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## NGO'S TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SAYS DR. MANMOHAN SINGH



On the 77th birth anniversary celebration of His Holiness Acharya Sushil Kumar Ji Maharaj, Dr. Manmohan Singh the Chief Guest on the occasion stressed that NGO's should come forward more actively and supplement the efforts of the Government for the upliftment of the cross section of the society in the fields of education, health and humanity. He said, Vishwsa Ahimsa Sangh, which was promoted by Acharya Sushil Kumarji is one of the organizations working in this field. Acharya Ji was concerned about the plight of the women, socio economic conditions, peace, non-violence and environment. On this occasion Dr Manmohan Singh also talked about the other associates working for the noble cause shown by Acharya Ji like Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Kendra, Mahavir International Mission and Spastic Society. Vishwa Ahimsa Sangh paid its homage by donating artificial limbs and tricycles to the handicapped and the needy. The other members present were Shri Mulk Raj Jain, President and Shri Shekhar Chand Jain, Treasurer and Shri P. C. Jain, Member of Vishwa Ahimsa Sangh.

## SIX YEARS OLD CHILD MUNI RECITES AND EXPLAINS 1400 SHLOKAS FROM JAIN SHASTRA

Possibly, the youngest amongst all Jain saints during the last 1000 years, Bal Muni Tribhuvan Ratna Vijay Ji, was accepted to Jain order by well-known Acharya Shri Gun Ratna Vijay Ji Maharaj at the mass Diksha ceremony held last year at Palitana. The young muni has already earned his name at this tender age by his extra-ordinary powers of memorising shlokas and explaining their interpretation in Hindi or Gujarati languages. So far, he has already learnt by heart 1400 shlokas in Prakrit and sanskrit from Jain scriptures. He can explain their meaning. It is miraculous to see that he has not only remembered the shlokas but he gives a clear and simple elucidation of each of the verses. He is strictly following all the codes meant for Jain sadhus and has been carrying on with his religious studies under the guidance of other saints. Though belonging to a multi-millionaire family of Saurashtra, he along-with his father, mother and sister had taken Diksha together from Acharya Maharaj. The Chaturmas of Acharya Gun Ratna Surishwar Ji this year is being held at Girdhar Nagar, Shahi Bag in Ahmedabad. The Bal Muni is also in the same group with the Acharya.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR JAIN STUDENTS TO STUDY IN UNITED STATES

The newly-established Indo-US Institute of Management and Technology (IUIMT) has entered into a collaboration with Troy State University, Alabama State in the United States of America for Under-Graduate courses like Computer Science, Information Technology, Mass communication and Business Management. Under the scheme, the students admitted to IUIMT after 10+2 will undergo two years study programme at the Institute here and will thereafter proceed to USA for carrying out the next two years study at the Troy University. The under-graduate degree for the course will be awarded by the American University. According to the Managing Partener of the Institute, Mr. Manindra Jain, 5 percent of the seats at the Institute will be reserved for students belonging to Jain community. It is felt that there will be better job opportunities abroad for the students owing to their U.S. degree. The address of the Institute is: D-10/5, Okhla Phase II, New Delhi. E-Mail: Mkja@bol.net.in

## ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUE IN COLD STORAGE AFTER THE EXIT OF MENAKA GANDHI

The burning issues concerning animal protection and animal welfare and closing down of slaughter-houses in the country seems to have been put into cold storage with the removal of Smt. Menaka Gandhi and Mr. C.P. Thakur from the Central Ministry. The portfolio of Animal welfare has not been allocated to any other Minister or attached to any other Ministry and as a result, no one is owing any responsibility for the committees constituted earlier by Mrs. Menaka Gandhi for looking after the subject of animal cruelty. It is understood that the powerful lobby belonging to multi-national pharmaceutical companies had all along been working against the Animal Welfare Ministry because it was totally opposed to the use of animals for research work. With the support of Mr. C.P. Thakur, the lobby had taken up the matter with the Prime Minister and it succeeded in their effort to get the ouster of Mrs. Menaka Gandhi from the Ministry. The Jain samaj must now take up the matter unitedly so that killing of poor animals in the name of research is stopped immediately.





### **SIX HUNDRED SAINTS & SADHWIS COLLECT AT PALITANA TEERTH**

It is for the first time that more than 600 Jain sadhus and sadhwis belonging to Murti-Pujak sect and disciples of Acharya Shri Vijay Ram Chandra surishwar Ji Maharaj collected for chaturmas this year Palitana, the holy pilgrimage centre for all Jains. Acharya Gachhadhipati Prashantmoorty Shri Vijay Mahodaya Surishwar Ji Maharaj, Head of the sect had attained Nirvan in Ahmedabad on the 28th April, 2002 after taking Samadhi. Earlier, he had expressed his wish to hold the next chaturmas at Palitana and therefore to fulfil his wishes, even after his Nirvan, his followers, which consisted of 15 Acharyas and a large number of saints and sadhwis decided to hold this chaturmas at Palitana. The stay of all the saints has been arranged at Sanchori Dharm Shala and that of sadhwis at Maharashtra Bhawan: Panna-Rupa and at Saudharma Niwas.

