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" EVERY SOUL IS INDEPENDENT, NONE DEPENDS ON ANOTHER, NONE IS SUPERIOR OR INFERIOR  
EVERY SOUL IS IN ITSELF ABSOLUTELY OMNISCIENT AND BLISSFUL, THE BLISS DOES NOT COME FROM OUTSIDE  
ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE MISERABLE DUE TO THEIR OWN FAULTS  
AND  
THEY THEMSELVES CAN BE HAPPY BY CORRECTING THESE FAULTS"

- Mahaveer -

## SAINTS

'INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT IS A SOCIAL CRIME'- SAID SRIMAD ACHARYA VIJAY MAHARAJ SAHEB - Ahmedabad:"There was a time when knowledge was imparted freely. Unfortunately, today, knowledge has become highly commercialised," lamented Srimad Acharya Vijay Yugbhushan Surishwarji Maharaj Saheb also known as Pandit Maharaja, while inaugurating the Jyot exhibition. The Acharya was addressing the devotees and knowledge seekers who flocked the 11-day exhibition presenting fundamental knowledge of Jainism in scientific manner, at SG Highway.

"No intellectual property rights or patent or royalty was demanded by the past generations for imparting traditional knowledge. However, today people demand patent and royalty for the innovations which is not very different from the traditional knowledge," said Pandit Maharaja. He also added that intellectual property right is a social exploitation of society. According to Pandit Maharaja the aim of organising the exhibition is to spread knowledge about the fundamentals of the Jainism.

'Jyot' showcases the various stages of development of the mankind. "The exhibition is not for entertainment but for the enlightenment of mankind," said Pandit Maharaja. Panyas Shilratnasurishwarji Maharaj Saheb, who was also present in the exhibition said, "Lack of knowledge is mother of all kind of sins in the world." The Jain community should organise such exhibitions at least once in two or three years.

## BIOGRAPHIES OF THREE GREAT JAIN SAINTS ON WIKIPEDIA

Biographies of three Stalwarts of Jainism are now available on Wikipedia, who exerted great influence during their times: Hiravijaya Suri – Influenced Emperor Akbar, who converted to vegetarianism for most of the days and give up hunting and fishing his favorite pastimes. He issued firm an—of banning slaughter of animals during Paryushan in Gujarat which is still in existence in Gujarat and was referred to by the Supreme Court. [www.en.wikipedia.org](http://www.en.wikipedia.org) Upadhayaya Yasovijay Gani—The monk-philosopher who mastery in Navya-Nyaya logic was unrivalled.

He is considered as spiritual heir of Haribhadra Suri and authored around 100 texts on diverse subjects. [www.en.wikipedia.org](http://www.en.wikipedia.org) Muni Jambuvijayaji- One of the greatest scholars amongst the Jain monks. He was known for his pioneering work in research, cataloging and translations of Jain Agamas and ancient texts. [www.en.wikipedia.org](http://www.en.wikipedia.org) Source: Wikipedia. Courtesy: Mr. Anish, E-Mail: [anishshah19@hotmail.com](mailto:anishshah19@hotmail.com)

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ENTRY FORM

## ACHARYA DR. SHIV MUNI FELICITATES DR. RAJENDRA MUNI ON HIS 56TH BIRTH DAY



In a very impressive gathering in Delhi of saints & shravaks of Sthanakwasi Sect, 56th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Muni ( Up Pravartak Shraman Sangh ) was celebrated on 20th December at Navkar Teerth, Ghevra Mor, Near Mahavideh Kshetra, Delhi. On this occasion, celebration program of Parshwanth Bhagwan Janm Kalyanak was also organised. Acharya Shri of Sharman Sangh Dr. Shiv Muni blessed the programme by his personal presence. Navakar Teerth is being constructed with the blessings of Dr. Rajendra Muni, Uppadhaya Ramesh Muni, Yua Manish Shri Surendera Muni. Programme was also attended by Ravinder Muni, Kamal Muni, Ram Muni, Tarak Muni, Shirish Muni, Deepesh Muni, & Group of Sadhvis namely, Vimla Shriji, Sarita Shriji, Ramesh Kumariji, Rashmi Shriji, Divya Prabhaji & Others. Shri Ashok Kumar Kothari, H-158, Ashok Vihar, Phase - I, Delhi shouldered

