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## "ATTITUDE IS A LITTLE THING THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE." PARYUSHAN PARVA

The annual sacred religious period of the Jains is the Paryushan Parva. This period of one week is celebrated with fasting, religious reading, observing strict conduct specified by the religion, Deva-puja (lord worshipping), telling beads, observing silence, cultivating cool and equanimity (shanti), and under spiritual guidance of monks, preferably in the holy atmosphere of temples. In Paryushan Parva one also deepens the awareness of physical well being, and the health of the life ahead in conjunction with the spiritual observations. Fasting is a form of austerity (Tapah), a vow to abstain from food and drink in whole, or part, for a fixed period of time. Fasting, when observed in a true spirit, is a process of physical self purification and spiritual meditation. The process is designed to help one, to cleanse and purify, the soul of bondage of the karma matters, and to achieve progress on the spiritual path to Moksha (liberation). Fasting has various forms, and different levels of observations, from easy to strict. A Jain may develop the practice of fasting from early childhood by observing, imitating, following, and competing others in the household, or the community.

### FOR THE FIRST TIME A JAIN MONK TRAVELLED TO KAILASH MANSAROVAR AND HOISTED JAIN FLAG



New Delhi: First time in the history of Jain society a prominent Jain Acharya, 64 years old, Roop Chandraji Maharaj hoisted Jain flag at the Astapad/Kailash mountain covered with snow. Astapad Sidhkshehra is mountain peak opposite Mount Kailash, where according to Jain history first Tirthankar, Bhagwan Rishabhdev worshipped and attained nirvana. In Jain Agams, Asthapad is referred as the actual Mount Kailash. Acharya also recited Bhaktamar Stotra and worshiped lord Rishabhdev. This Kailash Mansarover yatra was organised by Parmarth Ashram, Rishikesh for propagating international friendship. Muni Roopchandra represented Jain society along with Shankaracharya of Bhanpur Peeth, Swami Dayanand Teerth and Swami Chidanand Sarswati of Parmarth Ashram. Devotees of 13 countries joined the said Kailash Mansarover Yatra and

paid their homage to Bhagwan Shiv and Bhagwan Rishabhdev. This yatra was also joined by Jain shravak, Mr. Dheeraj Shah, Ms. Punita Shah and Ms. Bhawana Jain from Britain. Acharya Roopchandraji Maharaj hopes the Yatra will be an annual feature in future and Jain Samaj will come forward to make a pilgrim centre of Rishabh Dev at Kailash mountain, where he has hoisted the flag. This is the beginning. Courtesy: Mr. Ram Gopal Jain, E-Mail : jainramgopal@hotmail.com & siddhachakra@reddiffmail.com.

### ANCIENT VILLAGE AND A JAIN TEMPLE DISCOVERED NEAR JODHPUR

In a chance discovery, archeologists during excavation work, found the remains of a once-flourishing ninth century village and also an ancient Jain temple at village Gantiyali near Jodhpur in Rajasthan. According to Mr. Virendra Kaviya, Superintendent of Archeology Department, Rajasthan Government, some of famine workers, while under-taking 'food for work' project, came across these finds during the first week of July. The examination and study of the site strongly indicated the existence of a full-fledged township during 9th to 10th century. The existence of an ancient temple belonging to Jain Tirthankar has also been revealed there during the excavations.

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This village was probably known as Rohins Koop in that period and it used to be an important trade centre and Pratihara community ruled over the place. Pratiharas were followers of Jain religion. An edict, which contains the names of kings and description of Jain temple inscribed in Sanskrit has been also found. (Courtesy: Times of India: 22nd July, 2003.)

### **JAIN MUNI LOK PRAKASH LOKESH, TERAPANTH SECT, REPRESENTS JAIN COMMUNITY AT UNESCO PEACE CONFERENCE AT NEW DELHI**

An International Conference sponsored by UNESCO and the Government of India was organised last month at New Delhi to discuss at length and transmit a message of peace, good-will and mutual understanding amongst different nations. The objective was to bring together various countries on a common platform to create an understanding of the differing cultural values of each country and develop respect for each other. More than 50 countries participated in the conference through their representatives. The Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpai inaugurated the programme and addressed the distinguished gathering. The Director-General of UNESCO presided over the Conference. Representatives of different religious groups were also invited. On behalf of the Jain community, Jain Muni Lok Prakash Lokesh, disciple of Acharya Mahapragya, who is presently holding his Chaturmas at New Delhi attended the Conference and delivered his brilliant discourse on the subject. Accepting the role played by religious leaders in bringing religious harmony and need for their cooperation to bring global peace, amity and mutual understanding, Shri Vajpai in his inaugural address mentioned that in the absence of any spiritual endeavour, simply physical growth would not be adequate. All the countries must join together to take part in a continuous dialogue in order to develop scientific, social, financial and cultural cooperation amongst themselves.

