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MICHCHAMI DUKKADDAM

On the occasion of Paryushan Parva, we ask for forgiveness,
if we may have hurt your feelings by thoughts, words or actions, knowingly or unknowingly.

KHAMEMI SAVVE JIVA : We forgive all the living beings,
SAVVE JIVA KHAMANTU ME : We seek pardon from all the living beings,
MITTI ME SAVVA BHUTESU : We are friendly towards all the living beings,
VERAM MAJJHAM NA KENVI : And we seek enmity with none,
MICHHAMI DUKKADDAM! : And we ask for forgiveness from all!

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SAINTS

ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA CALLS CONFERENCE OF TERAPANTH SABHA REPRESENTATIVES

A conference of the representatives of Tera Panth Mahasabha will be held at Siriyari near Pali in Rajasthan, the place where Terapanth Acharya Shri Mahapragya is having his Chaturmas from 22nd to 24th August, 2004. The delegates attending the conference will come from all over the country and also abroad for whom elaborate arrangements are being made by the organisers of Chaturmas. The proceedings of the conference will include the past achievements of different centres of Terapanth sabha, their future plans, discussion on creating a healthy society, role of delegates in their regions and other subjects concerning Terapanth Community.



SRI ANANTHAPRABHA MUNIJI, HAILING FROM WEST BENGAL, CONCLUDES 30-DAY FASTING

Sri Ananthaprabha Muniji, hailing from West Bengal, concluded his 30-day fasting at Triplicane. The monk observed the fast in keeping with austerities set forth by Jain Dharma. He took only warm water, in day time alone, on all the 30 days from 11 July. Sree Jain Swathamber Murthi Pujak Sangh organised a five-day celebrations in connection with the conclusion of fasting by the monk. The celebrations included special poojas, annadanam and a procession taken out by members of the Jain community on 8 August. The 22-year-old monk has undertaken similar fasts for shorter durations. He says such austere would cleanse mind of impurities and make an individual fit for liberation from all bonds.

Interview with Samani Pratibha Pragya on the 2004 Parliament of World's Religions at Barcelona, Spain By Carla Geerdes on 26-07-2004.

CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

AISSJC TO HOLD NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON 31ST OCTOBER, 2004 AT DHULIA

The next elections for the presidential of All India Sthankawasi Jain Conference (AISSJC) is due this year as Mr. N. C. Chopra (Pali) are completing his term. (With this Mr. N. C. Jain , Chairman will also vacate the office). This time it is the turn of zone four to elect the president. AISSJC has divided the entire country in five zones and president is elected for two years on rotational basis from each zone. The previous presidents were from zone three.

Zone four mainly consists of Maharashtra area. To decide about the next elections the executive body of AISSJC had a meeting at Ahmednagar on 15th August and it was decided that the next general body meeting should take place on 30th October, 2004 and next elections can take place on 31st October. The venue of the meeting and election will be Dhulia town.

There are two preconditions for the contesting candidates for the presidency

1. The candidate should be member of the executive body of the AISSJC for four years or,
2. He should held position as office bearer of AISSJC for at least two years.

After the elections the President nominates the executive body and other committees etc. Any Sthankawasi Jain is eligible to vote who is member of AISSJC. Any Sthanakwasi Jain can apply for life membership of AISSJC. The membership fee is Rs. 500/-. Membership forms are available at Jain Bhawan, 12, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi - 110001. For any further information one can contact Shri Subhash Oswal, General Secretary, AISSJC, C-642, New Friends Colony, New Delhi, Tel: 98-100-45440.

BARCELONA PARLIAMENT OF WORLD'S RELIGIONS



(Left -Jain monks and sadhvis reciting prayers, Righth - Jaina Delegation at Barcelona Spain.)

The Jain community made a serious and significant impression among 8,000 religious leaders, activists and lay people in the Barcelona Parliament of World's Religions about the existence of Jainism as a separate religion as well as its dominant teachings of nonviolence in these modern times of increasingly religiously motivated violent world. JAINA delegation was a part of the opening plenary session on July 7th evening addressed by 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Shirin Ebadi of Iran and attended by 3000 delegates and dignitaries from 75 countries. Jain prayers and blessings recited in Prakrit by Jain monks and nuns His Holiness Amrender Muniji, Swami Devendrakeertyji, Samani Pratibha Pragyaji and Punya Pragyaji echoed in the Forum auditorium that were followed by a comprehensive translation in English narrated by Naresh Jain of JAINA Interfaith Committee and also simultaneous translation into Spanish and Catalan by the Forum staff. The divine rain of recital supported by the distribution of a comprehensive flyer in this inaugural ceremony about the Jain Blessings and upcoming Presentations during that week of parliament sessions opened the doors for Jain presence at this international stage. It brought numerous activists, educators and enthusiasts from press, television, academia and interfaith groups in contact with monks, nuns and presenters; as well as visits to the JAINA booth. Source : Jaina spectrum - Aug 2004.