### **DIGAMBAR ACHARYA VARDHMAN SAGAR JI ENTERS UDAIPUR FOR CHATURMAS**

The Acharya of Digambar sect, 108 Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji Maharaj alongwith nine other saints and seventeen Aryikas made their holy entry into the town of Udaipur in Rajasthan on the 1st July, 2002 for their annual Chaturmas. They were received by the followers and taken into the city in a large procession. 51 Toran gates were erected in the route of the procession.

### **NOMINATION FOR AWARDS INVITED BY BHAGWAN MAHAVIR FOUNDATION, CHENNAI**

Bhagwan Mahavir Foundation, Chennai announces and award for the best title in Jainism. The award comprises Rupees Two Lakhs. For more information contact: Bhagavan Mahavir Foundation, Post Box No. 2983, Ponnatha Lane, Triplicane High Road, Chennai-600005 Ph: 8571066

### **JAIN MUNI MAITARYA JI M.S. CONTINUES WITH HIS SANTHARA FOR THE LAST 36 DAYS**

Muni Maitarya Ji Maharaj belonging to Terapanth Dharam Sangh , staying at Udasar near Bikaner in Rajasthan had accepted 'Santhara' (Fast for renouncing the world till death) more than 35 days ago. Prior to that, he had undergone 7 days intensive austerity (Tapasya). Muni Ji had taken diksha at the age of 50 years under Acharya Tulsi and at present, he is 75 years old. He is strictly observing all the restrictions, to be followed during the period of santhara. Visitors, in large numbers from far and near are coming to the place every day to have his darshan and to pay respects to him, praying for the redemption and salvation of the holy soul. According to the news, he is in quite stable condition, talking briefly and giving his blessings to all.

### **SCULPTURES OF TIRTHANKARAS DISCOVERED**

Sculptures of twenty-four Tirthankaras, in huge quantities of 1230, 1247 and 1239, varying between 1 foot and 5 feet height, have been discovered during excavation recently at Virochan Nagar, 20 K. M. away from Sanand. It is believed that this was a saved collection during Mughal attack.

### **MAGNIFICENT ANCIENT JAIN TEMPLES AT RAJ SAMAND (RAJ.) IN DILAPIDATED CONDITION**

Raj Samand District in Udaipur division of Rajasthan possesses rich ancient heritage of significant historical importance but the temples here, unlike those at Mt. Abu and Jaisalmer have not drawn the attention of the Archeology or Tourism Departments so far and these remain in a state of neglect. It is said that at one time, the north-eastern region of the district had hundreds of Jain temples around but with the passage of time, most of these temples have been destroyed and lost. Presently, only five temples, one belonging to Digambar and four belonging to Shwetambar sects exist in village Delwara, at a distance of 40 km. from Rajsamand and located on the National Highway no. 8. These temples, supposed to be 900 years old, are left behind out of the vast heritage which lack proper care and maintenance, lying in dilapidated condition and are losing their identity.

The State Departments of Archeology and Tourism have so far shown little concern to take care of these monuments, which possess exquisite architectural beauty and in no way less than those at Dilwara temples at Mt. Abu. The Departments concerned have not even made a mention about these magnificent temples anywhere in their publicity material. The main temple, having an image of Bhagwan Parshwa nath Ji also carries images of several other Tirthankars, such as Kunthu nath ji, Sambhav nath ji, Suparshwa nath ji, Ajit nath ji, Shanti nath ji, Sumati nath ji and Mahavir Swamy, which are installed in an under-ground cellar. The sabha Mandap on the main floor, in front of the image of Mool Nayak, is resting on 444 pillars, the carved designs of each of which is different from the other one. On the entrance gate (Toran Dwar), statues of Brahma, Laxmi and Sarswati are installed. Besides, several images of exquisitely carved gods and goddesses, are installed in a hall, which rests on 108 pillars each of which are carved in ancient style. The management of the temples at present is reportedly under the control of Jain Mahasabha, Udaipur but possibly due to lack of resources, adequate care as well as publicity is lacking. It is high time that some of the Jain organisation, which have the means and resources can come forward and take over the work of their overall maintenance and development of the entire premises, along-with the building of necessary facilities for the stay of pilgrims visiting the place for worship. It would go a long way in preserving an ancient heritage of Jain society and attract pilgrims from all over the country and abroad.

### **ACHARYA GUN RATNA SURI JI DEMANDS CLOSURE OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES IN GUJARAT**

The Jain Acharya Shri Gun Ratna Surishwar Ji Maharaj expressed his deep agony at the ever-increasing number of slaughter-houses in the country, and that too, during the Ahimsa Year officially declared by the Government. He was giving his discourse at Ahmedabad after his Mangal-Pravesh into Girdhar Nagar-Shahibag Upasray, where a huge congregation had been arranged in his honour. He said that on one side, the Government was celebrating the various functions concerning Bhagwan Mahavir and on the other side, it was allowing the merciless killing of poor and mute animals in large numbers every day. Many eminent persons from Jain Samaj were honoured on this occasion.