### **FISHERMEN INSPIRED BY JAIN SAINTS LEAVE FISHERIES PROFESSION**

Twentyfive fishermen, inspired by the sermons of Digambar Jain saint Shri Chinmay Sagar Ji Maharaj and Shri Pawan Sagar Ji Maharaj left their parental profession of fishing and stopped eating meat and fish and also abandoned the habit of drinking. They took this vow at a special function at Jabalpur in the presence of Shri Nirmal Chandra Jain, Governor of Rajasthan, who was invited as Chief Guest on the occasion. The function was arranged by Digambar Jain Panchayat Sabha. They decided to lead a simple life, putting in manual labour for their livelihood.

### **IDOLS WORTH TWO BILLION RECOVERED FROM KAROLI DIST. IN RAJASTHAN**



According to a report published in Dainik Bhaskar (26th July), 73 idols belonging to Jain Tirthankars, as well as those of Vaishnav Gods, like Vishnu, Indra, Ganesh, Lakshmi Narayan, Parvati, Natesh and women were recovered by the police during investigations of a case against famous idol smuggler, Vaman Narayan Ghia. The recovery was made from Agedi village near Karauli town in eastern Rajasthan. In the international market, the value of these idols is estimated to be about Rs. one hundred crores equivalent to \$ 220 million. The total number of idols recovered in the Ghia case so far stands at 164, apart from 300 rare pieces of ancient art. (Courtesy: Dainik Bhaskar, 26th July, 2003).

### **OSWAL JAIN COMMUNITY CELEBRATES ITS 2460th FOUNDATION DAY (STHAPANA DIWAS)**



The 2460th Sthapana Diwas of the Oswal Jain community, which had originated from a one-time rich, flourishing and princely town, called "Osian", now reduced to a small town, near Jodhpur in Rajasthan, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervour on the 28th July, 2003 at its place of origin. A large gathering of people from the community had joined in the celebrations, who had come from far and near, particularly from largest near-by town, Jodhpur, which possesses the largest percentage of Oswal-Jains in the country. The celebrations commenced with 'darshan' and worship of Bhagwan Mahavir Swami and Acharya Shri Ratna Prabh Suri Ji, a highly revered saint, disciple of Tirthankar Shri Parshwa Nath Ji, who is known to have founded the Oswal Jain sect at that place, more than 2500 years ago. The temple of highly revered deity of Oswal Jains, its kuldevi, Sachhiyay Mata was visited by all for darshan. The eminent persons of the community then held a congregation and addressed the gathering, presenting their views on different aspects of founding of the sect, such as its historical background and religious upheavals, its influence on social development, trade and national interests and its contributions to religion and society over the last 25 centuries. Similar celebrations were also organised in other towns, such as Jaipur, Calcutta, Indore, Mumbai, Bangalore, Nagpur, New Delhi, Secunderabad, Patna, Nasik, Pune, Ahmedabad and Chennai.

### ALARMING CONDITION OF LOCAL JAINS IN AND AROUND MADRAS

A report received from, E-Mail : jains\_raj@yahoo.com states that the local Jain community in and around Madras and spread over Tamilnadu is living in a pathetic state, leading a life of poor peasants. One of our colleague went to a place called Mekaloor (near Somaspadi in Tiruvanmalai District in Tamilnadu 160 kms from Chennai) to see some old Jain temple. He came across a Tamil Jain family whose head is Mr. Jina Doss Jain. When he was asked name by my colleague , he replied "Doss", after repeatedly asking he said his name is J.doss. After insisting many times he gave his real name as Jinadoss and accepted to be Samanar ( local Jains are known as Samanars), and his age is 55 years and profession is farm labourer surviving on daily wages. When he was asked if he knows Namokar Mantra, His reply was in negative and said what is there for me to know Namokar Mantra. He said- I have never learned and never tried also though admits to have known till the age of seven. This is the true state of Jain religion in this part of country.