INTERNATIONAL PREKSHA MEDITATION CAMP (FROM 15TH JAN. 2005 TO 22ND JAN. 2005)

This 8 day residential camp is being organized in the land of peace, penance & peacock at Jain Vishva Bharti, Ladnun. Sages & seers have done meditation over the centuries at the campus of Jain Vishva Bharti. This is the very place where Acharya Mahapragya meditated for many years to rediscover Preksha Meditation. The campus is designed in a fashion and style that is most suited to hold such spiritual self-realizing events. This is a wonderful and once in a lifetime, not to be missed opportunity. Seats being very limited, only fortunate ones will get a chance to attend this camp. There is a screening process for selection of the participants. The camp is open for both national as well as international participants.

PRATISTHA MAHOTSAV AT ORLANDO, USA ON AUGUST 20-22

Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji will lead and bless the 3 day Pratistha Mahotsav of Jain Society of Central Florida. Murties to be installed are: Rushabhdev Swami (Digamber), Mahavir Swami (swetamber), Shimandhar Swami, Navkar Mantra Shila, Padmavati Devi and Vir Ghantakaran. Ceremonies will be conducted by vidhikarak Shri Narendrabhai Nandu and his group of Mumbai. Also gracing this occasion will be visiting scholars: Samnijiies, Pujya Sunandaben Vora, Shri Dhirajlal Pandit Shri Nautambhai Vakil and Pramodaben.

The Society heartily invites everyone to come and join in the festivities. Special arrangements have been made for hotel accommodations. Call for details: Shashikant Shah (President) 407-323-3509, Ketu Sheth (Secretary) 386-788-6502 or Renu Vardhan (Treasurer). 407-682-6476, E-Mail : jsofc@hotmail.com.

SARAV DHARAM CONFERENCE AT LUDHIANA



Your kind attention is invited for the celebration of 111th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Address at Chicago, USA (in the world parliament of religions on 11th Sept, 1893). Swami Vivekananda Study Circle, Regd. (H.O. Ludhiana) is going to organise 'Sarav Dharam Conference' in the month of September, 2004, at Ludhiana. Speakers are invited from different sects/religions to present papers on the theme topic, "Apne Dharam Mein, Dusre Dharmon ke Prati Samman". Last year also similar conference was successfully organised at Ludhiana. For details, please contact: Dr. A.K. Jain, Ph.D., General Secretary, Ludhiana Chapter, 126-C, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana-141001 Ph. 0161-2303068(R) 98150-24022(mbl) E-Mail : info@swamivivekanand.org , website : www.swamivivekanand.org.

2ND NATIONAL FJEI CONFERENCE AT BANGALORE - 21ST & 22ND NOVEMBER

Second National Conference is to be held at the Jain Residential International School Bangalore, India from November 21st to 22nd 2004. Federation of Jain Educational Institutes, FJEI is the largest and only network of approx. 2000 educational institutes run by Jain Trusts across India. FJEI acts as a guiding force to effectively address the challenges and opportunities emerging in the field of Education, as one body, in consultation with Ernst & Young. For details, contact: Shri Shanti Lal Muttha, National President, The theme of the conference is: Importance of Education: FJEI's Vision. For more information about FJEI, visit us at: www.fjei.org , Divya Khinvasara at E-Mail : divya@fjei.org or 91-20-405 0000.

THIRD NATIONAL AHIMSA CONFERENCE AT CALCUTTA

The third Ahimsa Sammelan will be held at Calcutta from 1st to 3rd October, 2004, as announced by the Secretary, Indian Federation of Ahimsa Organisations, Dr. Chiranji Lal Bagda. 1st October happens to be the World Vegetarian Day, 2nd October, Gandhi Jayanti and 3rd October, World Prayer Day for Animals. The second such Conference was held last year at Sammet Shikharji. For details, contact Dr. C. L. Bagda, 46, Strand road, 3rd Floor, Calcutta-700007.

TEMPLES

HOLIEST SHIKHERJE PARASNATH HILLS GO TO JHARKHAND GOVERNMENT



As per the news published by The Telegraph, on 25th Aug. a century-old dispute over the ownership of Parasnath Hills was settled today when Jharkhand High Court set aside the claims of Shwetambar and Digambar sects of Jainism. A full bench headed by Chief Justice P.K.I. Balasubramanyan instead vested all rights in the state. In its 83-page order, the high court vested the ownership of 16,000 acres of land comprising the hill and adjacent areas in the state and gave it permission to cancel the agreement the Bihar government and the Kalyanji Anandji Trust sealed in 1965. The bench directed the state to appoint an administrator and form a committee, with