### **PAPERS ARE INVITED FOR SAYAMBHU AWARD**

Run by Digambar Jain Atishay Kshetra Sri Mahavirji, the Apabhramsha Sahitya Academi, Jaipur is inviting papers related to Apabhramsha literature, in Hindi and English, for Sayambhu Award 2002, which carries Rs. 21001 and a citation. The intending participants are requested to write to: Dr. Kamal Chand Sogani, Apabhramsha Sahitya Academi, Digambar Jain Nasiyan Bhattakarji, Sawai Ramsingh Road, Jaipur-302004.

### **ACHARYA HASTI HOSPITAL BUILT BY MAHAVIR INTERNATIONAL AT ALWAR**

Mahavir International, Alwar has recently built a full-fledged hospital at Alwar and named it as Acharya Hasti Hospital. The inauguration of the hospital was done by Shri Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan. Shri Jaswant Yadav, Member of Parliament from Alwar who is also a member of Mahavir International donated a sum of Rs, 5 lakhs and an Ambulance car for the hospital. Shri Rajendra Singh Bafna, International President of the Organisation and many State Ministers, prominent leaders and donors who had gifted large sums of money for building the hospital were all present at the inauguration.

### **14TH CENTURY STATUE OF BHAGWAN PARSHWANATH RECOVERED AT MANDSORE**

An ancient statue of Tirthankar Parshwa nath Ji, supposed to belong to the 14th century has been recovered during digging in the base of the river Shivna near Mandsore town in Madhya Pradesh. The statue, made of stone, according to Archeologist, Shri Kailash Chandra Pande, is about 800 years old and belongs to Digambar sect. It shows Bhagwan Parshwa nath in padmasan posture resting over 'Nagkundali'. The Collector of the District has ordered to place the statue for public viewing in Yashodharman museum. Along-with this statue, other two statues, one of Ganapathi and other of Vishnu-Laxmi have also been recovered and have been placed in the same museum.

### **PRAKASH BHAWAN DEDICATED TO JAIN SAMAJ AT SAMMET SHIKHAR JI FOR PILGRIMS**

A newly-constructed building, housing modern air-conditioned living accommodation, a library and reading room and a photo gallery was inaugurated recently at Madhuban, Sammet Shikhar Ji and was dedicated to Jain samaj. The programme was held in the holy presence of Digambar saint, Shri Chandra Sagar Ji Maharaj. Eminent persons present on the occasion included Sahu Shri Ramesh Chand Jain, President of Bharatvarshiya Digambar Jain Teerth Kshetra Committee as chief guest and Prof. Narendra Prakash Jain, Editor of Jain Gazette and Shri Nirmal Kumar Jain. The people who had given donations for the construction of this building were honoured with shawl and a souvenir.

### **U. P. BANS GUTKA AND PAN MASALA BY THE ORDER OF HIGH COURT**

In line with the action taken by the Government of Maharashtra, The Uttar Pradesh Government has also taken steps to ban the manufacture, sale and distribution of Gutka and Pan Masala by the order of the High Court of U.P. at Allahabad with immediate effect. The court accepted that the manufacture and sale of these items was against the spirit of Article 21 of the Constitution, being harmful and injurious to human health and therefore, a ban on their manufacture, sale and distribution was necessary. It is understood that the State Government had already issued notices to various companies in State, engaged in their manufacture and sale. The Government of Rajasthan is also seriously considering now to promulgate the orders to impose ban on Gutka and Pan Masala all over the State, keeping in view the increasing number of Cancer cases and adverse effect on the younger generation, even though the ban would mean a big loss of revenue to the State. Before imposing the ban orders, however, the Government would like to ensure that people having vested interest will not be able to obtain stay order from the courts.

*Late News: It is reported that Supreme Court of India has recently allowed a stay on the orders passed by the Allahabad High Court.*

### **STILL ANOTHER THEFT OF JAIN STATUES FROM INDORE TEMPLE**

Several cases of theft of valuable and sacred statues of Tirthankars from Jain temples have occurred and have been reported in these columns in the recent past. Hardly in any of the cases, the culprits have been brought to book and punished. The local authorities have invariably been taking these cases of theft in a light manner. The result is that the reoccurrence of theft cases goes on. The latest one is what happened in a Digambar Jain temple in the heart of Indore city itself very recently. Five statues, made of ashta-dhatu, belonging to Shri Adi nath Ji, Muni Suvrat Ji, Parshwa Nath Ji, Mahavir Swamy and Bahu Bali Ji were removed by thieves from Parshwa Dham Digambar Jain temple at Vaishno devi Nagar there. It was found that the thieves had entered the temple during night time by breaking open the jali in the steel window. The matter had been promptly reported to the local police the very next morning and the police urged to arrest the culprits immediately.



## CONTINUOUS RECITATION SYSTEM FOR NAMOKAR MANTRA DEVELOPED AT BHOPAL

An electronic system has been designed and developed by an Acupressure therapist at Bhopal, Dr. Devendra Jain. The system does not need any tape or cassette and is totally trouble-free. It can be used in commercial buildings, hospital wards, prayer halls and factories for achieving peace, spiritual development and professional growth. Dr. Devendra Jain can be contacted at Arihant Associates, E-2/14, Arera Colony, Bhopal. Mobile: 9827067864.