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### NASA SPACE RESEARCH CENTER TO TEST HIRA RATAN MANEK TO FIND OUT HOW HE CAN SURVIVE ON SOLAR ENERGY



His name is Hirachand ji Ratanshi Manek. He is 66 years old person from Kochi in South India. Hailing originally from Kutch (Gujarat), he is Jain and strong follower of Lord Mahavir. He is a mechanical engineer. After going through his studies at London, from Imperial Medical College, he reached the conclusion that solar radiation was the original food of humanity. Since past 8 years, he has been living on solar energy and without any solid food.

He draws energy from Suryanamaskar (Sun worship). He lives on water, coffee, tea and sometime butter-milk. Earlier, he went on 211 days fast in 1995-96, 411 days fast in Ahmedabad, and recently 130 day fast in America in the presence of medical experts on an invitation from Orlando based Solar Living

Center and New Era Spiritual Center Inc. Recently, he has been invited by NASA Space Research Center, USA to test him to find out how a human-being can live on solar energy, and to find out beneficial possibilities for their astronauts. Presently, he reached USA on June 28, 03 and will be back to India in December after his test performance in NASA and several other countries. He has extensively toured different parts of the country and has trained many people on his concept of living solely on solar energy. Courtesy: "India Tribune" (USA) July 12, '03.

### ANCIENT JAIN TEMPLE IN A SORRY STATE IN TAMILNADU



As already reported in this news-letter earlier, the ancient temples in Tamil Nadu, which are national treasures, are in a extremely poor state. There are hardly any devotees visiting the temple and no worship is carried out there. Quite a few of these temples have been reportedly converted into Hindu temples. Attached is a picture of an idol of a Jain Thirthankar at Thirumalai Tamilnadu, which is said to be more than 2000 years old. This temple is presently with the Archaeological Dept. of India. This place is just stones-throw distance from the famous Thirumalai Muth, which is also known as Arihantgiri. In spite of all that, this statue is in such a bad condition. Who knows when it will also become another Hindu temple. Photograph Courtesy: Mr. Ashok Jain and his team who is on Tamilnadu Jain heritage Discovery Mission.

### PROF. KANTI MARDIA: RECIPIENT OF GUY MEDAL IN SILVER FOR 2003



The Royal Statistical Society awarded Guy Medal to Profesor Kanti Mardia for the year 2003. The official citation for the Guy Medal in Silver for 2003 reads: "The Guy Medal in Silver for 2003 is awarded to Professor Kanti Mardia for his many path breaking contributions to statistical science, including two fundamental papers read to the Society on 'Statistics of directional data' (1975) and 'A penalised likelihood approach to image warping' (with C.A. Glasbey, 2001), his highly acclaimed monographs and his lasting leadership role in inter-disciplinary research." Both cited papers appeared in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, (Series B). Professor Mardia has been the Senior Research Professor, University of Leeds. Dr Mardia is highly respected scholar of Jain Dharma. His book "The Scientific Foundations of Jainism" is a contemporary master-piece and a valuable guide in understanding Jainism.



## AHIMSA SAMMELAN TO BE ORGANISED AT JAIPUR IN SEPTEMBER



Indian Federation of Ahimsa Organisations, an institution to coordinate the activities of various humanitarian organisations working for vegetarianism, non-violence and compassion towards animals has decided to hold its next conference on Ahimsa on the 20th and 21st September, 2003 at Jain Bhattarak Ji, Nasian at Jaipur. The programme will be held in the holy presence of Digambar Muni Shri Pulak Sagar Ji , who is holding his Chaturmas there. Various social workers engaged in the fields of ahimsa and compassion to animals, eminent people and leaders from social, political and religious institutions and devotees of Jain religion are expected to participate. For details, please contact: Dr. Chiranji Lal Bagda, 46, Strand Road, Calcutta-07. Ph. 033 - 24050100.