the deputy commissioner of Giridih as chairman, to supervise the transition and ensure that religious ceremonies are conducted smoothly. The three sects of Jainism - Murti Pujaks, Shwetambar and Digambar - have been allowed to nominate one representative each to the committee while the state government will nominate the fourth member from the Jain community, the order said. It is not clear if the order will now be challenged before the Supreme Court by one or both sects. The Kalyanji Anandji Trust, which controls the hill and has a valid and ongoing agreement with the then Bihar government, has the option of handing over the control to the state or seeking a stay order from the apex court. The Digambar have fought a protracted legal battle to ensure that they, too, get the right to manage Parasnath Hills described as the holiest place for Jains. Over the years, the high court has grappled over the Digambar's plea for equal rights or rotational rights with the Shwetambar. While the former is believed to be numerically stronger, the latter is acknowledged as the more affluent. The court order mentions that in 1933 the Privy Council had accepted the ownership and control of the temple and the tonks by the Shwetambar sect. While the Digambar sect had full and unrestricted rights of worship, they were required to seek the permission of the controlling Shwetambar. It has also directed the state to ensure that no pilgrim is discriminated against.

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RUINED JAIN TEMPLE AT JUNA NEAR BARMER NOW UNDER RESUSCITATION

Once prosperous, the ancient village Juna, situated 27 km. from Barmer district head quarters in Rajasthan has been till now in a totally shattered and ruined state, mostly hidden under the sand dunes in a desolate and abandoned place. The State Archeology department has now decided to take up the project of exploring the past remains of the temple and bring out the golden era existing more than a thousand years ago. The temple will be re-suscitated and renovated for the eleventh finance commission has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 72.88 lakhs. The very initial findings consist of a white marble idol of Bhagwan Padam Prabhu Ji and a statue of a temple door man. These items have been placed in Jodhpur museum for safe custody. Excavations at the site have further revealed the remains of a 'Hat Bazar', somewhat similar to Meena Bazar during the Moghul period and a cluster of houses in the vicinity. Apart from the Jain temple, a ruined structure of a Hindu temple has also been unearthed and several statues and other materials used in the building structures have been found. It is believed that this region was governed by Chauhans in the 10-11th century period and Mahmud Gazanavi while moving with his forces towards Gujarat had attacked and destroyed the fort of Barmer, which used to be capital town of Chauhans. The adjoining region, including Juna town were also destroyed in the attack and later due to the savages of nature, the remains of the town got covered with under the sand dunes.

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RALLIES AND DHARNA AGAINST DEMOLITION OF JAIN TEMPLE STRUCTURE AT MUMBAI

Resentment amongst Jain community against Mumbai Municipal Corporation authorities for passing wrongful orders to demolish the famous Jain temple of Bhagwan Parshwa nath Ji at Jagdushi Nagar of Ghatkopar area of Mumbai is growing all over the country. This temple was built at a cost of Rs. 2.5 crores after getting the drawings approved from Municipal authorities and also having obtained written permission from them for construction. The sharp reaction from the community in various towns of the country, like Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Indore, Pune, Kanpur and many others, besides Bombay is shown by massive rallies being taken out, 'dharna' being organised and memorandum being handed over to local authorities by them, which reflect the sentiments and feelings of the whole community all over the country against the proposed demolition of the temple. Requests are being made to provide necessary protection to the temple and withdrawal of the unlawful orders for demolition. Petitions have been sent to the President of India, Prime Minister, State Chief Minister, M.P.'s and Municipal Commissioner of Bombay. Even muslim community of Maharashtra has come out collectively to support the cause of Jain temple. Even the Chairman, Maharashtra Minority Community, Mr. Nizam Siddiqi has assured the Jain community of Ghatkopar for his full cooperation and support.

ANCIENT STATUES OF GODS OBTAINED ON EXCAVATION AT DIDWANA NEAR JODHPUR

Just three km. away from Didwana town in the Jodhpur division of Rajasthan, at Indolav village, several idols of Hindu, Jain and Boddh gods and goddesses have been recovered recently during excavation of a pond. It is said that this village is located on the path of flow of river Sarswati, which is invisible now. The recovery of the ancient statues indicate that a rich civilisation and culture flourished in this region in the ancient days and it had been a centre of all three faiths, Hindu, Jain and Boddh. The main idols recovered are those of Vishnu, Bhagwan Mahavir, Durga, Buddha Bhagwan and Kshetrapal gods. The Archeology Department of the Government of Rajasthan has been requested to take charge of the recovered material and carry out further studies to explore the extinct culture.

RAJ. HIGH COURT REJECTS PETITION FOR STOPPING CONSTRUCTION WORK AT DELWARA



A bench of Rajasthan High Court, consisting of Chief Justice Anil dev singh and Justice K.K. Acharya rejected the public interest petition filed by Naresh Kant and ordered that the construction work for building shopping complex, parking lot and garden in close vicinity of Delwara temple near Mount Abu may be carried out without any interruption by the Raj. Tourism Department and Delwara Jain temple trust. The arguement given in the petition in favour of stopping the construction was that if permitted, this work would cause damage to trees and plantation and affect ecology of the place. Advocate Rajesh Shah on behalf of the temple authoroties pleaded that the entire project has been

planned in consultation and after taking advice from Tourism department and it was necessary to build the desired infrastructure and provide these essential facilities to thousands of pilgrims and tourists who visit the temple every day. The court accepted the plea and rejected the case.