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## FIFTEEN LAKHS DONATED BY L.M. SINGHVI FROM M.P. QUOTA FOR GANGANI TEERTH

Dr. Lakshmi Mal Singhvi, Member of Parliament, and eminent Jurist donated a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs from his M.P. quota for the resurrection of Shwetambar Jain Temple of Bhagwan Shri Adishwar Nath Ji at village Gangani, 35 km. from Jodhpur. According to historical findings, the temple was built originally about 2200 years ago by King Samprati, the grand son of Emperor Ashoka, who was a staunch follower of Jain religion. The money will be used for repairs, maintenance and beautification of the temple and its surroundings.

## KARUNA INTERNATIONAL ENTERS RAJASTHAN FOR SPREADING AMITY, LOVE & COMPASSION

The well-known humanitarian organisation, Karuna International, which is wholly devoted to spreading vegetarianism, non-violence, compassion, love and tolerance, specially in the schools amongst young children has now made its entry into Rajasthan with a newly opened Centre at Jodhpur. There are already 331 Centres, called Karuna Clubs operating in schools in the States of Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. The Head Office of the organisation is at Chennai. The inauguration of the Centre at Jodhpur was held on the 14th July, 2002. Justice Prakash Tatia formally inaugurated the Centre and Sri D.R. Mehta was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

## REGIONAL CONVENTION OF ALL INDIA MARWARI SAMAJ, WOMEN'S WING

The second Regional Convention of the Maharashtra Women's wing of All India Marwari samaj was held at Danvir Shiromani Bhamashah Nagar in Pune on the 18th May, 2002 with much funfair under the auspices of the Jain Conference. The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Central Minister for Women's Development. The other important guests present on the occasion included Smt. Vinay Jain, Chairperson, Women's wing of the Jain Conference, Smt. Neelam Jain, Treasurer, Jain Conference and Ku. Sharmila Jain, Dy. Superintendent, Police at Pune. (Photo sent by courier)



## JAIN TEMPLES IN NEW JERSEY AREA - USA

1. Blirstown temple: There is a well-known temple called, Siddhachalam (located at 65, Mud Pond Road, Blirstown, NJ 07825. Telephone: (908) 362 - 9793 [www.imjm.org](http://www.imjm.org) Timing: Best time to reach the temple and have darshan : Sat. & Sun. 4 to 7 P.M. Direction for reaching Siddhachalam: Take exit 12 off IS 80 in New Jersey; follow sign to BLAIRSTOWN; make first right hand turn on Silver Lake Road (#608) and proceed on that road for 1.2 miles; make a left turn on Cooke Road; at Stop Sign make a right hand turn on the T - Junction; fourth property on your left hand side is SIDDHACHALAM.
2. Cherry Hill temple: To reach temple at the Cherry Hill, take NJTP Exit 4. Right on Rt.73N. Go about 5 Miles. Left on High St. Right at "T" Junction. 1st Left on Park Ave. Pass 2 TL, Pass School. The Derasar is on the left.
3. Caldwell temple: GSP Exit 145 for Rt. 280W. Take Exit 5B for Caldwell (Rt. 527). Right at "T" Junction. Left on Roseland Ave. Go about 0.75 Mile. Left on Borough Place (Church). Left on Runnymede Ave. Left at "T" Junction. Derasar on Left. There is one temple at Briggs cheny road - A Jain temple with mutrhi of lord Shanitnath, Neminath and Cahndha prabhu. There is also idol of guru. The temple is open on sundays 10.00-12.00.

## LIST OF JAIN MONUMENTS FOR WHICH FUNDS HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED BY CENTRAL GOVT.

(News Courtesy: Shri L. L. Achha, General Secretary, Bhagwan Mahavir 2600th Janm Kalyanak Mahotsav Mahasamiti. E-Mail: [mahavirkendra@mantraonline.com](mailto:mahavirkendra@mantraonline.com))

Central Govt. has already released funds through CPWD for the development of infrastructure facilities at the following thirty Jain monuments. Central Govt. has also released funds through Archeological Survey of India for the development of infrastructure facilities at the following fifty-four places having Jain monuments.