## DEAN OF KELLOGG'S SCHOOL, HONOURS TERAPANTH SAMAN, SHRI RUCH

It is a matter of pride and honour for an non-resident Indian, Shri Deepak Jain, who hails from Rohtak in Haryana to occupy the post of Dean of a premier management institution in USA, "Kellogg's School of Management" a wing of the North Western University at Chicago. On his invitation, Saman Ruch belonging to the Shwetambar Terapanthi sect visited the School and had discussions with Mr. Deepak Jain on various aspects of Jain philosophy, the need for its application in modern times and art of positive thinking. Saman Ruch alongwith other samans and samanias had arrived in the United States to participate in the JAINA Convention held from 3rd to 6th July, 2003 at Cincinnati.



## YUVAK YUVATI PARICHARY MEET NEW DELHI

Akhil Bhartiya Digambar Jain Parishad, Delhi is holding its next Yuvak Yuvati Parichary meet on October 2nd, 2003 (9.30 a.m.) at FICCI auditorium, Mandi House, Barakhama Road, New Delhi. On this occasion, Parishad will also publish an information book about the participants. All interested may contact Mr. Anil Jain at R-10A, Green Park Extension, New Delhi - 110016. Tel. 011-26165655, 25087245, Fax: 011-26497656, E-Mail: abdjain@vsnl.net. Entry forms are also available on website www.abdjain.com. Enquiries can also be made from Mrs. Saroj Jain, Tel. 011-26191101 or Mr. Pankaj Jain Mob. 9868103104. Last date of accepting entry is fix for 13th September 2003. Entry fee is Rs. 200/-

## 12TH JAINA CONVENTION HELD AT CINCINNATI IN USA

The 12th Biennial Jaina Convention of the Jains Association in North America (JAINA) was organized from July 3-6, 2003 at Greater Cincinnati by the Jain Center of Cincinnati & Dayton. The theme of the convention was Jainism: the Art of Living. The conference consisted of lectures and discourses from prominent international Jain scholars from all over the world. More than 50 papers related to various aspects of Jain religion and philosophy were presented at the convention. Special events such as Yoga, Meditation and Vegetarian Cooking were also held. Apart from that, entertainment programmes along-with participative presentations from Jain centers in North America were also held in the form of short dramas, songs & dances. The conference also included a service project that sent 230 youth members to volunteer at Cincinnati's Freestore Foodbank, Children's Home, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the Mount Airy Forest and a photo exhibition.

## SUPPORT NEW DIGAMBAR JAIN TEMPLE AT GOA

Goa is an international tourist destination, which is visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world. This place has historical importance in Jain religion. King Kadamb was a Jain ruler in Goa but subsequent political changes removed all Jain marks from the place. Presently forty to fifty digambar Jain families are staying at Goa but there is no digambar Jain temple or dharmshala. We therefore have planned to construct a temple complex at an approximate cost of Rs. one crore which will also include a dharmshala. We request all Jains to come forward and extend financial support in the construction of first digambar Jain temple at Goa. For any further information please contact us or send your contribution by cheque or bank draft in favour of "NAVNIIRMAN DIGAMBAR JAIN MANDAL" payable at Goa.

**Contact: (1) Sh. Bharat Ram Chand Doshi, President H. No. 233 Malbhat, Old Station Road, Margao, Goa- 403601, Ph. 0832-2736532, Fax: 2737050 (2) Shri Viajy Ramgaunda Patil, Sangli, (Secretary) Ph. 2738558**

**VARIED TYPES OF CONSTRUCTIVE TEACHING AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES PLANNED AT MAHAVIR ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCES, BANGALORE** - The recently established Jain University at Bangalore, called Mahavir Academy of Technology and Sciences (MATS) has started its academic session from this year with post-graduate programme in Business administration and Information Technology. MATS is an autonomous institution established in the year 2001. Padam Shri Dr. C. G. Krishnamoorthy has been appointed the Chancellor of the University. Shri Chain Raj Jain, an eminent educationist has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor. Shri Jain informed at a Press Conference that teaching and research programmes will be soon started in Microbiology, Agriculture and Rural Development, Medical Sciences and engineering. Job-oriented training programmes will be arranged for those who lack industrial experience and for the purpose of practical training, six new companies have been promoted by the Academy within its own campus as a novel experiment. As a part of expansion programmes, the Academy will also look into the possibilities of starting an Educational Centre at Mauritius for training in Information Technology and also Centres at Kanpur and Vilaspur.