DELEGATION CALLS ON MINISTER OF CULTURE FOR STOPPING OCCUPATION AT GIRNARJI



A strong delegation from Jain community headed by Sahu Ramesh Chand Jain, President of Digambar Jain Teerth Kshetra committee met Shri S. Jaipal Reddy, Minister of Culture, Government of India and explained to him the entire situation arising out of the illegal occupation of 4th and 5th peaks at Girnar mountain close to Junagarh. These peaks are considered highly sacred by Jains because of the ancient temple and foot steps of Jain Tirthankar there. They also handed over to him a request for providing help in stopping the illegal occupation. The Minister assured the delegation to take appropriate action at the earliest.

JAINS DELEGATION MEETS GOVERNOR ABOUT GIRNAR ISSUE

A delegation of Jain community, representing Jain Sanskriti Raksha Manch, headed by its chairman, Shri Milap Chand Dandia met Pt. Naval Kishore Sharma, Governor of Gujarat on the 28th July, 2004 and apprised him of the situation developed at Shri Girnar Teerth owing to illegal occupation of land on its 4th and 5th peaks where the Jain temples are located. These peaks are considered holy places and centre of pilgrimage by the entire Jain community because of the temples and foot steps of Tirthankars which are worshipped since times immemorial. Justice Pana Chand Jain, who accompanied the delegation explained the legal issued involved in the case to the Governor. The delegation requested the Governor to intervene in the matter and help in stopping the illegal occupation of land on these peaks. The Governor from his side assured the delegation that he will give due consideration to the matter if it is placed before him.

AWARDS

ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA TO BE HONOURED WITH NATIONAL ETHICS AWARD

Acharya Shri Mahapragya, Head of the Terapanth sect, who has just completed his Ahimsa-Yatra before Chaturmas at Siryari in Rajasthan, is going to be honoured with the prestigious "National Ethics Award" for his most valuable contribution towards national unity, communal harmony, ahimsa, mutual understanding and building an ethical society. The selection committee for this award was headed by Ex-Chief Justice, Shri P.N. Bhagwati and the advisory board for this purpose was headed by ex-Chief Justice J.S. Verma. The other members on the Board were Prime Minister, Shri Manmohan Singh and Justice Rajendra Sachhar.

TERAPANTH MAHASABHA RECEIVES ISO:9001-2000 CERTIFICATION

It is a matter of pride for the entire Jain samaj to learn that Jain Shwetambar Terapanth Mahasabha, the apex body of the Terapanth Dharm Sangh, headed by Acharya Shri Mahapragya has the privilege to receive ISO: 9001-2000 certification. It is indeed a prestigious award for excellence in working, efficient management and high quality standards. There may be very examples so far any where in the world where any religious organisation has received this honour. This certification testifies that the objectives laid down by the Maha sabha in its "Mahasabha Vision-2007 document" are being achieved and all programmes are being satisfactorily conducted according to the plan.

ACHARYA ANAND RISHI LITERATURE AWARD PRESENTED TO DR. P. V. VIJAYAN

The prestigious award for Jain literature, Acharya Anand Rishi Literature Award was awarded to Dr. P.V. Vijayan of Kochi at Hyderabad in the presence of Terapanth Muni Sumer Mal Ji Maharaj (Ladnu) on th 18th July, 2004. The award consists of a cash amount of Rs. 25,000, shawl, a letter of eulogy and a set of Acharya's books. The saints and sadhwis present on the occasion blessed Dr. Vijayan and expressed their appreciation for the contribution to Jain literature and to society in general.



SRI KALYAN MAL LODHA HONOURED WITH GAUTAM GANADHAR AWARD-2004

The Gautam Ganadhar award constituted by Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur was presented to Sri Kalyan Mal Lodha on the 4th August, 2004 for his unique contribution to Jain literature. The award consists of a cash amount of Rs. 1,01,111/- and a letter of eulogy. His book, "Sakaratomak Ahimsa" (Positive non-violence) was also released on this occasion by Dr. Sagar Mal Jain, Director of Prachya Vidyapeeth, Shajapur. Shri Lodha is a renowned scholar of Jain philosophy and an authority on Jain Agams and theory of Karma.

On the same occasion, a book, "Beyond body and soul" written by Shri ranjeet Mal Kumbhat (Retd. I.A.S.) was released on the 3rd August, 2004 by Dr. L.M. Singhvi. Shri D.R. Mehta is the chief Patron of Prakrit Bharati Academy.

