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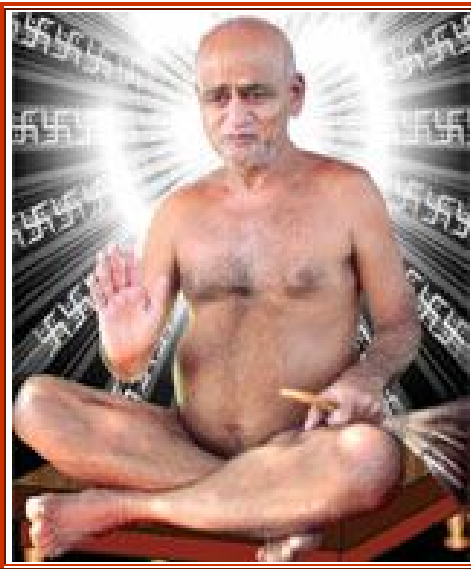
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## SAINTS

### ACHRYA SHRI VIDYASAGAR JI MAHARAJ - WAYS TO STOP ANIMAL ABUSE

Wondering how to stop animal abuse? In just minutes, you can prevent animal cruelty and make a difference in your community.

1. Speak for Animals --- Animals can't speak up when they are being abused, so when you see something, say something. If you witness an act of animal cruelty in your neighborhood, contact the authorities immediately. Report the incident to your local police department, animal control or humane society. Animal cruelty, neglect and abuse are illegal in every state in the nation under the Animal Welfare Act.



2. Teach Children to Respect Animals --- Help stop animal abuse by being a role model to your children and showing them how to properly take care of and handle animals. To reach even more kids, talk to your children's school or neighborhood community center and see if you can arrange an assembly on responsible pet ownership. Respecting animals needs to start young because acts of violence towards pets can sometimes be an indicator of violence towards people later in life.

3. Vote\* --- Put politicians in office who support animal protection legislation. Check out candidates' websites or call their headquarters and find out how they plan to help stop animal abuse in your area. You can also write to your current representatives and ask them to support laws that increase punishment for animal abusers or increase the number animal control officers.

4. Say NO to Puppy Mills - Puppy mills are a horrible reality of the pet industry. Help stop animal abuse by refusing to buy pets or supplies from any store or website

that sell animals. While you may think buying a puppy mill pet is saving an animal, it is only encouraging these mills to stay in business by keeping up the demand for their product. Only adopt from shelters or buy from reputable breeders and tell your friends to do the same.

5. Volunteer or Donate --- Prevent animal cruelty by volunteering your time and talents to a worthy cause. Even a few hours a week holding and petting animals at a shelter increases their chance of being adopted by making them more people friendly. If you are a writer, offer to help write the newsletter or lend your design skills to their website and advertisements. If you don't have the time to volunteer, you can still make a difference by donating to an animal rights organization in your community.

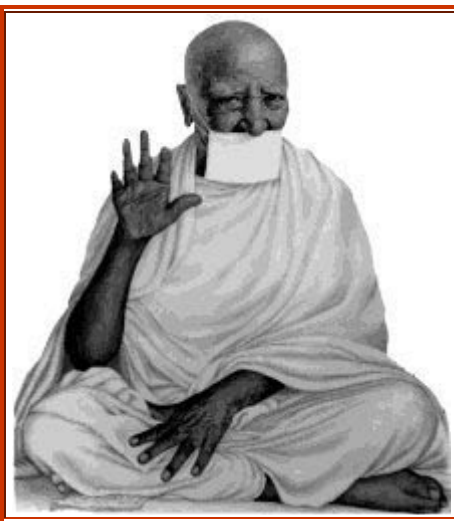
#### **LOKESH MUNI ESTABLISHES NEW ASHRAM AT NEW DELHI**



Newly constructed Acharya Lokesh Ashram and Ahimsa Wellness Centre was inaugurated successfully in New Delhi. The new Ashram is prominently located near the Karol Bagh Metro Station, New Delhi. Karol Bagh is high end commercial area and centrally located. Click on following link to view the photographs of Opening Ceremony. [www.flickr.com/photos/90272052@N07/sets/72157632054597953](http://www.flickr.com/photos/90272052@N07/sets/72157632054597953).

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#### **DELHI STHANAKWASI SECT TO CELEBRATE ACHARYA ANAND RISHI'S DIKSHA CEREMONY ON 23RD DECEMBER**



Acharya Anand Rishi Maharaj was architect saint who established Jain Sthanakwasi tradition throughout India.

A grand programme is being organized to commemorate and celebrate 100 years of Acharya Anand Rishi's Diksha Ceremony on 23rd December, 2012 (from 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.) at Maharaja Agarsen Institute of Technology, Sector -22, Rohini, Delhi. The programme is expected to be participated by over 2,500 Jain community members from Delhi and elsewhere including a few from abroad. Some of the very important political personalities are also expected to be at programme venue to inaugurate and address the event. The organizers of the programme have also planned to place a few stalls of social utility and public interest. The programme will also be live telecasted over Sadhna and Ishwar etc. television channels and the broadcast will have reach over 125 countries. Newspaper Punjab Kesari have offered the media partnership in the event. Further details of this event can be checked with Mr. Ashok Kumar Kothari, Chief Event Organiser (Tel. No. – 9311136225).