#### **PRATISHTHA PUJA PERFORMED AT TORONTO JAIN TEMPLE**

Pratishtha puja of new Bh. Mahavir Jain temple at Toronto was performed from 27th June to 2nd July 2003 under the blessings of Bhattarak Sh. Devendrakitiji by Pratishthacharya Bh. Dharamchandji Shastri. A twenty seven inch tall idol of Bh. Mahavira was installed at the temple. On this occasion Jain flag hoisting and panchkalyanak puja were performed by Mr. Naresh Manju Jain and Sh. Omprakash Trishla Jain. In various ceremonies and puja Ms. Usha Jain, Dr. Mahendra Jain, Mr. Ramesh Abha Jain and Mr. Anand Jain also actively participated. Lunch and dinner arrangements for all the six days of puja were sponsored by Sh. Omprakash Trishla Jain. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks by the president of the temple Ms. Amita Seth.

#### **NEW JAIN TEMPLE AT MANCHESTER**

A new Jain temple has been constructed at a cost of £100,000. About 700 Jains from all over the Britain attended the opening ceremony of this white marble temple. Specialist craftsmen and engravers were flown to Britain from India for the construction of the temple. It is hoped the temple will serve as a base for community cohesion and help bring together dozens of different faiths from across the city. Kiran Mehta, spokesman for the Jain Community Centre, said: "There really is nothing like this anywhere else in the country. The temple breathes purity and is a stunning addition to Manchester's architectural and cultural heritage."



#### **DIGNITARIES CONFERRED SAMAJ BHUSHAN AWARDS AT KOLHAPUR**

'Samaja Bhushan' awards were conferred on ninety dignitaries of Jainism from South India at an attractive function held at Kolhapur on the 15th June, 2003. Sri Jinasena Bhattarakha Swamiji of the Nandani Jain Math and Sri Lakshmisena Bhattarakha Swamiji of the Kolhapur Jain Math along-with other important persons who have made notable and meritorious contribution to Jainism and in other fields were conferred with this award. Ex-member of the parliament, Sri Kallappaanna Avade and the member of the legislative assembly, Sri Sharad Patil were the chief guests of the occasion.



#### **BHAJAN ALBUM OF 7 YEAR OLD GUJARATI JAIN GIRL RELEASED**

Viloma Jhaveri, a seven-year old singer has recorded and released an album of Gujarati Jain stavans (bhajans) titled Prabhu Sameepe. The release function of this album was held on July 26, in Mumbai. Noted Gujarati composer and singer Purshottam Upadhyay released the album. The stavans are written and composed by late Shantilal Shah. Music has been arranged by Bharat Shah. Viloma is learning light vocal music from Rajendra Jhaveri and classical music from Rajesh Singh. She has learnt Jain Aagams Panch Pratikraman Sutras, Navsmanan and other Jain mantras.

#### **ADVANI FLAGS OFF AHMEDABAD-DHANBAD PARASHNATH EXPRESS**

July 27: Dy. Prime Minister L K Advani flagged off the Ahmedabad-Dhanbad Express, a new weekly train. The train has been named as Parasnath Express as it is passing through several famous Jain pilgrimage centres. Addressing a function at the Ahmedabad railway station to mark the event, Advani said that it was significant that the new train provided a link between Akshardham and Parasnath. He said Indian nationalism was not just a geographical or political nationalism but also a cultural nationalism which was best symbolised by huge traffic of pilgrims from one corner of the country to the other. On the occasion C.M. Narendra Modi desired that the Parasnath Express should run up to Palitana once a month to connect two major Jain pilgrim centres.