DR. KALYAN MAL GANGWAL HONOURED WITH ACHARYA HASTI AHIMSA AWARD



Dr. Kalyan Mal Gangwal, patron of Sarva Jeev Mangal pratishthan, Pune has been recently honoured by Bafna Foundation at a function held at Jalgaon under the presidentship of Shri Suresh Dada Jain for his valuable services to humanity in the form of promoting non-violence and vegetarianism amongst the masses, making them leave addiction and working for animal welfare. The award consists of a memento, a cash amount of Rs. 31,000/- and an address of honour. Shri Vijay Darda, Member of Parliament, Shri Prakash Chand Surana, representing Bharatiya Jain Sangthan, Shri Prakash Jain, Director of Jain Swadhyay Vidyapeeth and others were present on this occasion. Shri Ratan Lal Bafna, Chairman, Bafna Foundation proposed a vote of thanks. Shri Hukam Chand Savla, Secretary, Rashtriya Go-Raksha Andolan, Indore was also honoured on this occasion.

INSTITUTIONS

JAIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE MERGED WITH BUDDHA INSTITUTE IN U. P.

A research institute in Jainology named as "U. P. Jain Vidhya Shodh Sansthan" was established just six years ago by the Government of Uttar Pradesh with the objective of studying, compiling and documenting current knowledge about Jainism and carrying out related research work in the fields of Jain art and culture, Jain architecture, beliefs, values and traditions existing in the pre-historic period of Mahavir Swami and other Tirthankars. Unfortunately, none of the Government departments or its Directorates could ever show any interest or concern on the progress made by the Institute during the last six years and without any evaluation, the Government has suddenly ordered to merge this Institute with a Buddhist research Institute. Obviously, the decision must have been based on political grounds and it is matter of grave concern for the Jain community as a whole.

FESTIVAL

EMPEROR JAHANGIR - IMPOSED TOTAL BAN ON ANIMAL KILLING DURING PARYUSHAN

It has been revealed recently through research conducted by historian, Shri Kamal Kishore Sankhla that Moghul emperor Jahangir, on request from a delegation of Jain saints had imposed a total ban on animal killing during Paryushan Parva period. A study of old notifications issued by Moghul emperors, now preserved by Muni Hansvijay Ji in a Jain museum at Patan in Gujarat showed that according to one of the notifications issued in the year 1610, a delegation of Jain saints from Patan town had met the then emperor Jahangir to urge him for imposing ban on animal killing during Paryushan, the most sacred festival of Jain community in the entire kingdom. The emperor had accepted the request and issued necessary notification in Hindi language. The saints had presented to the emperor a historic painting made by Shalivahan, who was earlier a courtesan in the court of Akbar. The historic records also show that during the reign of Akbar in 1589, a total ban had been imposed in the entire kingdom during Paryushan period. for 15 days.

CHHATISGARH GOVT. ALLOWS JAIN EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND OFFICE BY 12 NOON DURING PARYUSHAN PARVA PERIOD

The Government of Chhatisgarh has issued official orders permitting all such employees who belong to Jain community to attend two hours late, e.g. by 12 noon, so as to enable them to join in their morning rituals and attend discourses during the Paryushan period. Thus, Shwetambar Jains will enjoy this facility from 10th to 19th September and Digambar Jains from 19th to 28th September.

CHATURMAS NEWS - 2004

(Continued from July issue)

Digambar saints:

Acharya Shri Vidhyabhushan Sanmati Sagar Ji Maharaj: NOIDA

Acharya Shri Siddhant Sagar Ji Maharaj: Tumkur (Karnataka)

Acharya Shri Kalyan Sagar Ji Maharaj: Mangitungi ji (Nasik)

Acharya Shri Vidhya Sagar Ji Maharaj: Tilwara Ghat, Jabalpur

Acharya Shri Vidyanand Ji Maharaj: New Delhi

Acharya Shri Suvidhi Sagar Ji Maharaj: Obri (Dungarpur)

Acharya Shri Vimal Sagar Ji Maharaj: Mahavir Ji

Acharya Shri Chandra Sagar Ji Maharaj: Sagwara (Dungarpur)

Acharya Shri Kumudnandi Ji Maharaj: Nandgaon (Nasik)

Acharya Shri Devnandi Ji Maharaj: Aurangabad

Acharya Shri Kanak Sagar Ji Maharaj: Mirajgaon (Ahmednagar)

Upadhyay Shri Samta Sagar Ji Maharaj: Jaipur

Upadhyay Shri Atma Sagar Ji: Dhaulpur (Raj.)
Upadhyay Shri Gyan Sagar Ji Maharaj: Lashkar (Gwalior)

Shwetambar (Murti-Pujak sect)

Acharya Shri Sushil Surishwar Ji Maharaj: Chennai
Acharya Shri Jinottam Surishwar Ji Maharaj: Chennai
Acharya Shri Vijay Rajendra Surishwar Ji Maharaj: Palitana
Muni Shri Jayanand Vijay Ji Maharaj: Shatrunjay Giri
Muni shri Prashant Ratn Ji Maharaj: Bangalore
Muni Shri Anupam Sagar Ji Maharaj: Indore
Muni Shri Mani chandra Sagar Ji Maharaj: Indore
Muni Shri Megh Chandra sagar Ji Maharaj; Indore
Muni shri Anand Chandra Sagar Ji Maharaj Indore