### दीक्षार्थी मुमुक्षु धीरज जैन को जैन मुनि की दीक्षा दी

तोशाम : हरियाणा प्रान्तीय जैन श्वेताम्बर तेरापंथी सभा द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम में तोशाम निवासी दीक्षार्थी मुमुक्षु धीरज जैन की जैन मुनि दीक्षा दी गई। इस दौरान भव्य शोभा यात्रा मुमुक्षु धीरज जैन के घर से शुरू होकर पुरे तोशाम में शखनाद करती हुई तोशाम के मुख्य चौक में मंगल भावना समारोह के लिए एकत्रित हुई। साध्वी भागवती ठाणा के सान्निध्य में आयोजित इस समारोह की मुख्यातिथि आबकारी एवं कराधान मन्त्री किरण चौधरी ने मुमुक्षु धीरज जैन को तोशाम का गौरव बताते हुए उसके आध्यात्म में प्रवेश पर कहा कि जैन भागवती दीक्षा जैन श्वेताम्बर तेरापंथ की दीक्षा एक विलक्षण दीक्षा मानी जाती है। इसमें एक और जहा ज्ञान, दर्शन व चरित्र की अराधना होती है, वही दूसरी और एक मात्र गुरु के प्रति सम्पूर्ण समर्पण एवं अनुशासन की अनुपालना आवयशक होती है। समारोह की अध्यक्षता हिसार की विधायक व जिन्दल उद्योग समूह की चैयरमैन सावित्री जिन्दल ने की। समारोह को सम्बोधित करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि तोशाम निवासी 25 वर्षीय मुमुक्षु धीरज जैन गृहस्थजीवन त्याग कर शयम के मार्ग पर जा रहा है उनकी इस यात्रा मंगलमयी हो तथा वह सदैव अपने प्रण पर अटल रहे तथा इसी तरह अपने परिवार, क्षेत्र व जैन धर्म का गौरव बढ़ाता रहे। उन्होंने कहा कि जैन धर्म किसी एक जाति विशेष का न होकर सभी लोगों के लिए है इसकी शिक्षाएं आज के युग में सभी के लिए प्रासंगिक है। उन्होंने कहा कि जैन धर्म ने हमेशा समाज की भलाई का काम किया है। जैन धर्म दुनिया के कल्याण में लगा हुआ है। तोशाम व्यापार मण्डल की तरफ से सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत किया गया। व्यापार मण्डल के प्रधान राकेश मलिक ने कहा कि तोशाम के युवक द्वारा जैन धर्म की दीक्षा लेकर क्षेत्र का मान बढ़ाया है। इस अवसर पर हरियाणा प्रान्तीय तेरापंथ सभा के सरक्षक रघुबीर जैन, तोशाम के सरपंच देवराज गोयल, व्यापार मण्डल के प्रधान राकेश मलिक, समाज सेवी नरेश जैन, राजेन्द्र कुमार जैन, घीसा राम जैन, मुकेश कुमार जैन, पूनम जैन, विनय जैन, मनोत जैन, निर्मल जैन, धीरज जैन, बलकुमार जैन, नरेन्द्र जैन देवेन्द्र गोयल सहित हजारों लोग शामिल थे।

### हमारी आँख में आँसु तीन कारणों से आते हैं- उपाध्याय मणिप्रभासागर

1. दूसरों के सुख के कारण
2. अपने दुःख के कारण
3. दूसरों के दुःख के कारण
4. अपने पाप के कारण



आदमी इन चार कारणों से रोया करता है। ऐसे आदमी राक्षस की श्रेणि में आते हैं जो दूसरों को सुखी देखकर रोता है। वह रात दिन यही विचार करता रहता है कि वो सुखी क्यों है... दुःखी क्यों नहीं है। ऐसे व्यक्ति निर्वृ फष्ट होते हैं और वे पृथ्वी पर भारभूत होते हैं। ऐसे विचार उनके अन्तर की ईर्ष्या को व्यक्त करते हैं। अपने दुःख के कारण आने वाले आँसुओं का कोई विशेष मूल्य नहीं है। क्योंकि यह एक सामान्य प्रक्रिया है। लेकिन जो व्यक्ति दूसरों के दुःख को देख कर रोते हैं। उनके आँसू निश्चित ही मूल्यवान् होते हैं। ऐसे व्यक्ति समाज के लिये आदर्श होते हैं। पर अपने द्वारा हुए पाप के कारण आने वाले आँसु तो रत्नों की भांति कीमती होते हैं। जिसे पाप भयंकर प्रतीत होते हो... पाप के कारण मिलने वाली दुर्गतिका भय हो... पाप के कारण संसार भ्रमण विस्तार की जिसे चिंता हो... वही व्यक्ति पाप के कारण आँसु बहाता है। जो पाप प्रकट होने के कारण आँसु नहीं बहाता, बल्कि पाप-भय के कारण रोता है। पाप प्रकट होने के कारण आँसु बहाने वाले लोग बहुत हैं। वह इसलिये नहीं रोता कि मुझसे पाप हुआ है, बल्कि इसलिये रोता है कि पाप प्रकट क्यों हो गया। वह पूरी चेष्टा करता है कि मेरा पाप प्रकट न हो पाये। वे आँसु अनुमोदनीय हैं, जो अपने द्वारा किये गये पाप के कारण दूसरों को जो अपार कष्ट की अनुभूति हुई है, उस अनुभूतिका विचार करके आते हों, निश्चित ही ऐसे आँसु दुर्लभ हैं। प्रार्थना करें कि हमारी आँखों में ऐसे आँसुओं का प्रादुर्भाव हो।

पूज्यश्री का कार्यक्रम - पूज्य गुरुदेव उपाध्याय प्रवर श्री मणिप्रभसागरजी म० सा० आदि ठाणा मुंबई चातुर्मास संपन्न कर कार्तिक पूर्णिमा को तारीक 28 नवम्बर 2012 को विहार कर घाटकोपर, ठाणा होते हुए तारीक 15-12-2012 को वहाँ से राजपीपला, बडौदा होते हुए अहमदाबाद की ओर विहार करेंगे। श्री जिनकान्तिसागरसूरि स्मारक ट्रस्ट, जहाज मंदिर, मांडवला-343042 जिला-जालोर राज. दूरभाष: 02973-256107/9649640451, E-Mail : jahaj\_mandir@yahoo.co.in

## TEMPLES

### 16 OF 26 STOLEN IDOLS RECOVERED IN JAIPUR

Jaipur: Sixteen ancient idols worth crores of rupees in the international market were recovered three days after they were stolen from a famous Jain temple at Jatwara village near Bassi. The police arrested a local resident who had allegedly helped a gang involved in idol thefts in conducting recce of the temple. Around 26 idols had been stolen on November 5. Police claimed they have identified the gang involved in theft and a team has been rushed to an undisclosed location to nab them. The 16 idols were found buried in the ground near the village. According to additional commissioner of police, the police arrested one Ramlal Luhar on the basis of some clues regarding his involvement including his mobile call details. It must be mentioned, robbers had decamped with 26 antique idols from the temple. As many as 23 idols made of eight metals and three stone idols worth nearly Rs 10 crore had been stolen. Addl CP said that Luhar was aware of the worth of idols and intimidated the gang about them. "He helped them do a recce of the temple and even hid the idols after they were stolen. He was a local contact for the gang.