State	Place	Amount (Rs.)
Bihar	1. Vaishali	4,52,00,000
	2. Pawapuri	2,41,00,000
	3. Kshatriya Kundgram, Lachwar	1,25,00,000
Rajasthan	1. Pagaliaji Temple & Rishabdev Temple (Kesariyaji, Udaipur)	1,00,00,000
	2. Ranakpur Jain Trith, disst. Pali	1,00,00,000
	3. Jain Temple at Dilwara, Mount Abu	3,00,00,000
	4. Neminathji Jain Temple, Amer, Jaipur	49,81,000
	5. Panchin Dig. Jain Mandir, Viratnagar, Jaipur	48,95,000
Madhya Pradesh	1. Jaina Temple Bawangaja, Distt. Barwani	49,99,000
	2. Shree 1008 Pasharvnath Dig. Jain Temple, Panchayati Bada Mandir, Deedwana Oil, Sarafabazar, Gwalior	35,00,000
	3. Jain Temple at Sonagiri, Datia	29,82,000
	4. Shreyansgiri, Distt. Panna	24,90,000
	5. Jain Temple Gandharvpuri, Dewas	4,50,000
	6. Urvaha, Shree Dig. Jain Atishay Kshetra, Urvaha, Narwar, Shivpuri	25,00,000
Gujarat	1. Old Temple Campus Umata, Mehsana	54,18,000
	2. Kumbhariaji Temple Campus at Ambaji, disst. Banaskatha	24,72,000
	3. Sri Chandraprabhu Jinalaya Temple at Bhiloda, Distt. Banaskantn	13,68,000
Rajasthan	1. Achalgarh Jain Tirth, Mount Abu	25,00,000
	2. Jain Temple at Jawar Mines, Udaipur	25,00,000
	3. Development of Van Aushadhi Part at Mahavirji, Distt. Karauli	22,45,000
	4. Jain Temple at Ludruvapatn, Jaisalmer	15,00,000
	5. Jain Temple at Amarsagar, Jaisalmer	15,00,000
Uttar Pradesh	1. Development work at Hastinapur	14,80,000
	2. Digamber Jain Sidhkshetra, Shoripur, Bateshwar, Agra	25,00,000
	3. Digamber Jain Atishay Kshetra, Dudhai, Lalitpur	25,00,000
	4. Ancient Jain Temple at Badagaon, distt. Baghpat	24,92,000
	5. Bhagwan Rishabdev Dig. Jain Tirth, Siron, Madavara, Lalitpur	20,00,000
	6. Shree Dig. Jain Atishaya Kshetra Vehlana, Distt. Muzaffrnagar	19,34,000

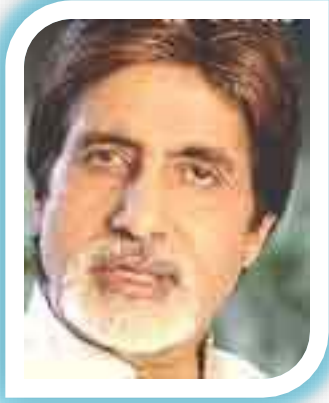
Punjab	1. Jain Samarak, Ludhiana	15,00,000
Karnataka	1. Shree Digambara, Saharaskuta, Jinalaya, Arsikre, Disst. Hassan	6,36,000
	Grand Total	19,31,42,000

**SARDAR PATEL AWARD PROGRAM FOR PH.D. ON ANY INDIAN SUBJECT AT US UNIVERSITY**

Indian Americans and Friends of India will be happy to know about the Sardar Patel award program at UCLA (University of California Los Angeles) instituted in 1999. Every year \$10,000 is awarded to a PHD student whose thesis on any Indian subject is rated as the best. There were 13 applicants in the year 2000 and only 4 last year. This year the sponsors have not received any so far. If you know of a deserving PHD student working on a thesis relating to India, please telephone Shri Navin Doshi collect at 310 641 7348.

State	Place	Amount (Rs.)
Andhra Pradesh	Jain Temple and remains at Danavalapadu. Distt. Cuddapah	15,00,000
Bihar	1. Rock cut caves Sonbhandar, Rajgiri, Nalanda	15,00,000
	2. Jain Temple Vaibhar Hill, Rajgiri, Distt. Nalanda	6,00,000
Chhatisgarh	Bhand Deul, Arang Raipur,	6,00,000
Gujarat	1. Junagadhi temple, Vasai Distt. Jamnagar	7,00,000
	2. Jain Temple (Pawagarh), Panchmahal	19,00,000
Himachal Pradesh	1. Shrines having Jain deities at Kangra Fort, Kangra	60,00,000
Karnatka	1. Group of monuments Panchkuta Basti, Kamboth Hill, Distt. Mandya	10,00,000
	2. Kunthanatha Basadi (Hampi)	15,00,000
	3. Group of monuments at Hassan, Sravanbelgola	15,00,000
	4. Group of monument at Moodbedri, South Kanara	30,00,000
	5. Group of Jain Temples on Hema kuta Hills, Hampi	20,00,000
	6. Three Jain Temples in Mullur, Distt. Koorg	5,00,000
	7. Group of Jain monuments Hellebid, Hassan	10,00,000
	8. Shantimatha Jain a Basti, Shimoga, Bandalika	10,00,000
	9. Basti and Inscriptions, Hoomcha Distt. Shimoga	5,00,000
	10. Jain Basti and Brahamadeva Pillar, Distt. Shimoga, Meolagi	5,00,000
		29,50,000
	11. Chaturmukha Basadi at Gerusoppa	
	12. Bahubali statue at Karkala Hampi	30,40,000
	13. Kamla Basti Belgaum	5,00,000
	14. Jain Temple (Pattadakal)	46,00,000
	15. Chaturmukha Basadi at Gerusoppa	24,00,000