the responsibility of financing the entire programme running over eight days. Dr. Rajendra Muni thanked Mr. Anil Jain, Ahimsa Foundation & other office bearers of Navakar Teerth for organising this event. ( Photo-Dr. Shiv Muni offering Chaddar to Dr. Rajendra Muni on the occasion of his 56th birth anniversary )

## TEMPLES

### MOKSHA KALYANAK BHAGWAN ADHINATH - ASHTAPAD TEERTH



Ashtapad Teerth Jain Mandir will celebrate Bhagwan Adinath Moksha Kalyanak on 14th January 2010 on the auspicious day of Makar Sakranti. This beautiful place is just 60 km. from Delhi on National Highway No. 8, connecting to Delhi - Jaipur. Ashtapad Teerth is known for the tallest statue (27th Ft. in sitting posture) of Bhagwan Adinath in the world. On this day of Makar Sakranti Sun changes its direction from south to north. This is also the day of Bhagwan Adinath Moksha Kalyanak. Pt. Dharam Chand Shashtri, the renowned Pratishthacharya and Founder Trustee of Ashtapad Teerth Trust will conduct the programme which is expected to be attended by devotees from around the world. For more information you can speak to Pt. Dharam Chand Shastri on Mob No. 93-128-37240 or Sh. A. K. Jain (Mobile No. 98-100-46108).

### ACHARYA VIJAY NITYANAND SURIJI OPENS HASTINAPUR "ASHTAPAD TEERTHA"



A new chapter was scripted in the history of Jain Religion at Hastinapur ( Hastinapur is situated at a distance of 110 kms from Delhi ) when the extinct Ashtappad Teerth again came into being at Hastinapur on December 2nd. This colossal, historic and inimitable archetype of architecture Ashtapad Teertha-was inaugurated by Acharya Srimad Vijay Nityanand Suriji at a function held at Hastinapur. With the height of 151 feet, the structure of Ashtapad Teertha has four entrances. The diameter of the structure is 108 feet. Each of the eight padas is 108 feet high. The construction of this awesome, fascinating marvel of architecture Ashtapad Teertha will be a big pilgrimage attraction.

The nine-day-long grand inaugural function of Ashtapad Teertha comprised of variety of programmes pertaining to spiritualism and religion. Acharya Nityanand Suriji said that with the construction of this Teertha, not only a sense of co-existence, peace, unity in diversity, based on philosophy of Jainism, will be infused into the people, but Bharatiya culture and ethos will also be propagated. The construction of Ashtapad Teertha has been completed after continuous work of twenty years and at a cost of about Rs 25 crore.

Legend has it that Ashtapad is situated somewhere among the snow-clad Himalayan peaks, about 168 miles north from Badrinath on the way to Mount Kailash. It is about seven miles from Mansarovar. Thousands of years ago the first Teerthankara Bhagwan Rishabhdev attained nirvana here. In his memory, his son Maharaja Bharat Chakravarti constructed

a diamond-studded palace on Ashtapad Mountains. It is believed that Ashtapada got its name as there are eight steps to be climbed to reach the mountain. A detailed description of Ashtapad can be found in Shatrujany Mahatmya Granth. According to Shastras, 24th Tirthankar Bhagwan Mahavir Swami told his disciple Shri Gautam Swami that whoever undertakes pilgrimage to Ashtapad, attains moksha. Hence, Shri Gautam Swami had undertaken pilgrimages to Ashtapada through his special powers. Siddhastavan Sutra has the description of the order in which the idols are found on the Ashtapad Mountains. They were installed in four rows of four, eight, ten and two. More description of Ashtapada Teertha is also given in Trishashti-shalakupurushchartra of Hemchandracharya.