### ANCIENT JAIN IDOLS FOUND



Bukkasagara (Hospet Taluk, Karnataka), November 9, 2012: Three ancient Jain copper idols have been found in the LLC canal near Veranna camp of Bukkasagara village in Hospet taluk of Bellary district in Karnataka. The idols each weighing approximately around 6 KGS consists of a Choubis (24 Tirthankaras in a single piece), an idol of Lord Parshwanatha & another Tirthankara. As the inflow of water in the canal had been completely stopped it has exposed the idols which were at the bottom most surface of the canal. The police have suspected that some miscreants might have stolen the idol from some temple and would have thrown into the canal with a fear of getting nabbed. A complaint has been registered at the Kamalapura police station and further probe is on. Members of Hampi development board and some archeological experts visited the spot. - Source: Prajavani & Jain Heritage Centres News Service

## PLEA FOR RENOVATION OF HINDU & JAIN TEMPLES IN PAKISTAN



Lahore, A writ petition has been filed in the Lahore High Court, seeking directions for the Punjab government to refurbish the worship places of Hindu community to their original conditions, including famous Jain Mandir (temple) in Lahore. Jain Sewak Sabha, an organisation of the Hindu community, filed this petition and contended that around 20 temples were in dilapidated condition and needed immediate repair work. It said the indifferent attitude of the authorities concerned had allowed land grabbers to grasp the said properties. The petitioner said to protect the rights of minorities was the constitutional duty of the government. The organisation prayed to the court to order the renovation of all temples in the city and direct the government to get all temples evacuated from illegal possessions of the land mafia.

## शहादा दादावाडी में चमत्कार



महाराष्ट्र के नंदुरबार जिले के शहादा गाँव में स्थित श्री सुघोषा घंट मंदिर व दादावाडी में तारीक 2 नवम्बर 2012 को दोपहर 12 बजे अनूठा चमत्कार हुआ। पूरे मंदिर परिसर में केसर की जोरदार बरसात हुई। हजारों लोगों ने अपनी आँखों से इस हैरत अंगेज चमत्कार को देखा। ज्योंहि चमत्कार के समाचार नगर में प फैले कि दर्शनार्थियों की भीड़ उमड़ पड़ी। दादा गुरुदेव के इकतीसे का पाठ व भक्ति भावना का अनूठा वातावरण देर रात तक चलता रहा। श्र(ालुओं ने इस चमत्कार को देख कर अपने आपको धन्य धन्य अनुभव किया। यह ज्ञातव्य है कि इस सुघोषा घंट मंदिर दादावाडी की अंजनशलाका प्रतिष्ठा गत वर्ष मिगसर

सुदि 6 को पूज्य गुरुदेव उपाध्याय प्रवर श्री मणिप्रभसागरजी म० सा० के करकमलों द्वारा संपन्न हुई थी। प्रेषक-जहाज मंदिर कार्यालय, जहाज मंदिर, E-Mail : [arya.mehul6@gmail.com](mailto:arya.mehul6@gmail.com)

Excerpts from discourse by Upadhyay shri Maniprabh Sagar Ji maharaj

## EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOURCES OF MYTHOLOGY

The International Association for Comparative Mythology is holding the 7th Annual Conference "Sources of Mythology: National and International Myths" at Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen, Germany, from May 15 to May 17, 2013. All members are warmly invited to give a paper or to participate in the discussions. Conference Venue: Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen, „Alte Aula“, Muenzgasse 22 - 30, D-72070 Tuebingen. Contact: Prof. Dr. Klaus Antoni, Eberhard Karls University, Tuebingen, Japanese Studies, [klaus.antoni@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:klaus.antoni@uni-tuebingen.de)

The main topics will be:

- Historical background, development and function of myths
- Ethnic vs. interethnic / national vs. international myths
- Politics and comparative mythology
- Myth and theater
- Myth and medicine
- Other topics you would like to propose will be considered

Please send us the title of your paper as soon as possible. That will substantially facilitate planning. By January 15, 2013, please send, if you intend to participate, a short (300 words or less) abstract of your talk to this E-Mail: [iacm.admin@gmail.com](mailto:iacm.admin@gmail.com) The abstracts will be reviewed by a selection committee, the selected abstracts will be published on our website [www.compmth.org](http://www.compmth.org). Source: Nataliya Yanchevskaya, Harvard University, Department of South Asian Studies, 1 Bow Street, Cambridge MA 02138

## A CRUSADER AND HIS CAUSE



Chennai, 'Live and let live!' It is against this background that the Vepery Swetamber Murthi Pujak Jain Sangh, a sub-sect of the Jains, recently organised Ahimsa Summit, an exhibition of posters, 3D models and videos by Vinesh Vasanji Mamania in Chennai. A businessman turned crusader, the Kutch-born and Mumbai-bred Mamania has a clear mission:

"To rid society of vice; to create a beautiful, peaceful and love filled environment for all living beings."

Ahimsa, animal welfare and vegetarianism are Mamania's mantras, as is evident from activities which include exhibitions, rallies, freeing captive animals, saving cows from slaughter and holding medical camps for cattle. He propagates vegetarianism, opposes abortion and works to create an awareness against fatal diseases. Camps involving blood and eye donation are regular affairs. Drawing inspiration from the Bhoodan leader, Vinobha Bhave, Mamania has made 'Vande Gou Matharam' ("Salute to mother, mother cow and mother land") his motto. Some of the posters which Mamania has worked on have interesting captions. Sample this: "Our pleasure, their pain. Why visit zoos?" His shows have impressed people from all walks of life, and many have been influenced by his philosophy, have reportedly turned vegetarian, and stopped using cosmetics, silk, and other such animal based products. Recipient of several accolades, Mamani is happy with the response he has been receiving for his shows. But he is clear about his goal... social work is and will be the purpose of his life.

## JAIN NRI PARICHAY SAMMELAN BY BHARATIYA JAIN SANGHATANA, PUNE (INDIA)



Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana is holding a Yuvak-Yuvati Parichay Sammelan for Non Residential Indian (NRI) Jain candidates on 23rd December 2012. It is a social service for Jain youth of marriageable age. Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana is a non profit, non political social organization with a National footprint and International recognition, established in 1985 under the leadership of Shri. Shantilal Muttha (Founder and National President, BJS). BJS operates in three major domains of Education, Social Development and Disaster Management and has a large network pan India. Source: Savita Sutar, e-mail : savitasutar@gmail.com, Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, Level 8, Muttha Chambers II, Senapati Bapat Marg, Pune-411016, Maharashtra, India, Ph:020-66050000 Fax:020-66050191 E-Mail: savitasutar@gmail.com

## AWARDS AND HONOUR

### KARNATAKA CM INAUGURATES JAIN IRRIGATION'S RS.168 CRORES MICRO IRRIGATION PROJECT



Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd. recently completed an Integrated Micro Irrigation Project near Shiggaon, Haveri District, Karnataka. This project was developed by JISL for making most efficient use of scarce water. The project was inaugurated by the Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Jagadish Shivappa Shettar in the presence of a large number of dignitaries including the State Irrigation Minister, Shri Basavaraj Bommai at Village Halsur, Taluka Savanur in the Haveri District of Karnataka. On this occasion the Chief Minister said that, "this project is the perfect solution for the state like Karnataka where more than 50% of the villages are drought prone." The total project was valued at 168.30 crores. On this occasion our Joint MD Mr. Ajit Jain Said, "JISL once again have proved its caliber and completed this very challenging and

revolutionary project. Traditional way of using the water is a matter of worry as it results in wastage of water. The govt. here aimed to increase Water use capacity from traditional 35% to that of 55% where as we, with our most advanced technology has made it possible to increase it to 75%. Drip irrigation was the first agriculture revolution in India where as this could be considered as the second revolution in the field."

