 'MAHANAYAK'**

Thousands of people participated in the 'palkhi' yatra of Jain monk Acharya Jayghoshuri, gachchadhipati of Jain community, in Ahmedabad on Thursday. The funeral procession started from Paldi Bhatta and ended at the crematorium in Ambli-Bopal in the evening. The Acharya, who was born in Mumbai and took diksha at the age of 14 years, was in the city for chaturmaas and was staying at Paldi Opera Jain Sangh. The 85-year-old passed away at a private hospital on Wednesday. In his lifetime, he wrote about 40,000 shlokas and due to expertise on diverse topics, he had earned sobriquet of 'the living library of Jainism.' He was scholar of Sanskrit, Prakrit languages along with grammar, nayaya and other literary forms.



### **JAIN FAMILIES IN DIMAPUR HOLD 'SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE'**



Dimapur, November 19 Jain families of Chhapra (Rajasthan) staying in Dimapur organized a 'special prayer meet' at Dimapur Jain temple in front of Lord Adinath, Bahubali & Bharat Swami for world peace on November 16.

The prayers were held in the presence of the lady Jain monk, 105 Vindhyashree and her colleagues. Pawan Kumar Sethi, President, Digambar Jain Samaj, Chhapra established the Lord on the

Mandalaji, while Dr. Bijay Kumar Sethi performed peace shower on the Lord. A press release from Dilip Sethi, Treasurer, S. D. Jain Samaj, Chhapra, Rajasthan stated that November 16 was also the death anniversary of Dr. Sethi's father, late Kanhaiyalal Sethi who was the first Gaon Bura of Dimapur. Thereafter, prayers were held for world peace. Earlier, 15 committees were formed for the smooth conduct of the event in a timely manner, which is within ten days of the concept suggested by the members. More than 200 people participated in the event, including 21 couples.

A feast was organized for all the partakers in the peace prayers. Pawan Kumar Sethi, President of the Shree Digamber Jain Mandir, Chhapra, Rajasthan was present with wife Panna Devi, along with President and Secretary and many more executive members of S. D. Jain Samaj, Dimapur in the day-long programme. Sethi also informed that 206 year old Chhapra Jain temple was established in 1813. Weekly 2-hours Namokar chanting was conducted in the evening at Jain Bhawan, after Aarati in the temple. The release added that more than 200 Jain families of Chhapra are engaged in various businesses across the country and beyond, majorly as industrialists and traders and engaged in the dedicated service of the nation and the society in their own ways. Sethi informed that the lone reason of organizing the prayers was to bring all the Chhapra Jain families under one banner for the renovation of the Chhapra Jain temple. He also expressed gratitude towards all the participants and well-wishers who contributed directly or indirectly in the successful conduct of prayer meet.

### JAIN ACHARYA JAYGHOSHSURI PASSES AWAY

Ahmedabad : Acharya Jayghoshsuri, gachchadhipati of Jain community, passed away in Ahmedabad at a private hospital on Wednesday at an age of 85-years. Hospital authorities said that he was admitted for lung infection and was kept on ventilator for past nine days. Acharya was in city for chaturmaas and was staying at Paldi Opera Jain Sangh. He was heading the vast monk community of 612 monks including 52 acharya, 4 upadhyay and 60 panyas, said his devotees. His 'palkhi' will start from Paldi Opera Jain Sangh to Ambli from 8am on Thursday. His last rites will be performed at Ambli at 3:00 PM.



"He was born in Mumbai as Jawaharlal in the family having native in Patan. Influenced by religion, he had taken diksha at the age of 14 years in Mumbai from Acharya Bhuvanbhanusuri. He was known for his vast knowledge of shastra, aagam and other religious texts," said a Jain community leader. In his lifetime, he had wrote about 40,000 shlokas and due to expertise on diverse topics, he had earned sobriquet of 'the living library of Jainism.' He was scholar of Sanskrit, Prakrit languages along with grammar, nayaya and other literary forms. Acharya Padmasagarsuri termed the Acharya as 'mahanayak' of Jain community and said that he influenced Jain scholarship deeply with his knowledge and expertise. Muni Mitranandsagar said that the entire Jain community is paying homage to one of the foremost Acharya of his time and a guiding light to millions.

### SURAT : TWO JAIN SADHVIS CLEAR SHATAVDHA N TEST



Surat : In a rare display of great mental dexterity and alacrity, two Jain sadhvis cleared the tough mental test, Shatavdhan, in the city on Sunday. With this feat, the duo - Sadhvi Shree Devanshitashree Maharaj, 22 and Sadhvi Shree Viranshitashree Maharaj, 25 - have become Shatavdhananis. Disciples of Acharya Sagarchandra Sagar Suriji Maharaj, the female monks took the test at Dhanera Aradhna Bhavan of Vesu Jain Shwetambar Murti Pujak Sangh in Vesu.

Sadhvi Devanshitashree took monkhood 11 years ago while Sadhvi Viranshitashree turned a monk six years ago. "It is the first instance where two sadhvis have cleared Shatavdhan test and that too preparing for it in a very short span of time," exuded Acharya Sagarchandra Sagar Suriji, while talking to TOI. Acharya further explained that various techniques are employed to develop this particular memory skill in the disciples.

What Is Shatavdhan?

Shatavdhan is a challenge to remember 100 different names in the exact same order. While 'Shat' means 100 and 'Avdhan' means 'to memorize', a number of techniques are used by the participants to store memory and also for better retrieval. In the test various people in the audience posed 100 objects to the duo, of which, at least 10 options are shown silently. The sadhvis named the objects serially number-wise and could also give correct number to a specific object when asked randomly. They also repeated all the 100 names in the reverse order.

The questioning continued for one and half hours, which the duo could repeat in just seven minutes only. The 100 names included places of pilgrimage, monks and their disciples, legendary Indians and flowers.

### JAIN SAINTS CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE NON-VIOLENCE, VEGETARIANISM

Jain saints have begun a year long campaign to promote non-violence, stop foeticide as well to press United Nations to organise concrete programs on October 2 – the International Day of Non-Violence. The campaign marks 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as well as 75<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Jainacharya Shree Rajyasurishwarji Maharaj. The campaign will also focus spreading the message of vegetarianism. A convention in this regard was also organised in the city on Sunday. Talking to media persons ahead of the campaign, Shree Rajyasurishwarji Maharaj informed that eminent personalities from different walks of lives will participate in the campaign.



The Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Maharaj's birthday began on July 5. The Maharaj said, "Foeticide is a shame on our society. There is a need to create awareness that we have no right to take lives of others, whoever they are."

It was only on Thursday that Navghanji Thakor, a Thakor leader put a post on Facebook to revive the tradition of infanticide of girls, as there are cases of girls marrying outside the community. "We need to create awareness against these false beliefs. These people are misguided. It is good that state Women's Commission has reprimanded the person," said Maharaj. On infanticide, he said that close to four crore abortions are being conducted in the the country every year and some doctors who have conducted abortions are not remorseful. They will also participate in the campaign. Another major issue that will be taken up during the year is urging the United Nations to organise concrete programs as a part of International Day of Non-Violence, celebrated on October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. "The UN celebrates the day as a formality.

It was belief that there can be no non-violence in politics, but Gandhiji proved them wrong and enabled India achieve freedom through non-violence. He is an inspiration for all. We need to celebrate the day in a more constructive way," he said. Also on the agenda is promotion of vegetarian diet, as the human body is not suited to consume flesh as food. He pressed upon the fact that when people are made to understand the impact of their acts, they have a change of their heart. "We need to create awareness first," he said.



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