NEW BOOKS RELEASED:

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- 2. Beyond Body and Soul**, by Shri R.S. Kumbhat, Published by Prakrit Bharati Academy, 13-A, Malaviya Nagar, Jaipur.
- 3. All about Magneto Therapy: The healing currents (2004)** Published by: Goodwill Publishing House, New Delhi. Price Rs. 65/-
- 4. Legal Boundries of Nature cure (2004)** by Dr. A.K. Sharma., published by Dr. Sharma's Legal Consultancy, Pune. Price: Rs. 125/- . Foward by Dr. B.T. Chidananda Murthy, Director, Central Council for Research in Naturopathy and Yoga, New Delhi.

ACHIEVEMENTS

MR. ASHEESH JAIN HIGHEST RANKING INDIAN AMERICAN IN U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

Washington, Thirty four-year-old attorney, Asheesh Jain, has been appointed as special assistant in the Bureau of Arms Control, making him to be the highest- ranking Indian American in the State Department. Before his current assignment, popularly known as Ash, Jain has worked in the White House's Office of Global Communications and on Capitol Hill for US Senator Fred Thompson. In his new position, Jain will work on regional and strategic security issues dealing primarily with South Asia, East Asia and the West Asia, according to State Department sources. The Bureau of Arms Control works to strengthen US national security. Asheesh Jain , was born in Minnesota, was seen as an important member of the White House team that wanted to supplement Bush's "war on terrorism" with a "war of ideas" to win the hearts and minds of Muslims living in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh and the principal Arab countries. Chairman of the Indian American Republican Council (IARC), R Vijayanagar, has welcomed Jain's appointment. In a statement, he said : "Ash brings a wealth of foreign policy expertise to this agency. We are extremely proud that he is among the group of more than 20 highly qualified Indian Americans serving in the Bush administration."

AAINA JAIN AND HER TEAM WINS THE SPACE SETTLEMENT DESIGN CONTEST IN THE USA



Aaina Jain (second from left) and her team members with astronaut Sandra Magus (centre). Aaina Jain was the creative director of the team that won the Space Settlement Design Contest, held at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, USA. The 43-hour-long contest, which began on July 14, was organised by the American Institute of Aeronautical and Astronautics Design. Besides Aaina, the 18-member Indian team comprised three other girls from Thapar Institute of Engineering Technology , Patiala. Twenty-six teams from all over the world had earlier participated in the contest held at the Kennedy Space Centre. Only eight teams were selected for the final round. The rest of the seven teams that got selected were from the USA. Before leaving for the US, Aaina Jain, a second year student of B.Tech at TIET, said, "We entered the competition by submitting our projects online. The next thing we knew was that we got the call

that we had been selected for the final round to be held in NASA itself."

The project, called "Bellavistate," looked at the year 2030 and involved planning a city on the moon. This city was planned with six residential and six agricultural complexes and one commercial complex complete with underground tunnels for communication. Water was provided with the moon's polar melted ice. The Punjab Government has funded 50 per cent of their trip and the remaining has been sponsored by the Central Government.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

NEW DISCUSSION GROUPS OPENED FOR JAIN ENGINEERS AND JAIN STUDENTS

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WHO IS THE HOTTEST VEGETARIAN ALIVE?' PETA ASKS IN THIRD ANNUAL ONLINE POLL

Please visit www.petaindia.com to vote ,The following are the, PETA's nominees for the 2004 "Hottest Vegetarian Alive" contest, (For more information, Bijal Vachharajani, E-Mail: bijalv@petaindia.org)

Women

Aditi Govitrikar (actor)
Alicia Silverstone (actor)
Amala Akkineni (actor)
Amrita Rao (actor)
Annie Lennox (musician)
Archana Puran Singh (actor)
Ashley Judd (actor)
Avanti Birla (interior designer)
Avril Lavigne (musician)
Brigitte Bardot (actor)
Chelsea Clinton (former first daughter)
Daryl Hannah (actor)
Erykah Badu (musician)
Esha Deol (actor)
Hema Malini (actor)
Juhi Chawla (actor)
Kim Basinger (actor)
Lauren Bush (model)
Mahima Chaudhary (actor)
Mandira Bedi (actor)
Manpreet Brar (model)
Mel C (musician)
Natalie Imbruglia (musician)
Natalie Portman (actor)
Pamela Anderson (actor)
Priya Gill (actor)
Rajlaxmi Khanvilkar (model)
Ruby Bhatia (VJ)
Shania Twain (musician)
Shonali Nagrani (model)
Simone Singh (actor)
Toni Collette (actor)
Victoria Beckham (musician)