### JAIN IRRIGATION GETS IFC'S AGRI-BUSINESS LEADER AWARD 2012



Jain Irrigation Limited received the 'IFC Inclusive Agri-business Leader Award 2012' instituted by International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group. Dr. D.N. Kulkarni, Senior Executive of Jain Irrigation was presented the award on behalf of the company by Mrs. Nena Stoily Jacovic, Vice President of IFC's Business Advisory Services at the World Bank's annual meeting held in Tokyo, Japan. The award was given to Jain Irrigation for its outstanding work in the field of agriculture and the contribution it has made in micro irrigation. Jain Irrigation has received this award for the third year in a row.



## RAVINDRA JAIN SANGEET SAMMAN AWARD GOES TO KAVITA KRISHNAMURTHY



Mumbai : Legendary veteran Bollywood singer Kavita Krishnamurthy was recently honoured by Hema Malini with the 'Ravindra Jain Sangeet Samman Award'. The event was organised by Udiyaman Sansthan, where Kavita was awarded at the prestigious Shri Ravindra Jain Sangeet Samman Event.

Ravindra Jain is a renowned Indian music composer and lyricist, and the award was conferred to Kavita Krishnamurthy in his name. A beautiful, moving performance was enacted on stage, at the Ravindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai, post which the award was conferred to Kavita Krishnamurthy. Hema Malini looked resplendent and ethereal in a red, simple bordered sari. Kavita Krishnamurthy too donned a kanjeevaram sari, albeit in a light lilac shade.

The awardee, Kavita Krishnamurthy was overwhelmed by the gesture, and was overcome with emotion when she said, "I am first and foremost grateful to the Lord for bestowing this gift of music upon me. And I am grateful to Ravindra Dada; even if I'm lucky enough to have sung one line for Dada in my whole life, I consider my life to be complete. I consider him to be a genius. Every time I sing for him, for one of his songs, I tell him that you are taking my test but I don't know whether I will pass or fail. I feel extremely happy to sing his songs and I feel I am a very senior student of his music." Also present at the event were Alka Agarwal, Sufi singer Mudasir Ali and Rajkumar Barjatya.

## जैन पद्मश्री एवार्ड अर्पण किया जायेगा



मुंबई। श्री जिनकान्तिसागरसूरि स्मारक ट्रस्ट, जहाज मंदिर मांडवला द्वारा जैन समाज की विशिष्ट विभूतियों को 'जैन पद्मश्री' अलंकरण अर्पण करने का समारोह 25 नवम्बर 2012 को प्रातः 9.30 बजे चर्च गेट स्थित के० सी० कॉलेज के ऑडिटोरियम में आयोजित किया जा रहा है।

इस समारोह में जैन समाज के दानवीर श्री दीपचंदजी गार्डी, समाज रत्न श्री कनकराजजी लोढा, एल. डी. रिसर्च इन्स्टीट्यूट, अहमदाबाद के डॉ. श्री जितेन्द्र बी. शाह एवं विधायक श्री मंगलप्रभातजी लोढा को यह अलंकरण अर्पण किया जायेगा। अलंकरण अर्पण समारोह समिति के संयोजक न्यायाधीश श्री राजनजी कोचर ने बताया कि यह समारोह जैन संत उपाध्याय श्री मणिप्रभसागरजी म.सा. के सानिध्य में संपन्न होगा। उन्होंने बताया कि राजस्थान के मांडवला गाँव में विश्व का पहला जहाज मंदिर बना है। यह मंदिर पूज्य गुरुदेव आचार्य भगवंत श्री जिनकान्तिसागरसूरीश्वरजी म.सा. के शिष्य पूज्य गुरुदेव उपाध्याय श्री मणिप्रभसागरजी म.सा. की प्रेरणा से निर्मित हुआ है। यह संस्था पिछले 15 वर्षों से धर्मिक कार्यों के अलावा सामाजिक रचनात्मक कार्यों में संलग्न है। इस संस्था द्वारा मानव चिकित्सा शिविर, पशु चिकित्सा शिविर आदि कई समाजोपयोगी कार्यों का संचालन किया जाता है। गरीब छात्रों हेतु छात्रवृत्ति का आयोजन भी इस संस्था द्वारा किया जाता है।

उन्होंने बताया कि 'जैन पद्मश्री' जैन समाज का सर्वोच्च सम्मान है। यह सम्मान उन महान् विभूतियों को अर्पण किया जाता है, जिन्होंने जैन समाज के विकास के क्षेत्र में, शिक्षा व चिकित्सा आदि क्षेत्रों में विशेष रूप से अपना योगदान अर्पण किया हो। श्री दीपचंदजी गार्डी का नाम समाज में अत्यन्त आदर के साथ लिया जाता है। उन्होंने दान के क्षेत्र में बहुत बड़ी उँचाईयों का स्पर्श किया है। चिकित्सा आदि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों में अपनी लक्ष्मी का भरपूर योगदान करने वाले श्री गार्डीजी स्वभाव से भी अत्यन्त सरल, विनम्र हैं। श्री कनकराजजी लोढा राजस्थान के भामाशाह माने जाते हैं। शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में उनका अपूर्व योगदान रहा है। सहज और सौम्य व्यवहार से समाज में अपना विशेष रूतबा कायम करने वाले श्री लोढाजी का व्यक्तित्व अभिनंदनीय है। एल. डी. रिसर्च इन्स्टीट्यूट अहमदाबाद के निदेशक डॉ. जितेन्द्र भाई बी. शाह जैन समाज के गौरव हैं। वे बाल ब्रह्मचारी हैं, जितेन्द्रिय हैं। उन्होंने जैन शास्त्रों का गहन अभ्यास किया है। शास्त्रों के संशोधन,