The pious and historic Hastinapur assumes significance, as it is the birthplace of Bhagwan Rishabhdev. This is the Pavitra-bhoomi of 16th, 17th and 18th Teethankars, who took birth, diksha and gyan. This is also the punyabhoomi of 19th Teerthankar. Hastinapur is dharmabhoomi of 20th, 23rd and 24th (Bhagwan Mahavir) Teerthankars. Hastinapur was the capital of the Kauravas and the Pandvas in the times of the Mahabharat. This was the birthplace of six of the twelve Chakravartis beginning with Chakravarty Bharat. This is also the birthplace of Parashuram of the times of the Ramayana. In fact, words fail to describe the grandeur of this place which is made holy by the births of great men and its land made pious by their touch. According to the Digambar sect, the great tradition of Rakshahandhan or Shravani Poonam started here. Thus according to the Jain traditions and history, many Tirthutaras, Chakravaratis, Great Sadhus, the Omniscient souls, ascetics, Shravakas and Shrivikas are associated to this ancient and sacred land.

## HONOUR / AWARDS

### HEMANT JAIN JOINS LEO BURNETT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hemant Jain has joined the board Leo Burnett, Mumbai as Executive Director. He moves from Wieden+Kennedy, London. He was earlier with the W+K Amsterdam office. A writer-cum-art director, Jain's distinct style has won countless number of international awards and recognition from Cannes Gold and Clio to One Show, D&AD, Abby and AAAI. Apart from doing stand-out advertising for clients such as Nokia India, Jain is also an activist lending his skills to augment multiple social causes in India. In India earlier he worked for O&M, Leo Burnett and Rediffusion Y&R.

**Shri Tej Karan Surana** has been elected as President of Anuvrat Vishwa Bharati (Anuvibha) for a period of two years. Making this announcement, Shri Mohan Bhai, Founder of Anuvibha mentioned that Shri Surana has contributed greatly in the development of this institution. He has so far organised 75 conferences and seminars. He belongs to Churu in Rajasthan.

**Shri Suresh Jain** from Bhopal has been honoured as "Samaj Ratna" by Shrut Samvardhan Sansthan at Shrawan Bel Gola with the advice of Upadhyay Ratna Shri Gyan Sagar Ji maharaj, belonging to Jain Digambar sect. Shri Jain has contributed greatly in the fields of ecology, personality development and Jainism. The award consists of a sum of Rs. 51,000/-, shawl and a memento.

### VIVEK JAIN WINS ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB ELECTIONS



Mumbai: Vivek Jain polled in the highest number of votes at the Royal Western India Turf Club elections held at the Mahalaxmi Race Course premises. On a day which saw over 1082 members cast their votes, Jain topped the list with 887 while Jaydev M Mody came second with 791. Vivek Jain will take charge as the chairman of the RWITC and also remain the head of marketing, a post which he has been holding till now. Incidentally, his taking over as chairman will mark the first time that a son has succeeded a chair which his father had held in the past. Vivek's father Shashi Chand Jain had also been a RWITC chairman.

### SONA JAIN AWARDED AT SINGAPORE FILM FESTIVAL

Debutant film director Sona Jain's feature film has won four awards at the Asian Festival of First Films in Singapore. Starring child actors Zoya S Hassan, Sriharsh Sharmam and Sarita Choudhury, the film has been written and produced by Jain. It tells the story of a family living in New Delhi seen through the eyes of a six-year old girl. Awards offered were best actress award for Hassan, best actor for Sharmam, best screenplay and best producer for Jain. The fest concluded on December 4. The panel of judges who chose the film unanimously included Chris Lee, president of production, Columbia-Tristar Pictures, Australian Film Director Anna Kokkinos and Bollywood director Kabir Khan. Jain graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and also has a masters in Fine Arts. Her student short film Vasarma's Lovers was also a hit in the international film festival circuit.