Kerala	1.Jain Temple Kidanaganad,Sultan Battery, Wayanad	8,00,000	
Madhya Pradesh	1.Jain Temple No. 1 to 5 Bundi Distt. Chanderi	50,00,000	
	2.Maladevi Temple, Gyaraspur	20,00,000	
	3.Rock cut Jain collosi, Gwalior	10,00,000	
	4.Jain Temple No. 1 at Un Khargone	44,00,000	
	5.Udaigiri caves 1 & 20	48,00,000	
	6.Temple No. 1 to 3 at Un Khargone	79,00,000	
Orissa	1.Rock cut caves Udaigiri, Bhubneswar	18,00,000	
	2.Rock cut caves, Khandagiri, Bhubneswar	32,00,000	
Rajasthan	1. Rock inscriptions (12th century A. D.)Bijolia, Bhilwara	14,00,000	
	2.Ancient ruins and structural remains Krishnavilas, Kota Baran	60,00,000	
	3.Chittorgarh	Fort	
	1.Kirti	Stumbh19,00,000	
	2.Parshavnath Temple		
	4.Shiva Temple Complex, Neelkanth, Distt. Alwar Naugaja Temple	15,00,000	
	5.Jain Temple (4) within the Fort Khumbhalgarh	54,00,000	
	6.Jain Temple, Arthuna, Banswara	36,00,000	
	Tamil Nadu	1.Jain Temple Eladipattam Sittannavasal	5,00,000
		2.Jain Temple Mettupudur	5,00,000
3.Jain Temple Thirumalai		24,00,000	
4.Jain and Bhagwati Temple, Chitral Kenya Kumari		30,00,000	
Uttar Pradesh	1.Jain Temple Banpur Distt. Lalitpur	5,00,000	
	2.Jain Temple, Chandpur, Distt. Lalitpur	5,00,000	
	3.Jain Temple, Deogarh, Distt. Lalitpur	5,00,000	
	4.Jain Temple, Dudhai, Distt. Lalitpur	5,00,000	
	5.Jain Temple, Madanpur, Distt. Lalitpur	5,00,000	
	6.Jain Temple Sirondhurd, Distt. Lalitpur	5,00,000	
	7.Jain Temple, Sukora, Distt. Mahoba	5,00,000	
	8. Jain Temple, Sravasti Distt. Sravasti,	5,00,000	
	9.24th Jain Tirthankar Temple, Mahoba	5,00,000	
	10.Jain Temple, Deogarh, Distt. Lalitpur	5,00,000	

**AMITABH BACHHAN AND ISHA DEOL WIN THE HOTTEST VEGETARIAN ALIVE CONTEST-2002**

In an Internet poll conducted by Peta India on its web site, [www.petaindia.com](http://www.petaindia.com), 15000 voters cast their votes in favour of vegetarian food. Out of a large number of dignitaries and famous personalities, the two persons, who won the coveted award were film star Amitabh Bachhan and actress Isha Deol.. Amitabh Bachhan has become a living legend of Indian films, having done lead roles in more than 70 films. The success of films, Janjeer and Deewar sent him to new heights in Bollywood. He has been taking vegetarian food and propagating vegetarianism for many years. According to him, the key to his success at this age is the vegetarian food he takes, which keeps him physically fit all through.



Isha Deol, daughter of another famous film star, Hema Malini has a great liking for vegetarian menu, like her mother. She has understood the significance of vegetarianism and is now a strong propagator of vegetarianism. The other film and modelling personalities who participated in the contest included top model, John Abraham, South Indian film star, Madhavan, Pamela Anderson, Actor Netaly Portman, Gladiator star, Joaquin Phonex and super model Yana Gupta.

**CHATURMAS OF DIGAMBAR SAINTS**

1. Acharya Sh.Vardhman Sagarji Maharaj at Udaipur.
2. Acharya Sh.Bharat Sagarji Maharaj at Barabanki (U.P.)
3. Acharya Sh.Subal Sagarji Maharaj at Shedbal (North Karnatak)
4. Acharya Sh.Devnandiji Maharaj at Sholapur.
5. Acharya Sh.Abhinanand Sagarji Maharaj at Salumbar, Dist. Udaipur (Raj.)
6. Acharya Sh.Rayan Sagarji Maharaj at Loharia, Dungarpur.
7. Acharya Sh.Kanaknandiji Maharaj at Pratapgarh Dist. Chittore Garh (Raj.)
8. Acharya Sh.Kumudnandiji Maharaj at Vijay Nagar (Guj.)
9. Acharya Sh.Sanmati Sagarji Maharaj at Katargaon, Surat.
10. Acharya Sh.Kunthu Sagarji Maharaj at Kshem Srinagar Dist. Kolhapur.
11. Acharya Sh.Kushagra Nandiji Maharaj at Pahari Dheeraj, Delhi.
12. Acharya Sh.Sidhant Sagarji Maharaj at Indore.
13. Acharya Sh.Vimal Sagarji Maharaj at Dhulia, Dist. Murshidabad (W.B.)
14. Acharya Sh.Padam Nandiji Maharaj at Durg (M.P.)
15. Acharya Sh.Kalyan Sagarji Maharaj at Chattisgarh.
16. Muni Sh.Dharm Bhushanji & Muni Sh.Anekant Sagarji Maharaj at Surat.
17. Muni Sh.Tarun Sagarji Maharaj at Ratlam (M.P.)
18. Muni Sh.Nirbhay Sagarji Maharaj at Borivalli, Bombay.
19. Muni Sh.Kshma Sagarji & Muni Sh.Samata Sagarji Maharaj at Jaipur.
20. Acharya Sidhant Sagarji Maharaj at Indore.
21. Muni Sh. Pulak Sagarji Maharaj at Greater Gwalior.