अध्ययन, अध्यापन को उन्होंने अपना पूरा जीवन समर्पित किया है। विधायक श्री मंगलप्रभातजी लोढा लोकप्रिय नेता हैं। पूर्ण रूप से सक्रिय श्री लोढाजी ने समाज सेवा के क्षेत्र में कीर्तिमान स्थापित किये हैं। इस समारोह का पूरा लाभ प्राप्त किया है नियो बिल्डर्स के श्री केसरीचंदजी प्रेमचंदजी मेहता श्री नरेशजी दिलीपजी मेहता परिवार सांचोर । संघवी पुखराज छाजेड, चंपालाल वाघेला, प्रदीप श्रीश्रीश्रीमाल ने इस अवसर पर सकल श्री संघ से समारोह में पधारने की अपील की है।  
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## AHIMSA & VEGETARIANISM

### PETITION TO WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER AGAINST COW SLAUGHTER - ANITA ROY



This is an urgent petition, requesting the Government of West Bengal (Paschim Banga), India to take strong action against the errant Officers-in-Charge of Usthi Police Station, Joynagar Police Station and Falta Police Station (all in South 24 Parganas district), who are Promoting Cow Slaughter (to pander to extremist elements) and are thereby openly violating the Honorable Kolkata High Court's Judgement (dated 2 Nov 2011 and 13 Oct 2011) and Honourable Indian Supreme Court's

Judgement.

We urge the Honourable Home Secretary Mr. Basudeb Banerjee (IAS) to investigate the atrocities being committed by the aforementioned police officers on those tens of thousands of villagers who refuse to kowtow to their dictatorial, unlawful demands that they support and make arrangements for slaughtering of cows on Bakr Eid (which falls on October 27, 2012 – during Durga Puja festival). We urge the Honourable Home Secretary to ensure 100% enforcement of anti-cow slaughter Judgements of the Honourable Kolkata HC and Supreme Court of India. We also urge the West Bengal Administration to stop the official repression of the state's ancient and vibrant Durga Puja by revoking the ban on the Divine Mother's immersion on October 26 and 27, 2012. We would like to respectfully remind the administration that banning the centuries' old indigenous Bengali tradition of Durga Puja immersion (in order to appease a violent, alien, Arabian creed of Bakr Id) is tantamount to turning Bengal (or what is left of it) into another East Pakistan.

Please join this petition by clicking the link <https://www.change.org/petitions/stop-west-bengal-officials-from-promoting-cow-slaughter-violating-supreme-court-judgement-suppressing-durga-puja-festival>

### MUMBAI JAINS TAKE TO STREETS AGAINST COW SLAUGHTER



Mumbai: Around 5,000 Jains took out a rally from Panchratna Building to Azad Maidan on to put pressure on the state government to speed up the process of implementing the Gauvansh Vadh Pratibandh Bill to stop the slaughter of cows. A section of Jains who participated in the rally said that the bill is awaiting the president's signature so that it can become a law. Girish Shah of Samast Mahajan said, the state assembly has already passed it and it should now be taken up. Three prominent leaders from the BJP MLA Mangal Lodha, former MLAs Raj Purohit and Atul Shah participated in the rally. A Congress corporator was also a part of the rally. Devendra Maharaj, a Jain monk said, Jains believe in non-violence and we feel that the killing of cows should stop. On asked why the community chose not to have a rally against the killing of any form of life (which

is central to Jainism) and stuck to only 'Gauvansh', Shah said, "If we demand a ban on slaughtering of all animals, it will not be met. Ultimately we do want that the killing of all animals is stopped, but we have to make a beginning somewhere. In this case, we are proceeding legally."

## JAIN MINORITY ISSUE

### VISHAV JAIN SANGTHAN TO STAGE MEGA PROTEST RALLY IN DELHI ON DEC 18

The highlight the issue of minority religion status for Jains the Vishav Jain Sangthan would stage a mega rally, Adhikaar, in New Delhi on December 18. The Chief organiser of the rally, Sanjay Jain has sought the blessings of Dr. Shiv Muniji at Ludhiana. He said: "While Muslims, Parsi, Sikhs, Buddhists and Christians have been given minority religion status, Jains have been deprived of the same. So far, 12 states have given Jains the minority religion status, but it has not been done at the national level. As per the 2011 census, Jains constitute only 0.45 per cent of the country's population. We want an independent identity of our religion."



# जैन समुदाय को अल्पसंख्यक दर्जा प्राप्त होने से त

जैन समाज अपने आप में पूर्ण एवं सम्पन्न है। जैन समाज को अल्पसंख्यक का दर्जा अपने धर्म को संरक्षण प्राप्त चाहिए। प्राचीन काल के कई धार्मिक ग्रन्थों से भी यह ज्ञात होता है कि जैन धर्म सबसे पुरातन धर्म है। किसी जमाने में तो वे धर्म ही था। जैन धर्म के कठोर नियमों के कारण ही प्राचीन समय से जैन धर्मी इस धर्म से अलग होते चले गए।

केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा जैन समुदाय को अल्पसंख्यक घोषित किये जाने के बाद हमें कुछ प्रमुख संवैधानिक सुरक्षा प्राप्त जिससे अहिंसा के अनुयायी इस समुदाय को अपने धर्म के अस्तित्व एवं धर्मस्थलों को सम्मानपूर्वक एवं श्रद्धापूर्वक बनाए संवैधानिक सुरक्षा प्राप्त होगी।