## **JAIN STUDIES & RESEARCH**

### **RESEARCHERS CLOSE TO FINDING MYTHICAL MOUNTAIN MENTIONED IN JAIN EPICS**

Research teams formed by LD Institute of Indology and US-based Jain Centre have identified 5 places in Himalayas, one of which could be the place where Tirthankar Adinath Rishabhdev attained nirvana. For several decades, the mystery location of Ashtapada mountain in the Himalayas — where Jainism's first Tirthankar Adinath Rushabhdev is believed to have attained enlightenment and died thousands of years ago, has puzzled Jains. Now, researchers have slowly begun to solve this enigma. Three research teams formed by LD Institute of Indology and US-based New York Jain Centre have identified five places in the Himalayas, mostly in the region close to Mount Kailash, that match description of Ashtapada mountain in Jain scriptures. Tirthankar Rushabhdev, according to studies carried out by the teams, could have died after attaining liberation at any of the five places. The three teams comprised researchers, ISRO and PRL scientists, a Jain muni and historians.

Interestingly, the research teams not only studied Jain scriptures and analysed satellite images, but also visited parts of the Himalayas across the Indian border in China. The visits were made in 2006, 2007 and earlier this year. The teams clicked pictures and compared them with existing anecdotal evidence. In all, they identified 10 probable places of Ashtapada mountain. Of these, they zeroed in on five, Dharma King Norsang; 13 Drenkung Chorten; Nandi; a place known as Commonly-visited Ashtapad and Shiv Sthal. All research and exploration work was carried out under Ashtapad Research Foundation, a body formed by New York Jain Centre and LD Institute of Indology. The Jain centre bankrolled the exploration part of the research. The centre has published 19 volumes spread over 8,522 pages on the religious significance and mystery of Ashtapada mountain. The place near Mount Kailash where he attained nirvana remains a mystery, with many studies yielding different hypotheses.

### **MADRAS UNIVERSITY OFFERS REGULAR COURSES IN JAINISM**

The department of Jainology was established in the university of Madras in 1983 on the eve of 125th year of establishment of the university. It was inaugurated by the President of India, Giani Zail Singh. The department was established as an Endowment Department by the Research Foundation for Jainology but is now a regular department in the mainstream. The primary objective of the department is to promote study and research in every branch of Jain studies and assessing the contribution of the Jain religion to different languages and cultures. The department offers M.A. in Jain Studies and Ph. D in Jain Studies. The main Faculty Members are Dr. Priyadarshana Jain, Dr. Jayantilal Jain and Dr. Nirmala Baradia. For more information, please contact: Dr. Priyadarshana Jain E- Mail: priyadarshanajain@yahoo.in

### **JAIN WRITERS PIONEERS OF GUJARATI WRITING**

AHMEDABAD: Gujarati language emerged out of Jain tradition. Jain saints and the tradition of writing pioneered the development of Gujarati language and literature. The first phase of Gujarati literature, generally claimed from the 12th century to the early 15th century, was dominated by Jain authors. The oldest 'rasa' poem of 1185 'Bharatesvara-bahubali Rasa' was by Shalibhadra Sur, a Jain saint.

"Rasa, originally a folk dance which slowly acquired the features of dramatic presentation, was adopted by Jain authors in long narratives divided in short parts. The themes of the 'rasas' are legends associated with Jain saints. The period is dominated almost exclusively by the Jain poets," wrote Sisir Kumar Das in 'The History of Indian Literature 500-1399', published by Sahitya Academy, Delhi. Another great influence on Gujarati language was Jain saint Hemchandracharya, whose writings are known as Gurjara Apabhramsa. The specimens of the Apabhramsa are to be found in the Prakrit grammar of Hemchandracharya (1088-1172), the great Jain monk. He lived during the reign of Siddhraj and Kumarpal, both kings of Solanki dynasty.