**CHATURMAS OF SHWETAMBAR MURTI-PUJAK SAINTS**

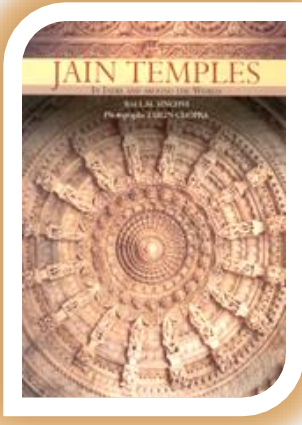
1. Acharya Gun Ratna Surishwarji Maharaj at Girdhar Nagar, Shahi Bag,Ahmedabad.
2. Gachhadhipati Shri Ratnakar Surishwarji Maharaj at Ludhiana.
3. Acharya Sh. Padam Sagar Surishwarji Maharaj at Sadri (Raj. )
4. Acharya Gun Ratna Surishwarji Maharaj at Girdhar Nagar, Shahi Bag, Ahmedabad
5. Gachhadhipati Sh.Ratnakar Surishwarji Maharaj at Ludhiana.
6. Acharya Sh.Padam Sagar Surishwarji Maharaj at Sadri (Raj.)
7. Acharya Vijay Suryodaya Surishwarji, Acharya Vijay Sheel Chandra Surishwarji Maharaj & Acharya Vijay Bhadrassen Surishwarji, at Chikpet, Bangalore.
8. Acharya Vijay Jayantsen Surishwarji at Nainawa, Diist. Banaskantha, (Guj.)



9. Acharya Vijay Gunratna Surishwarji, Acharya Vijay Prem Surishwarji, Acharya Vijay Bhuvan Bhanuji & Muni Sh.Rashmiratna Vijayji at Girdharnagar, Shahibag, Ahmedabad.
10. Acharya Vijay Gunodaya Sagarji Maharaj at Jogeshwari (E), Bombay.
11. Acharya Vijay Poornanand Surishwarji at Chembur, Bombay.
12. Acharya Vijay Vimal Bhadra Surishwarji at Elphinston Road, Bombay.
13. Acharya Vijay Suryodaya Surishwarji at Ghatkopar, Bombay.
14. Acharya Vijay Hemendra Surishwarji at Kakinada (A.P.)
15. Acharya Vijay Bhanuchandra Surishwarji at Patan, (Guj.)
16. Acharya Vijay Kali Prabha Surishwarji Maharaj at Valsad (Guj.)
17. Acharya Sh.Nardev sagar Surishwarji Maharaj at Secunderabad.
18. Muni Sh.Jambu Vijayji Maharaj at Nakoda Teerth, Dist. Barmer (Raj.)
19. Muni Sh.Lalit Shekhar Vijayji Maharaj at Davangiri (Karnatak)
20. Muni Sh.Hitruchi Vijayji Maharaj at Gandhi Nagar (Guj.)
21. Muni Sh.Hemchandra Surishwarji at Naranpura, Ahmedabad.
22. Muni Sh.Vijay Vimal Sagarji at Malad, Bombay.
23. Acharya Jeetendra Sagarji Maharaj at Navsari.
24. Muni Jai Ratna Vijayji Maharaj at Mt. Abu.