1. जैन धर्म की सुरक्षा होगी।
2. जैन धर्म की नैतिक शिक्षा पढ़ाई कराने का जैन स्कूलों को अधिकार होगा।
3. जैन कॉलेजों में जैन बच्चों के लिए 50% आरक्षित सीटें होगी।
4. कम ब्याज पर लोन, व्यवसाय व तकनीकी शिक्षा हेतु उपलब्ध होंगे।
5. जैन समुदाय के अल्पसंख्यक घोषित होने से संविधान के अनुच्छेद 25 से 30 के अनुसार जैन समुदाय धर्म, भाषा, संस्कृति संविधान में उपबंधों के अन्तर्गत हो सकेगी।
6. जैन धर्मावलम्बियों के धार्मिक स्थल, संस्थाओं, मन्दिरों, तीर्थ क्षेत्रों एवं ट्रस्टों का सरकारीकरण या अधिग्रहण आदि नहीं सकेगा अपितु धार्मिक स्थलों का समुचित विकास एवं सुरक्षा के व्यापक प्रबन्ध शासन द्वारा भी किए जाएंगे।
7. उपासना स्थल (विशेष उपबंध) अधिनियम 1919 (42 ऑफ - 18.9.1991) के तहत किसी धार्मिक उपासना स्थल के सन् 1958 के अधिनियम की धारा 6 (3) के आधीन दंडनीय अपराध है।
8. पुरातन स्थलों एवं पुरातन धरोहरों को सुरक्षित रखना सन् 1958 के अधिनियम की धारा 19 एवं 20 के तहत संविधान सुरक्षित है।
9. समुदाय द्वारा संचालित ट्रस्टों की सम्पत्ति को किराया नियन्त्रण अधिनियम से भी मुक्त रखा जायेगा, जिससे किरायेदार से को आसानी से खाली करवाया जा सकता है।
10. जैन धर्मावलम्बी अपनी प्राचीन संस्कृति, पुरातत्व एवं धर्मायतनों का संरक्षण कर सकेंगे।
11. जो प्रतिभावान अल्पसंख्यक विद्यार्थी जिले के उत्कृष्ट विद्यालयों में प्रवेश पाते हैं तो उनमें गरीबी रेखा से नीचे जीवनयापन वाले विद्यार्थियों को 9वीं, 10वीं, 12वीं का शिक्षण शुल्क एवं अन्य लिया जाने वाला शुल्क पूर्णतः माफ कर दिया जायेगा।
12. जैन मन्दिरों, तीर्थ स्थलों, शैक्षणिक संस्थाओं इत्यादि के प्रबन्ध की जिम्मेदारी समुदाय के हाथ में ही रहेगी।
13. शैक्षणिक एवं अन्य संस्थाओं को स्थापित करने और उनके संचालन में सरकारी हस्तक्षेप कम हो जायेगा।
14. विश्वविद्यालयों द्वारा संचालित कोचिंग कॉलेजों में समुदाय के विद्यार्थियों को फीस कम या माफ होने की पात्रता होगी।
15. सरकार द्वारा जैन समुदाय को स्कूल, कॉलेज, छात्रावास, शोध या प्रशिक्षण संस्थान खोलने हेतु सभी सुविधाएँ एवं रियायतें जमीन उपलब्ध करवायी जायेंगी।
16. जैन समुदाय के विद्यार्थियों को प्रशासनिक सेवाओं और व्यवसायिक पाठ्यक्रम के प्रशिक्षण हेतु अनुदान मिल सकेगा।
17. जैन समुदाय द्वारा संचालित जिन संस्थाओं पर कानून की आड़ में बहुसंख्यकों ने कब्जा जमा रखा है, उनसे मुक्ति मिलेगी।
18. जैन धर्मावलम्बी को बहुसंख्यक समुदाय के द्वारा प्रताड़ित किए जाने की स्थिति में सरकार जैन धर्मावलम्बी की रक्षा करेगी।
19. जैन धर्मावलम्बी द्वारा पुण्यार्थ, प्राणी-सेवार्थ, शिक्षा इत्यादि हेतु दान-धन कर से मुक्त होगा।
20. अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय के धार्मिक स्थलों के समुचित विकास एवं सुरक्षा के व्यापक प्रबन्ध शासन द्वारा किए जायेंगे।
21. अल्पसंख्यक वर्ग युवाओं में खेलकूद व अन्य सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियों में प्रोत्साहन हेतु अनुदान एवं छात्रवृत्तियों में विशेष प्रावधान लाभ मिल सकेगा, ताकि गरीबी रेखा से नीचे आने वाले या आर्थिक स्थिति से कमजोर वर्ग का शैक्षणिक, सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक विकास हो सके।
22. अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय के लिए कराए गए आर्थिक, सामाजिक, शैक्षणिक स्थिति के सर्वेक्षण के आधार पर रोजगार मूलक कार्यक्रम का लाभ मिलेगा।

## 18 दिसम्बर 2012 को दिल्ली में विशाल अधिकार रैली को सफल ब



## MINORITY STATUS FOR JAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES



Mumbai: The Maharashtra Government will grant minority status to Jain Educational Institutions if they apply for it, said state minorities minister Naseem Khan. Khan was addressing a camp organised by the Jain community on minority status at the Mahapragya Public School, Kalbadevi.

He said the Maharashtra government was the first to grant the community the minority status and would lobby with the Centre to give a similar status to the Jains at the national level.

He said the community must encourage its youth to take up jobs with the government so that it gets integrated into the main stream, adding that the government was already conducting preparatory exams for the IAS, IPS and the MPSC of which the community must take advantage. He added that several students in the community were already taking benefit of the scholarship programme while schools had applied for funds to improve basic infrastructure.

## NEW BOOKS

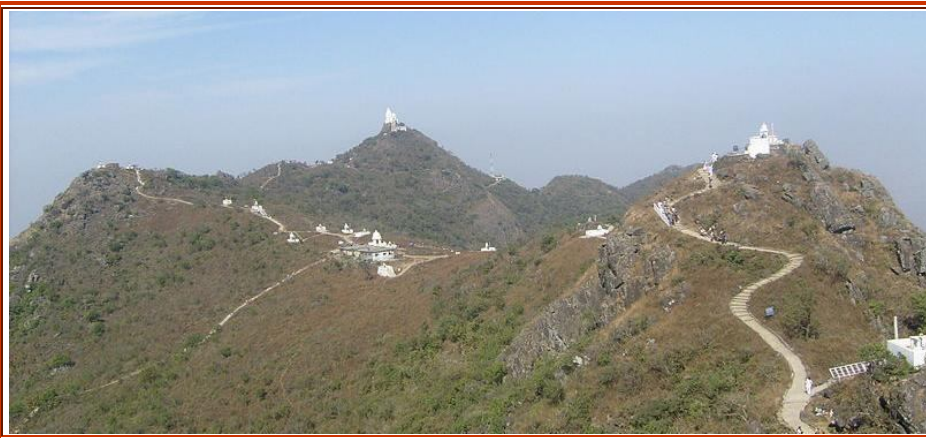
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## MISCELLANEOUS

### JAIN LEADER KILLED AT SAMMET SHIKHAR JI BY MAOIST WOMAN



Dhanbad: Police arrested a maoist woman on the charges of killing the general manager of Bharat Varshiya Digambar Jain Tirth Kshetra Samiti, P. C. Sharma, at Madhuban on October 7. Police confirmed involvement of Maoist in the gruesome murder of the Jain sect leader.

According to police Maoists had been involved in the killing of P. C. Sharma at Vimalsagarji Samadhi at Madhuan. The woman, Sanjhali Devion, who was sacked by the trust on charges of having an illicit relation with an employee, had hatched a conspiracy to kill Sharma in connivance with the Maoists who had been insisting on her reinstatement. "Sharma had removed Sanjhali Devi, a daily wage earner, and another person for having an affair. The Maoists had asked Sharma to reinstate her, but he had refused. The man was reinstated three months later, but the woman could not be accommodated despite pressure from the Maoists.