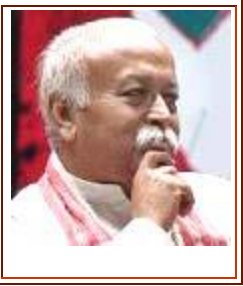
"In Hemchandracharya's great work, we can spot the Gujarati writings very clearly. In many ways the Jain saints were pioneers for Gujarati language," says Kumarpal Desai, Jain scholar. Hemchandracharya also collected many 'dohas' in 'apabhramsa' as illustrations of different forms of poetry which are generally considered as part of the protohistory of Gujarati literature. "The Jain tradition of writing helps a lot in formation of Gujarati language. They were pioneers," says eminent writer of Gujarati language and Padma Shri Bholabhai Patel. "Even today, Jain granths have manuscripts of more than 1400 writers. All manuscripts are kept in protected 'bhandars' as these are great source of knowledge," adds Desai.

## JAIN-ISMS TO BE DEFINED IN GUJARATI GLOSSARY BY LD INSTITUTE

AHMEDABAD: If you do not understand concepts like santhara', paryushan' maha sati', or maharaj saheb' terms that are part of a typical Jain lifestyle which commonly would be fast-unto-death, penance, woman monk and a sadhu, respectively, the LD Institute of Indology is on a monumental project to create a glossary of these words . Jain scholars are getting together to make this exclusive glossary or terminology in which they will interpret the word based on Jain etymology, tradition and spirituality." It is a huge project and will take time to complete. The glossary will be in Gujarati language. LD Institute of Indology remains one of the main centre of Jain Studies since 1963. Muni Shri Punyavijayji and Kasturbhai Lalbhai are the pioneers of the conception and execution of the LD Institute of Indology. Punyavijayji had given to the institute the rich collection of 9,000 manuscripts. A magnificent building for housing the manuscripts safely has been built. The institute has already collected nearly 75,000 manuscripts, covering a wide range of subjects.

## MINORITY RECOGNITION

### DEMAND OF MINORITY STATUS FOR JAINS WORTHY: RSS CHIEF



"Jains are demanding minority status on national level. This demand is worth" This statement is from the RSS supreme Mohan Bhagwat. In a function held at Godiji Parshwanath Mandir of Pune, Bhagwat said that Jains should get national minority status as soon as possible. He was speaking on a question raised by Shripal Lalwani, a member of Arihant Jagruti Munch of Pune. The question was, "If Buddhists and Sikhs have got national minority status, why Jain community yet has not gotten it in spite of a long time demand?" Bhagwat's statement given in front of public is very important as Hindutwa people, including some so-called Jains have been always opposed to the minority status of Jain community. Courtesy : Mahavir Sanglikar, 0962 372 5249.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### NARESH JAIN ARRESTED FOR HAWALA TRADE

Authorities suspect Naresh Jain is actively involved in international Hawala Transactions with underworld. He is suppose to be associated with criminals ranging from British gangsters to Al-Qaeda members. He was arrested by detectives from India's Narcotics Control Bureau and accused of laundering the proceeds of drugs trafficking. His activities were tracked by detectives in Britain, United States, Italy and Dubai. Detectives described Jain as one of the world's biggest money lenders who, along with his associates, was believed to operate a multi billion dollar worth money-laundering schemes. Mr Jain has denied all the charges, claiming that he is a legitimate businessman who is being framed. Jain was also arrested in Dubai in 2007 for breaking the emirate's foreign exchange laws, but was released the following year and returned to India.