## **CHATURMAS OF DIGAMBAR JAIN SAINTS**

Acharya Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji with his sangha: Bhinder Dist. Udaipur (Rajasthan)  
Acharya Shri Bharat Sagar Ji with his Sangha: Loharia, Dist. Bansawad (Rajasthan)  
Acharya Shri Dev Nandi Ji with his sangha: Chikalthana (Maharashtra)  
Acharya Shri Virag Sagar Ji with his sangha: Durg, Bhilai (M.P.)  
Upadhyay Shri Samta Sagar Ji, and Aryikas: Thane, Maharashtra.  
Muni Shri Vinishchaya Sagar Ji and others: Rajakheda, Dhaulpur (Raj.)  
Muni Shri Vairagya Sagar Ji, Pavagarh (M.P.)  
Muni Shri Sudha Sagar Ji with his Sangha: Kekadi, Ajmer (Raj.)  
Acharya Shri Syadwad Sagar Ji with his sangha: Durg (Chhatisgarh)  
Acharya Shri Jaya Sagar Ji: Peeth, Dungarpur (Raj.)  
Acharya Shri Kanaknandi Ji: Mungana, Udaipur (Raj.)  
Muni Shri Tarun Sagar Ji: Ahmedabad.  
Muni Shri Amit Sagar Ji : Dungarpur (Raj.)  
Muni Shri Sukumal Nandi Ji: Partapur Dist. Banswada (Raj.)  
Acharya Shri Chandra Sagar Ji with his sangha: Ghatol, Banswada (Raj.)  
Muni Shri Pulak Sagar Ji Jaipur (Raj.)  
Muni Shri Chinmaya Sagar Ji: Shahpura, Jabalpur.  
Muni Shri Trilok Bhushan Ji, Bahalana, Muzaffarnagar (U.P.)  
Muni Shri Arun Sagar Ji with his Sangha: Sarsava, Saharanpur (U.P.)  
Muni Shri Gun Sagar Ji with his sangha; Churu, (Raj.)  
Muni Shri Hemant Sagar Ji: Mandsaur (M.P.)  
Kshullak Dhyansagar Ji Maharaj, disciple of Acharya Shri Vidyasagarji: Pimpri-Chinchwad, (Pune)

## **CHATURMAS OF SHWETAMBAR JAIN SAINTS**

In continuation to the list of Chaturmas of sadhu and sadhvi belonging to different sects, declared in the July issue of Ahimsa Times, the following ones are further added in the list:

### **Sthanakwasi sect:**

Acharya Shiv Muni: Malerkotla (Punjab)  
Shri Saubhagya Muni, Madan Muni and Indra Mal Ji Maharaj: Bhilwara (Raj.)  
Shri Bhav Chandra Ji of Limdi Ajramar sect: Sara village in Surendra Nagar Dist. of Gujarat.  
Shri Jitendra Muni, disciple of Acharya Shri Poonam Chand Ji Maharaj at Anandi (Pune).  
Gadipati Shri Narsingh Ji Swami of Ajramar sect at Matunga (W), Mumbai.  
Sadhvi Dr. Gyan Lata Ji: Hyderabad  
Sadhvi Chandra Prabha Ji: Bangalore  
Sadhvi Indu Prabha Ji, Darshan Prabha Ji etc.: Pali (Raj.)  
Sadhvi Chetana Ji, Shashi Prabha Ji (disciple of Shri Shubh Chand Ji Maharaj: Pali (Raj.)

### **Murti-Pujak sect:**

Acharya Shri Gun Ratna Suri Ji Maharaj: Paldi, Ahmedabad.  
Acharya Shri Padam Sagar Ji Maharaj: Ahmedabad.  
Acharya Shri Gunsheel Surishwar Ji Maharaj: Mehsana (Gujarat)  
Shri Atmarati Vijay Ji Maharaj, disciple of Acharya Shri Ramchandra Surishwar Ji Maharaj: Kandiwali, Mumbai.  
Sadhvi Shri Sumangala Ji: Rohini, New Delhi.  
Sadhvi Margdarshita Ji and others: Ajmer (Raj.)

### **Tera-panthi sect:**

Acharya Mahapragya Ji: Surat  
Muni Lokprakash Ji: New Delhi  
Sadhvi Suman Ji: Mysore City  
Sadhvi Anand Shri Ji: Silchar

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## DIKSHA MAHOTSAVA

Jain Digambar Diksha of seven Aryikas was held at Loharia village in the Banswada Dist. of Rajasthan on the 7th July, 2003 in the holy presence of Acharya Shri Bharat sagar Ji Maharaj and other saints and Aryikas. Hundreds of devotees from Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh attended the programme.

## NEW WEBSITE RELEASE



www.terapanthsurat.com site is launched by H.H. Acharya Shri Mahapragya Ji in Surat. This site contains information about Surat Pravas of H. H. Acharya Mahapragya Ji. You can also send Guru-Vandana through this site. Please also register yourself for Terapanth Quiz (Pragya Prashna Mala). Lots of prizes and honor in presence of Pujiyar every month. So please register today for this quiz and promote your relatives and friends to participate. www.geocities.com A new website on stamps, covers, cancellations on JAINISM has been prepared by Mr. Sudhir Jain of Satna and the latest additions have been made in it.