On October 7 when devotees were celebrating the birth anniversary of a Jain saint, she went to the trust office and called Sharma outside the premises of Vimalsagarji Samadhi where two Maoists, who had come on a motorcycle, pumped bullets on him. Although Sharma died on the spot, the woman and the two Maoists hit him with stones and bricks to disfigure his face. Madhuban is a stronghold of Naxalites.

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## HINDU LAW FOR JAINS



The Supreme Court has issued notice to the Centre, seeking its response within six weeks on a plea for a separate and distinct identity for Sikhs in laws relating to succession, adoption, divorce and maintenance. A three-member Bench headed by Chief Justice Altamas Kabir has asked the Law Ministry and the Minority Affairs Ministry to give their views on whether Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists could be included in laws meant exclusively for Hindus.

According to petitioners Birendra Kaur and Rohit Garg, the Anand Marriage (Amendment) Act 2012, notified in June had solved only the problem of registration of marriages by Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists. Earlier, they had to register their marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act 1955.

For other matters relating to succession, adoption, divorce and maintenance, people professing these three faiths still had to resort to the

Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 and the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act 1956, they contended.

The petitioners questioned the wisdom of including Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists under the laws were meant only for the Hindus, if one were to go by the titles. "When all the four religions stand admittedly on an equal footing and are independent of each other, is it right for the legislature" to mention just one religion in the title, they wanted to know.

"Making a law applicable to all religions is one thing. Calling all religions by the name of a single religion for the purpose of law is quite another," they said, contending that this amounted to discrimination. According to them, the word "Hindu" in the titles of these laws should be replaced with either "national" or "Indian." Further, under the existing laws divorce was allowed on the ground of change of religion by a spouse. However, this was not possible if one of the partners in a Sikh marriage converted either to Hinduism, Jainism or Buddhism.

"This is true of married couples of all the four religions. Thus the word 'Hindu' is patently discriminatory. For example, if one of the Hindu partners converts to the Parsi religion, divorce is possible. If the partner converts to Buddhism, divorce is not possible," the petition explained. This problem, arising from "linguistic errors in legislative drafting," was against the Constitution which had accorded equal status and independent identities to Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Jainism, the petitioners said.

"Identity is an innate and powerful emotional feeling and is part of the right to life. That the Sikh identity be preserved as a separate and distinct identity while drafting statutes causes no difficulty for the State at all and it requires only a little sensitivity while drafting statutes to maintain this identity within the statute itself," they averred. The petitioners had approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court with their plea on September 30, 2011, but the court dismissed it three days later, prompting them to move the SC. The SC Bench, which included Justices SS Nijjar and J Chelameswar, passed the order last week when the appeal came up for hearing.

List of States where Jains have been declared as Religious Minority Community:

1. Maharashtra, 2. Karnataka, 3. Madhya Pradesh, 4. Rajasthan (There are some problems in Rajasthan in applying the status), 5. Uttar Pradesh, 6. Chhattis Garh, 7. Jhar Khand, 8. Delhi, 9. Uttarakhand, 10. West Bengal, 11. Andhra Pradesh, 12. Haryana, 13. Punjab, 14. Himachal Pradesh. ( 84% of total Jains in India reside in the 14 states listed above.)

Following states yet have not given Minority Status to Jains even after continuous demand by Jain community:

1. Tamil Nadu, 2. Gujarat, 3. Kerala, 4. Assam, 5. Jammu and Kashmir, 6. Bihar, 7. Goa, 8. Orissa.



## SURESH DADA JAIN TO BE SENT TO ARTHUR ROAD JAIL FOR JALGAON SCAM



Mumbai: In a major setback for controversial Shiv Sena leader Sureshdada Jain, Jalgaon sessions court judge V. J. Dixit passed an order, saying, since the Supreme Court has rejected his bail, he should be sent to Arthur Road jail. Jain is among the 90 accused in the Rs 32-crore mass housing project scam. The Jalgaon police has registered two separate criminal cases against Jain for his alleged involvement in the district central cooperative bank fraud and illegally siphoning of massive funds from the Jalgaon airport project. On October 18, the SC rejected Jain's bail application. However, then the court had observed that since he has undergone bypass surgery, he should be lodged in such a jail, where or nearby adequate medical facilities are available. Accordingly, the apex court was placed before the Jalgaon sessions court for orders. After prolonged discussion and arguments, it was decided to lodge him in Arthur Road jail.

## WISDOMS FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA ON DIWALI - DR. MANOJ JAIN



Last year, with President Obama and this year with Vice President Joe Biden, I had the privilege to celebrate the festival of Diwali at the White House. Similarly, over a billion Hindus, Jains and Sikhs all over the world, 2 million of them in America, and one, astronaut Sunita Williams, in outer space celebrated this auspicious holiday. It is a tribute to the greatness of America's leaders that festivals of minority faiths are so well respected.

My family belongs to the Jain community, which has over 100,000 followers in North America and 6 million in India. On Diwali day in 527 B.C., Lord Mahavira, a Jain spiritual leader, achieved nirvana by adhering to three core principles: nonviolence, non-absolutism and non-materialism. One week after reelection, I wondered what

wisdom Eastern traditions would have to offer to the president and vice president as they embark on the next four years of leadership.

The founding principle of Jain religion is nonviolence or ahimsa. With civil war raging in Syria, nuclear threats from Iran and terrorist suicide attacks in Afghanistan, the president needs to have a steady hand in balancing diplomacy over military might. Also, he needs to utilize more entrepreneurs, educators and thinkers rather than troops to midwife the transition of countries from dictatorship to democracy. But there is another form of violence that is being ignored. It is violence by humans towards the environment. Our hydrocarbon use is leading to global warming and its impact is being seen in part by the destructive powers of hurricanes like Katrina and Sandy. The president needs to use his leadership and his role as recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize to more strongly address all kinds of violence. If he does, he has the opportunity to be among the greatest leaders of modern times, in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. following the principle of nonviolence.

The second wisdom from Jainism is non-absolutism, which encourages us to be open-minded to the faiths, traditions and, yes, political views of others. While President Obama did win the electoral and the popular vote, he must remember that 59 million Americans voted against him. The Jain fable of six blind men and the elephant teaches us that no single person has the complete truth—rather truth only exists in our collective thinking. Just as President Obama was magnanimous in selecting his former Democratic Party primary rival Hillary Rodham Clinton to be his secretary of state, he may consider a role for Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney or other Republicans for top administrative positions. With the demographic shift of large number of African Americans, Latinos and Asian Americans coming into the electorate, the president must also tap into these new voices as he shuffles his staffers and appointees.