Men

Abdul Kalam (President of India)
Alec Baldwin (actor)
Amar Deb (Channel [V] head)
Amitabh Bachchan (actor)
Anil Ambani (industrialist)
Anil Kumble (athlete)
Boy George (musician)
Bryan Adams (musician)
Carl Lewis (athlete)
Casey Affleck (actor)
David Duchovny (actor)
Dev Anand (actor)
Feroze Varun Gandhi (politician)
Greg Chappell (athlete)
Harsha Bhogle (cricket commentator)
Hemant Trevedi (designer)
Jatin Kampani (photographer)
Joaquin Phoenix (actor)
Josh Hartnett (actor)
Luke Kenny (VJ)
Mahesh Bhatt (director)
Milind Soman (actor)
Moby (musician)
Pierce Brosnan (actor)
Rajneesh Duggal (model)
R Madhavan (actor)
Shahid Kapoor (actor)
Simpoo (professor)
Sir Paul McCartney (musician)
Toby Maguire (actor)
"Weird Al" Yankovic (musician)
Yash Birla (industrialist)
Yana Gupta (model)

AGRA OFFICIALS IN A FIX OVER 'FESTIVAL OF DEATH'

August-2004 ,Agra, Authorities in this city of the Taj Mahal are in a quandary over what is being hailed as the "festival of death". Gulab Chand Jain, 79, having renounced all worldly desires and possessions, is now on a fast till death, which physicians say is just days ahead. Gulab Chand's wife Champa Devi, other family members, hundreds of Jain sadhus and others have gathered at the Shanti Nath Digambar Jain Mandir, a Jain temple, to participate in what is being described as

the "festival of death". While family members and followers of Jainism have hailed the decision, police officials are vexed since the decision is akin to suicide that is considered a crime according to Indian laws. However, authorities are reluctant to force-feed Gulab Chand Jain and antagonize the powerful Jain community here. Doctors who examined him said the end is near. Kiran Yadav, the local police station in-charge, is undecided whether to force-feed him or let him embrace death. While the sadhus and followers of Jainism call the feat worthy of emulation and the highest form of sacrifice, some term it mass hysteria to promote suicide by an ageing person who appears to have lost both his mental equilibrium and his family's love.

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DELHI MCD COUNCILLOR ASHOK JAIN CAUGHT RED-HANDED FOR ACCEPTING BRIBE OF RS ONE LAKH



Delhi MCD councillor Ashok Jain, was caught red-handed for accepting Rs one lakh bribe recently. He had been on CBI's surveillance since long and his phones were being tapped. He was produced before CBI Special Judge Prathiba Rani, who remanded him in 14 days of judicial custody. A few weeks back, one Rishipal had approached the CBI stating that he was carrying out some construction at his house. He alleged that Jain had threatened to demolish his house if he did not pay him Rs 50,000. "Rishipal alleged that Jain had set August 11 as the deadline for delivering the bribe money. A trap was laid and on August 12, Jain was caught red-handed in the act at his office in Bazar Sitaram. Jain's counsel moved a bail application, which will come up for hearing on August 16. His wife, daughter and many supporters were present at the courtroom when Jain was produced there.

FOR RS 2.5 LAKH, ALL THEY LEARNT WAS RUSSIAN : THANKS TO PADAM JAIN

Ahmedabad, August 4: Shabbir Ali and his six others, who had aspired to study medicine in Russia, have just returned from Kirghizstan with a certificate in Russian language, thanks to Padam Jain. The course cost them : Rs 2.5 lakh each for a nightmarish year in a strange land. Jain had allegedly duped these students of several lakhs of rupees by promising to secure their admissions in a Russian medical institute. Jain has duped many more students from India. Two other students have filed a case against him in Russia. According to the complaint, Padam Jain and his wife - residents of Kota in Rajasthan - had in July 2003 published an advertisement in a vernacular daily, inviting applications for admission to medical colleges in Russia. Seeing this, students reportedly paid Rs. one lakh to Jain's firm Cosmo Consultant in July 2003, in order to get into the Kirgis State Medical Academy.

POPATLAL JAIN, MUMBAI, ORDERED CONSIGNMENT OF FAKE CURRENCY FROM A DUBAI

Mumbai, July 6: THE Thane police have busted an international counterfeiting racket and arrested five people including Popatlal Somanji Jain and an assistant sub-inspector in the Mumbai police force. According to the police, approximately Rs 2.5 crore in fake notes was smuggled by Popatlal Somanji Jain, into India from Dubai, via Bangladesh. The police have recovered Rs 24.41 lakh all Rs 500 notes and say it could be only the tip of the iceberg. After Police Sub-Inspector Sanju John of the Thane Crime Branch's Economic Offences Wing received a tip-off, the raids were conducted in Mumbai and Kolkata," Jain collected the currency from one Mohammad Ayub in Kolkata, passed it on to Assistant Sub-Inspector.