#### **CHATURMAS OF SHWETAMBAR STHANAKWASI SAINTS**

1. Acharya Dr.Shiv Muniji Maharaj at Ludhiana
2. Acharya Sh.Hira Chandji Maharaj at Balkeshwar.
3. Acharya Sh.Ram Lalji maharaj at Sardar Shahar, Dist. Bikaner.
4. Acharya Sh.Hira Chandji Maharaj at Balkeshwar, Bombay.
5. Acharya Sh.Mahapragyaji Maharaj (Tera Panth) at Ahmedabad.
6. Acharya Sh.Shubh Chandji Maharaj (Sh.Jay Malji sect) at Jodhpur.
7. Acharya Sh.Sudarshan Lalji Maharaj at Jaipur.
8. Acharya Sh.Vijay Rajji Maharaj at Beawar (Raj.)
9. Gachhadhipati Sh.Champa Lalji Maharaj at Jodhpur.
10. Upadhyay Sh.Manoharji Muni Maharaj at Veer Nagar, New Delhi.
11. Upadhyay Sh.Man Chandji Maharaj at Holnatha Dist. Dhulia (M.S.)
12. Shastri Sh.Padam Chandji Maharaj at Peetampura, Delhi.
13. Pravartak Sh.Kundan Rishiji, Muni Sh.Pravin Rishiji at Jalgaon.
14. Pravartak Sh.Roop Chandji Maharaj at Sojat City, (Raj.)
15. Up-Pravartak Dr. Rajendraji Muni and Sh.Rameshji Muni at Jullundur, Punjab
16. Muni Sh.Parshwa Chandraji Maharaj (Sh.Jay Malji sect) at Chennai.
17. Sh. Kamalji Muni Kamlesh at Changalpeth (T.N.)
18. Sh.Saubhagyaji Muni , Sh.Vinay Muniji Maharaj etc. at Shahi Bag, Ahmedabad.
19. Sh.Namra Muniji Maharaj at Rajkot.
20. Sh.Dheeraj Muni Maharaj (Gondal sect) at Ghatkopar (Bombay)
21. Sh.Prakash Chandji at Raikot Dist. Ludhiana.
22. Sh.Vinayji Muni Maharaj at Ambala.
23. Sh.Vimalji Muni and Sh.Virendraji Muni Maharaj at Bangalore.
24. Sh.Gautamji Muni Maharaj (Sh.Jay Malji Sect) at Palasani Dist. Jodhpur.
25. Sh.Rakeshji Muni Maharaj (Terapanthi) at Ladnu (Raj.)
26. Sh.Bhaskarji swamy at Surendra Nagar (Guj.)
27. Sadhwi Sh.Sushil Kunwarji at Balaghat (M.P.)
28. Sadhwi Sh.Siddh Kunwarji disciple of (Raj.)
29. Pravartini Sh.Yash Kunwarji at Pali, (Raj.)
30. Mahasati Sh.Ratan Kunwarji at Ahmedabad.
31. Sadhwi Sh.Jay Malaji, Anand Prabhaji, Chandanaji, Dr.Chandra Prabhaji & Sadhwi Megh Prabhaji at Jodhpur
32. Mahasati Shanti Kunwarji Maharaj at Pali (Raj.)
33. Mahasati Sohan Kunwarji Maharaj at Merta City.
34. Mahasati Sh.Lad Kunwarji, Mahasati Sh.Sayar Kunwarji & Mahasati Sh.Maina Sundarijat Jodhpur.
35. Mahasati Sh.Ratan Kunwarji at Ahmedabad.
36. Mahasati Sh.Gyan Lataji at Indore.
37. Mahasati Sh.Prabha Kumariji at Nasik.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Shri Ashu Jain I.R.S., Income Tax Commissioner, Lucknow is to take over as Commissioner and Administator, Customs and Narcotics Act, Lucknow under the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. He had a chequered academic career through out, with a degree in Electronics Engineering from I.I.T., Kanpur with first position and also degree in law, worked in Computer industry and finally got selected in Indian Revenue Service. He has been taking active part in several religious activities.

### PREKSHA DHYAN CAMP AT KOBA-AHMEDABAD IN OCTOBER, 2002

A Preksha Dhyan Shivir is going to be organised between 21st Oct. to 30th October, 2002 at Preksha Vishva Bharti, Koba-Gandhinagar Highway near Ahmedabad. Acharya Mahapragya Ji along-with Yuvacharya Shree Mahasaman Ji & other learned Sadhus/Sadhvis will regularly conduct this Shivir and also hold meditation classes. Shivir will be benefitted by thoughtful Pravachan & Dhyan by Acharya Shree Ji himself. Seats are specially reserved for NRI Participants. The camp will be organised professionally and care will be taken to ensure proper accommodation, reading

material. Boarding & Lodging will be twin sharing in a room with A.C. and all required facilities & amenities. Cost: Tentatively Rs. 2,100/- will be the enrollment fee for each participant. Pre-reading material will be mailed well in advance to all participants so as to have proper background about the shivir. Persons having minimum qualification of graduation will be enrolled. Address for contact: "Siddharaj Bhandari, India" E-Mail: sr\_bhandari@indiatimes.com.

### FESTIVALS, CELEBRATIONS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

September 4: Svetambar sect's Paryushan-parva begins.

September 10: Samavatsari Day of Forgiveness, Paryushan ends and Digambar sect's Daslakshana starts.

September 19: Ananta-chaturdasi

September 20: Kshamavani, Day of Forgiveness, Daslakshana ends.

October 21 to 30: Preksha Dhyan Shivir at Preksha Vishva Bharti, Koba, Gandhinagar Highway, near Ahmedabad.

### DEV-LOK GAMAN OF JAIN SAINTS

1. Mahasati Tej Kunwar Ji belonging to Shraman Sangh of Sthanakwasi sect breathed her last and left for heavenly abode at the age of 93 years at Patiala.

2. Mahasati Maya Devi belonging to Shraman Sangh of Sthanakwasi sect breathed her last and left for heavenly abode at Shakti Nagar in New Delhi having completed 100 years age.

### OBITUARY

1. Shri Nemi Chand Sreemal, a prominent leader of Jain Samaj, a freedom fighter, a social worker devoted to many humanitarian organisations and a highly respected business man expired at the age of 93 years at Chhatisgarh. He had been the Chairman of Chhatisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries.
2. Shri Panna Lal Kataria, a prominent business man of Ratlam, connected with several educational institutions, a philanthropist and an active social worker, working with many humanitarian organisations at Ratlam. He expired at the age of 82 years.

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