## BOOKS - NEW RELEASE

**Title - THE BASIC THOUGHT OF BHAGAVAN MAHAVIRA:** Language - English; Author - Dr. Jay Kumar Jalaj; English translation - G. F. Burhanpurkar; Edition - First, 2003; Pages -29; Paperback; Price - Rs. 15=00. During the 2600 the birth year of Bhagavan Mahavir numerous ambitious projects were launched by many organizations all over India. These projects also included some special publications. Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Parishad, Bhopal had commissioned Dr. Jai Kumar Jalaj to write a brief but comprehensive monograph on Bhagavan Mahavir's message to mankind. Dr. Jalaj did a commendable job, which has to be read to be appreciated. The need for a fifth edition within a few months of publication indicates how well the original booklet in Hindi was received. Prakrit Bharati Academy brings to its readers the first English edition of this unique book. We are sure one and all would like it. Order for you copy at once. prabharati@datainfosys.net

## COST OF PRODUCING ONE POUND OF MEAT - MR. SUDHIR M. SHAH, E-MAIL : sudhir@optonline.net

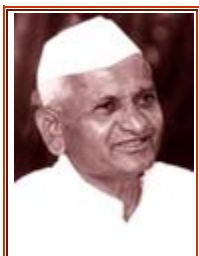
1. To produce 1 lb. of meat, an average of 40 lb of vegetation is used. (This calculation takes in to consideration, the land clearing, as well as food for the live-stock till slaughter - food cattle are generally slaughtered prior to 2-years-old, dairy cattle may live 4 years before being turned into burgers).

2. If you were not disturbed by the above data, consider this. To produce 1 lb. of meat, an average of 2500 gallons of water is used. (1 lb. of wheat requires 108 gallons of water, 1 lb. of rice needs 229 gallons of water, 1 lb. of potatoes require 60 gallons of water).

3. Waste released in the environment by US meat and dairy industry: 230,000 pounds per second, polluting our land, air and water systems.

4. Earth's land usage. Land for Milk and Meat producing cattle - 24% of earth total land! Land for food crop production 12% National parks 3%. - Information Source: USDA 2001.

So let's have a burger! Or how about a nice cold glass of milk!!!



## SURESH JAIN AND ANNA HAZARE ON FAST IN MUMBAI ON CORRUPTION CHARGES

The fast-unto-death resorted by anti-corruption crusader Anna Hazare and Maharashtra's Food and Civil Supplies Minister Suresh Jain, in demand of a probe against each other, on 9th August. Both the parties are determined and are showing no signs of giving up their demands. Anna Hazare and Suresh Jain, commenced their fast-unto-death in their respective pandals, a few metres away from each other, at the Azad Maidan in south Mumbai. They continued to resort to the fast even after Chief Minister Sushilkumar Shinde proposed to set up a probe headed by a retired high court judge into



the allegations made by the duo against each other. Describing his agitation as the 'second freedom struggle', Hazare, along with other demands, has sought action against four NCP ministers, including Jain, for charges of corruption. He has demanded a CBI probe into his allegations against the ministers and also into the charges levelled against him by Jain. In turn, Jain has said his fast-unto-death is to restore his 'self respect'. The minister is demanding investigations into the charges of corruption levelled by him against Hazare while running public trusts headed by the social worker.



**PRESENCE OF PESTICIDES IN SOFT DRINKS SUPPLIED BY COLA AND PEPSI REPORTED BY 'CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT'** - A Non-Government Organisation, "Centre for Science and Environment", New Delhi has reported recently after thorough investigations that the soft drinks supplied by Coca Cola and Pepsi Companies in this country contain very high percentages of poisonous pesticides, such as D.D.T., Melathion and Chloropyrifos, which can be extremely dangerous for human consumption. The startling facts revealed after the investigations were that the drinks supplied by these very companies within the United States of America did not carry any pesticide content and those supplied in European countries contained these constituents within the prescribed allowable limits. According to the report, pesticide content in soft drinks available in India was 45 times in case of Coca Cola, 70 times in case of Miranda Lemon, 43 times in case of Fanta and 37 times in case of Pepsi of that supplied in Europe in the same brands. These two companies could manage to keep high pesticide content because the current laws in the country were very inadequate, which did not define any standards for soft drinks. The currently applicable "Food Adulteration Act (FA), 1954 and the Fruit Production Ordinance (FPO) 1955 did not specify the allowable content of pesticide in soft drinks. The Director of CSE in her report has demanded that the Government must exercise appropriate controls over the soft drink industry in the country, review seriously the available standards, if any and reformulate them as required in the present circumstances in the larger interest of the health of the citizens of India. Many of the law courts have already been moved by the public in this matter. On the other hand, one of the affected Companies, Pepsi had reportedly filed a suit in Bombay High Court against the Maharashtra Government and its grievances have been turned down by the court.