### 'BLACK BRITISHERS' MODI'S NEW TERM FOR PSEUDO-SECLARS



AHMEDABAD: 'Black Britishers' in the country who claim secular credentials are really pseudo-seculars' killing Indian culture and traditions, said Chief Minister Narendra Modi. Modi was speaking during the mega 'Gyan Mahotsav Jyot', an exhibition of Jain philosophy and teachings on SG Highway in Ahmedabad. Targeting them, Modi said, "The hundred of years of defending the country from outside forces and later colonialization by the Britishers created such perversion in minds that we have stopped believing in our pristine form of Indian traditions." According to him, people now need to knock the doors of Supreme Court to ban cow slaughter in a country where cows are referred to as mother'. "Even though the state government won the case, why do we need to go so far for protecting our culture?" . The court battle for banning cow slaughter during the month-long Paryushan Parva of jains evinced a strong reaction from Modi. "Even for shutting down the slaughter houses during Paryushan, we have to approach the Supreme court. This is wastage of public money as it involves hiring lawyers incurring a lot of expense to the state government. The cows are not meant to be butchered, they should be used judiciously".

The COP15 summit which kicked off in Copenhagen was also at centre of discussion at the meet. Jain monks present on the occasion urged the world leaders of 193 countries to take a lesson out of Jain philosophy which believes in co-existence

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with nature without exploiting natural resources. Modi said, "Western countries can get the answer for dealing with global warming by understanding the inherent Indian culture."

### **THEFT AT JAIN TEMPLE IN BUNDI DISTRICT OF RAJASTHAN**

Two Idols of Lord Parshavnath made of ashtadhatu (eight metals), one gold parasol, 11 silver parasols and other valuables were stolen from a Jain temple in Rajasthan's Bundi district. The incident took place on the 26th November, 09 at Hindoli city, about 202 km from Jaipur. A case has been registered against unidentified persons in Hindoli police station.

### **PAVEMENTS DEMANDED BY JAINS AFTER DEATH OF JAIN MONKS IN ROAD ACCIDENTS**

Mumbai, One Jain monk and four nuns have been killed in road accidents this month in Mumbai alone. Jains are especially vulnerable as they believe that every organism has a potentially divine soul. They are forbidden from killing any living thing and must watch carefully that they do not crush insects underfoot. Sagarchandra Sagar Maharaj, of the Walkeshwar Jain temple in Mumbai, said: "We have asked that footpaths be made along highways and expressways." Another member of the city's Jain community told a local newspaper: "Over 80 [Jain monks and nuns] have died in accidents in the past three years. It is high time that something is done."

The calls were backed by Krishnaraj Rao, of Sahasi Padyatri — the Movement for Brave Pedestrians—a veteran campaigner for pavements in Mumbai. "Footpaths are virtually non-existent, even in the most densely populated areas of this city, and walking along our highways is a very risky enterprise. Even to get to a bus stop a pedestrian has to risk their life," he said. "Devotees of all communities go on pilgrimage on foot. Footpaths along highways will be good for all of them."

### **PROBLEMS BEFORE JAIN COMMUNITY - A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MAHAVIR SANGLIKAR**

You have raised some of the Fundamental issues in front of Jain Community around the world. In present day Scientific and Technological Global Village, we need to go forward towards Solution of the present day 'world issues' vs Petty Issues living in the bygone Past with Outdated Traditions. Our Main and Fundamental Principle of 'NON-VIOLENCE' - 'AHINSA', 'AHINSA PARAMO DHARMA' is ignored in the world full of Wars and Violence, Cruelty, Global Warming, Poverty, Ignorance, Illiteracy, Unemployment, etc. We need to join hands with progressive forces actively pursuing the Futuristic Agenda. Here lies the Solution of All Problems facing JAINS, gradually edging towards extinction. If Jains do not remain Jains due to Inter-Religious/ Racial marriages, etc., we will continue to go down in Numbers. We need to be Inclusive, Not Divisive and/or Exclusive, due to Sectarianism. Money, ignoring the Qualitative Practicing Jains, should give way to Humanitarian/Non-Violent Way of Life for A Peaceful and Prosperous World of Future. 'Frog in the Well' mentality and Hair-splitting Dogmatic, Out-dated Ritualistic and Traditional pursuits, and Vested Interest Leadership need to be replaced, sooner than later. This needs Courage and Conviction. Feeble Minds are smothered by Powerful Entrenched Organized Cliques of Leadership and Gurus. This is not an easy task, yet worth pursuing. This is A Thought, Neither A Sermon, Nor Idealism. The Youth are in the Vanguard. It is die-hard Realism. It is A CHALLENGE. 'YES, WE CAN'. Sincerely, **Fakirchand J. Dalal, 9001 Good Luck Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706, U.S.A. Phone: 301-577-5215, E-Mail: sfdalal@comcast.net**