NEW TWIST TO RAJIV MURDER : RAJENDRA JAIN, JOURNALIST, MURDER CASE REOPENED

Coincidence? Now, the new central government has decided to refer the murder of Rajendra Jain, journalist and close aide of controversial godman Chandraswami, to the Multi Disciplinary Monitoring Agency which is probing the conspiracy angle of the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. Just before the death, he was scheduled to appear before the Jain Commission, and expected to shed some light on the assassination. But on January 7, 1998, Jain's body was found in his apartment in Delhi.

COMMENTS FROM VIEWERS

On Samvatsari (Pravin K. Shah, E-Mail : education@jaina.org)

If we will celebrate different Samvatsari days and if Indian Government wants to close Slaughter Houses on that one pious day and U.S. or any Government/Agency agrees to observe that one pious day then my question to all Jains is this. Are we ready to give any particular day for that? Are we ready to give that particular pious day for World, U.N. or National Calender? If we will give them different days for Samvatsari then they will easily interpret/understand our unity and differing views/principles and will take undue advantage of that. Interested people will immediately imply/imply for further break up of unity what ever we have right now. You all may be well knowing that we are less than 0.5 % in India and less than 0.1 % Worldwide. Our magnificent temples in India are threatened for demolition, our Tirths are not protected and encroached as in the recent case of Girnar and interference/bid of taking over by Governments as in the past case of Sametshikhar and other Tirths.

There is some thing going on at Badrinath. Time has come for us to remain united. United we stand, divide we fall. We are too much divided now, than before, in so many splinter sectors/sub sectors in India and now here in U.S.A. and therefore we are loosing our strength and recognition. Why shall we not call us as (Tirthankars') Bhagwan Mahavir's followers, Jains, and only Jains and nothing but Jains and not as Shwetambar, Digamber, Sthanawasi, Terapanthi etc? We shall forget of our PANTHS and sectors/sub sectors. Refer article "Jain Radiance On The Western Horizon" by Dr. Noel King and Dr. Surendra Singhvi written back in Jaina Convention 1993 (Pittsburgh) Issue. It will open our eyes. It states that Hinduism and Buddhism, religions founded in India blossomed and Jain Religion not, though hard work done by Jain Scholars, our Monks and non-Jain born Jainism scholars.

ON VEGETARIANISM

We only boast of practising Jainism. How many of us follow the basic principles of ahimsa in letter and spirit? Do we really care to respect other people, do not harm them nor injure them, do not lie to them nor steal from them, do not lust after their possessions and wealth, and are impelled by the teaching of "Parasparograh Jivanam"? The highest degree of cruelty and violence is caused by killing of innocent animals during the production of cosmetics, silks, varak and many other items of daily consumption but we all bring them joyfully in our houses and use them regularly. Is it not a shame to call ourselves Jains and go on encouraging violence? Where will this hypocrisy lead us to?

The city of Ahmedabad is said to be a vegetarian city and the state of Gujarat a vegetarian state but paradoxically the maximum extent and highest degree of violence is taking place day in and day out in this very state and this very city. It is shame for all of us, irrespective of where we live and what we eat. Can we think rationally for collective action? Readers are free to comment. MR. P. L. Jain, E-Mail :

ahimsatimes@jainsamaj.org Comments received from A. V. Jain through Jain Samachar" E-Mail : jainsamachar@yahoogroups.com Well Said, P. L. Jain saheb, well said, I appreciate your feelings . How many do observe this. Many women are pride of buying silk sarees, our gurus, temples allow us to use varak. I really feel like crying but who listens, I am put forward this issue so many times to Gurus, but they don't care, I have seen tonnes of Ghee going in Parna after upvas , atthai etc. But have we thought how many calves we kill while consuming and using Ghee. How many poor and unfortunate calves die day by day even without a drop of milk right from the moment of their birth, Have you seen such painful death which a new born calve faces for weeks together before it dies, and we enjoy doing navkarsi and parna, I am sure our gurus, if I tell them , they will outcaste me and tell that you are not a good person or social man. Hell with it , who cares, today we have forgot the very meaning of vegetarianism. I feel Americans who are newly turned vegans are much better than we jains who don't even use leather belts, leather shoes or even have a cup of tea with non-dairy creamer. How many of us are going to do that. Our society has become total hypocrisy and chaos due to the facts that our gurus have made themselves commercial and busy engraving their name on stones with public fund. They run their own shops in their own way rather than uniting and leading a proper social movement Mr. A. V. Jain 2. Regarding Girnar Teerth, Panks Jain, E-Mail : pajarotouch@yahoo.com.

DEVLOK GAMAN

Aryika Shri Suprabhamati Mata Ji breathed her last and left for Devlok on the 4th August, 2004 at Parsola Dist. Udaipur in the presence of Acharya Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji Maharaj. She was holding Chaturmas at Parsola and was carrying out deep

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