#### **ALLOVER INDIA PROTESTS FOR BAN ON COLA PRODUCTS**

The Indian Parliament is also reported to stop allowing sale of Pepsi and Coca-Cola products in the canteen following reports that the drinks contain too much toxic pesticide and insecticide. The Government has also asked the Food Processing Ministry to provide a detailed report into the allegations made by the non-governmental organisation, 'Centre for Science and Environment'. Both the Companies have denied the allegations, saying that the products they make and sell in India match European and American standards. Coca Cola and Pepsi account for more than 90% of the carbonated drinks market in India.



#### **BILL TO BE PLACED IN INDIAN PARLIAMENT TO BAN COW SLAUGHTER AND SALE OF COW**

The Indian Cabinet has taken the decision that a Bill will be prepared and placed for approval in the Parliament to impose a total ban on the slaughter of cows and sale of cow meat in the whole country. It is likely that the Bill may be placed in the current session of Parliament itself. This matter had been under the consideration of the Government for a long time in view of strong representations from various religious bodies, religious and social leaders, organisations devoted to vegetarianism and prevention of cruelty and killing of cows and other animals in the country. Agriculture Minister, Shri Raj Nath Singh had also recently given an indication to this effect in the Question-Answer session of Lok Sabha. It is indeed shocking to note that according to the statistics available, while the human population was sharply increasing after independence of the country, the population of animals had been fast depleting and had got reduced from 36 crores in 1947 to mere 9 crores in 2002.

#### **MR. RUSHABH JAIN ARRESTED IN SOLVENT SCAM AT AHMEDABAD**

July 12: The arrest of Rushabh Jain on Saturday was a major breakthrough for Ahmedabad Rural police in the recently unearthed state-wide solvent scam. Police have also arrested several other persons in this case. Jain was arrested from Sanghvi Bhavan at Har Someshwar Park in Amraiwadi area by a team of Rapid Response Cell. Jain is the owner of Dev Industries in Nedhranj, from where over 15,000 litres of solvent, 16,000 litres of light diesel oil and 47,000 litres of kerosene were recovered from underground tanks on June 16.

#### **RARE JAIN IDOLS RECOVERED FROM SMUGGLERS AT KOTA & BUNDI**

Fortyone rare and invaluable idols of Gods And Goddesses, including those of Jain Tirthankars, valued at about Rupees 50 crores have been seized from raids at the hide-outs of three smugglers, Dayal Chand Jain, Roshan Gurjar and Munna, belonging to villages in Kota, Bundi and Jhalawad districts in Rajasthan. One of the idols is that of Tirthankar, Shri Parshwa Nath ji. It weighs 15 quintals and measures 9 feet in height. It is supposed to be about 1500 years old. All the three accused have been arrested. According to the information available from the Police, these three accused had been engaged in theft and smuggling of idols for the last 15 years. Eight cases of theft from temples are registered against the first-named person, Dayal Chand. He took a leading role in the theft and transportation of stolen idols. These were collected from small villages and sent to Mathura.



Large idols were often broken into pieces for convenience in transportation and were rejoined by special chemical adhesives after they had reached the overseas countries. The idols recovered from them belong to periods ranging from first to 11th century. All the idols are made of stone. On some of the Jain idols, inscriptions are also written in Pali and Prakrit languages. (Courtesy: Dainik Bhaskar, 29th July, 2003)

#### **DEVLOK GAMAN**

Sadhwi Kumud Prabha Ji, disciple of Acharya Shri Dharm Surishwar Ji Maharaj left for heavenly abode at the age of 74 years at Ahmedabad on the 21st July, 2003. She had completed 55 years after her Diksha.

#### **OBITUARY**

Varajivandas V. Shah, a prominent Jain scholar and writer passed away on July 15, 2003 in Banglore, India. This is a great

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