### **NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS**

**ENLIGHTENED KNOWLEDGE:** By Dr. Sohan Raj Tater, Price: Rs. 790/- Readyworthy Publications Pvt. Ltd. A-18, Mohan Garden, Near Nawada Metro Station, New Delhi. Knowledge is specific to human beings and self-reflection is an important step towards self-realization. Such reflection or knowledge is enlightenment. Various philosophical traditions of the world have tried to understand the nature of knowledge and its power of enlightenment. This book discusses at length the nature of knowledge and its enlightening power as explained by different schools of Indian philosophy, with special reference to the tenets and teachings of Jainism.

Prof. (Dr). Sohan Raj Tater (b.1947) is presently Vice President of Akhil Bhartiya Darshan Parishad and former Vice Chancellor of Singhania University, at Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan. Earlier, he served in Public Health Engineering Department as Superintending Engineer in the Government of Rajasthan for about 30 years. He is Honorary Advisor to Jain Vishva Bharati University, Ladnun. A well-known scholar of Jainism, Dr. Tater has to his credit a book, entitled, The Jaina Doctrine of Karma and the Science of Genetics, published early this year, besides a good number of research papers published in national and international journals. He has participated in various seminars and conferences in India and abroad.

**Jain Heritage (Hindi)** - By Dr. Kapoor Chand Jain & Dr. Mrs. Jyoti Jain ( Mobile NO. 098-96-437271), Price Rs. 30/-. Available from Shri Digamber Jain Lal Mandir Chandni Chowk, Delhi, This book is an attempt to explain Jain culture, history and philosophy to young generation who are always short of time. Topics covered in the book relate to Temples, Rituals Postal

Materials, Philosophy Symbols etc. It is really a good collection of information and shall be highly appreciated by persons not familiar with Jainism.



## WAKE UP JAINS TO THIS CONCERN SPREAD AWARENESS FOR CENSUS 2011

*Make the Jain Community an 'Effective Minority Community'!!*

**Problem**

According to 2001 census of India, total population of India was 1200 Million. The population of Jains was just 48 Lakh, which was just 0.4% of the total population. This number of Jains is absolutely incorrect. According to many Jain leaders, social activists & researchers, the number should be at least 20 to 40 million, comprising 1.66% to 3.32% of total Indian population. Then why it is not seen in the Census data?

**Reason**

The reasons are ignorance and meanness by the data collectors. While filling the data in the printed forms, the data collectors do not ask the religion to the respondent as they don't follow the rule. They 'assume' the religion & tick on the religion they want. As most of the surnames of Jains are like their other counterparts in their region, the data collectors 'think' that the family is Hindu, and they circle or tick the letter H instead of J. It is not just ignorance, but many of the data collectors do it purposely.

**Solution**

The only solution to this problem is to be very alert when the data collectors come to fill in the form.  
**Be sure that they make a circle around 'J', which is for Jain.**

**Benefit**

If the correct population of Jains is recorded, Government of India, All States and Union Territory Governments, Various Government Bodies, All Political Parties, Print & Electronic Media, will stop ignoring Jain community. The members of Jain community itself will become confident, as they will not remain members of a 'Tiny Minority community', but the members of 'Effective Minority community'

Designed By Deepa Gadhani *An Appeal by Ashish Jain and Rahul Pandiya*

## HEALTH

### HEART ATTACKS - ALWAYS KEEP ASPIRIN BY YOUR BED SIDE

There are other symptoms of an heart attack besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently. Note: There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack. The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water. Afterwards, phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by say "heart attack!", - say that you have taken 2 aspirins. - take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and... do NOT lie down... According to Cardiologists , if each person, after receiving this e-mail, sends it to 10 people, probably one life can be saved! Courtesy: Satyesh.Bhandari@ril.com

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### SOCIAL WORK FOR DEAF & DUMB SCHOOL BY MRS. SUSHILA BOHRA (JAIN)





Mrs. Sushila Bohra (Jain) is a renowned social worker giving her valuable services for deaf & dumb students at Jodhpur. She is founder president of Netraheen Vikas Sansthan ( A School for Blinds), Bal Shobha Sansthan (An Orphanage home), Samgra Vikas Sansthan (A khadhi Institute), President of Gandhi Peace foundation Center, Founder Honorary Secretary of " SAMBAL" (An institute for self employment of women), Managing trustee of Parasmal Sushila Bohra Charitable Trust, Executive Member of Deaf & Dumb School, Navjeevan Sansthan ( A Destitute Home ) and Jodhpur Nagrik Society "Jodhana". She has remained Honorary member of Rotary Club of Jodhpur as well as that of Mahavir International. She can be contacted at [info@jodhpurblindschool.org](mailto:info@jodhpurblindschool.org) or [bohrajdh@sancharnet.in](mailto:bohrajdh@sancharnet.in)

## HISTORY OF JAINISM

### THOUSANDS OF JAINS WERE KILLED IN GOA BY PORTUGUESE

In the State of Goa about 250 years ago Kumud Raja was the King at that time. When Portuguese entered Goa the Villagers and people of the Kingdom were asked for conversion into Christianity or there life would be ended. Many of the people changed to Christianity, but majority of all the Jains including Kumud Raja was against these conversions. The priest of that Church called all those people who were against the conversion or who disagreed to convert themselves to Christianity and given them 6 months time to take decision. 6 Months Later, that priest again called all of them who disagreed in converting themselves to Christianity including Kumud Raja and ask them all to assemble in an open ground. They were in total 22,000 in Number and all were Jains. All were surrounded by Tankers. All were Killed. At that time only people following Christianity were left in the Goa. News of these killing spread & reached to the POPE in Italy / Rome. He called that priest immediately for a meeting. when the priest reached there, he was awarded by a promotion with giving him a name "St. Xavier". He was sanctioned a big amount of Money to be invested for his future strategies. His future Strategies were to open Churches at every corner of the country India & each church to have a small school. Both of them were named as him St. Xavier's Church and St. Xavier's School / High School. In Jalianwala Baug, 250 people were killed around 150 years ago. In Goa 22,000 were killed just 250 years ago. It is shocking to learn, why only Jaliawala Baug is included in history and why Goa's incident is ignored. Courtesy: Yashesh A. Jakhelia.

## SAD DEMISE



**KANNADA FILM PRODUCER CHANDULAL JAIN PASSES AWAY** - Popular Kannada film producer Chandulal Jain,

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who has contributed hit movies like Bhoothayyana Maga Ayyu, Bhaktha Siriyal, Thabbali Ninade Magane, Godhooli, Veerapan, Gangavva Gangamai, Hemavathi, Praya Praya Praya and Bethale Pooje, has passed away on December 17 2009. He was survived by his wife Leela and sons Rajkumar and Rohith. Earlier this year, Chandulal Jain had celebrated his 74th birthday along with his 50th marriage anniversary in January. He had expressed his dream of producing a movie called Videshi on the occasion. He was very dedicated to Kannada film industry. Even Dr. Rajkumar was surprised at his love for Kannada Cinema and had given his call-sheet to him for the hit movie Thaayi Devaru. Mourning his death, producer Govindu said, "Chandulal's death is an unbearable loss to the industry." Another producer KCN Chandrashekhar said, "Jain's death has created a big void in the industry."

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