The third wisdom Eastern religions offer is non-materialism. It may seem ironic that more spending by consumers leads to stronger economic growth, while Eastern principles teach us to be non-materialistic. I don't see a conflict here. The principles tell us to use our resources efficiently and to share our wealth. Waste and greed for example, as it occurs in nearly 30 percent of health-care expenditures, hinders economic growth. With many European economies collapsing, with Chinese and Indian economies faltering, and with the American economy showing an anemic rebound, it is imperative to find innovative approaches to financial growth, compassionate budget cutting and employment opportunity for the poor. These fundamentals, rather than unbridled wealth and materialism for a few, need to guide our economic and budgetary decisions.

At the White House celebration, we enjoyed music, food and fun conversations. Yet, amid the festivities, it was important to remember the deep spiritual and philosophical message of nonviolence, non-absolutism and non-materialism that Diwali and Eastern religions offer to the citizens and the leaders of our country.

Dr. Manoj Jain is an infectious disease physician in Memphis and a writer whose writings have appeared in The Washington Post and the Commercial Appeal and the New York Times.

### HERITAGE WALK TO SHOWCASE 33 JAIN SITES IN AHMEDABAD WALLED CITY



Ahmedabad: This is a city which made Mughal king Akhbar to ban animal slaughter. A powerful and influential Jain community showed the world in its exquisite stone filigreed temples and mosque architecture how it was possible to blend different cultures into one form without disturbing one's individuality. This aspect is to be highlighted by Jain Heritage Gaurav Yatra Walk being launched by the Jain International Trade Organization (JITO) and the City Heritage Center (CHC). For the first time, this walk will take visitors to the yet unexplored 33 Jain sites in the walled city.

The two-hour walk, spanning a little below two kilometers, will become routine affair every Saturday and Sunday. Both JITO and CHC have employed professional guides who will take visitors to the unexplored corners of the walled city that depict a thriving Jain culture. Almost 31 sites are temples as old as 250 to 200 years will be showcased, with some even being underground. The walk will begin from CHC in Sankhdi Sheri and will cover important Jain temples including Vasupujya temple and end at Shamla Parshavnath temple in Lambeshwar ni Pol. Pravesh Mehta, general secretary with JITO, said, "The walk is a unique effort to acquaint citizens with a thriving Jain culture in the walled city. It's an essential part of our city's history. The focus is to arouse the new generation's interest in the rare temple architecture in the walled city."

Said CHC coordinator Rajiv Patel, "Exploring the Jain culture is essential in understanding the core culture of the walled city. This walk is aimed at helping the new generation learn about the past stories and the historic temples that dot the walled city." Among those who will attend the launch of the walk at the JITO convention at the university exhibition area are leading industrialist Gautam Adani, Gautam Jain, Narendra Baldota, Motilal Oswal, Rakesh Mehta, Utkarsh Shah, Ganpatlal Chowdhary, Shantilal Kavar and Prakash Sanghvi.

### स्टील किंग लक्ष्मीप्रसाद मित्तल रणकपुर मंदिर पहुंच



उदयपुर 24 नवम्बर 2012 स्टील किंग लक्ष्मीप्रसाद मित्तल अपने परिजनों तथा मित्रों के साथ रणकपुर मंदिर पहुंचे तथा मंदिर की भव्यता तथा स्थापत्य कला को देखकर अभिभूत हो गए।

मित्तल ने रणकपुर को विश्व की अनोखी धरोहर बताते हुए कहा कि यह भारतीय संस्कृति का नायाब उदाहरण है। पुष्करवाणी ग्रुप ने बताया कि उदयपुर में निर्मल सेठिया के पुत्र की शादी समारोह में शिरकत करने पहुंचे स्टील किंग मित्तल दोपहर 12.45 बजे अपनी पत्नी उषा मित्तल, छोटे भ्राता प्रमोद मित्तल व उनकी पत्नी संगीता मित्तल के साथ रणकपुर जैन

मंदिर पहुंचे। उनके साथ हिंदुजाग्रुप के जीपी हिंदुजाभी थे। यहां पर उन्होंने भगवान की प्रतिमाओं के दर्शन कर मंदिर के इतिहास की जानकारी ली। मित्तल व हिंदुजाके परिजनों ने पूजा के वस्त्र धारण कर भगवान आदिनाथ मंदिर के गर्भगृह में प्रवेश कर विधि-विधान के साथ भगवान आदिनाथ की पूजा-अर्चना की। उल्लेखनीय है कि स्टीलकिंग लक्ष्मी मित्तल पक्के वेजिटेरियन हैं कि उन्होंने 2004 में अपनी बेटी वनीशा की शादी के दौरान फ्रांस के वर्साइल्स पैलेस में एक शानदार वेजिटेरियन रिसेप्शन दिया था। Source: Shri Tarak Guru Jain Granthalaya, Guru Pushkar Marg, Udaipur, Rajasthan-

## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

### PADMAVATI MATTA KA JAGARAN - FIRST TIME EVER IN AUSTRALIA



This year Sydney saw another first event of its kind - Padmavati Matta Ka Jagaran - which was hosted first time ever in Australia/ Southern Hemisphere. This was a great celebration hosted by Abha Jain at her residence and attended by a big population of Dharam Premi's from Sydney & New Castle. The event was directed by Shri Veerendraji Gangawal (Shastri Ji) and Manju Didi of Delhi/ Rajasthan who had just concluded a very successful Duslakshini Celebrations at Sydney and "Padmavati Mata Ka Jagaran" was the last program that they directed before leaving back for New Delhi. The program saw their creativity and talent and was attended and enjoyed by Jain Community in and around Sydney.

### MAHAVIR NIRVAN CELEBRATION AT SYDNEY



Sydney Jain Mandal, once again this year celebrated Mahavir Nirvaan in style. The day started with Prabhat Pheri, a procession with children and adults carrying Jinvaani on their head and singing Jain Bhajans and Jain slogans.

The procession ended at the temple door and was followed by "bolis". Many shreldhalus took the opportunity to donate money and took the privilege to be the first to do various abhishekhas. This was followed by Mahavir Nirvaan Pooja, cultural programs and many competitions.

Small children gave speeches such as why to be vegetarian & did dances & acting based on Jain religious stories. Children & adults were preparing for several competitions for couple of months. Children participated in colouring competition. There was fancy dress competition where small kids dressed as Chulak Ji, Chandan Bala. and Jain Sadhus. A one month old baby was dressed up as baby Sidharatha and his mother as "mata Trishala". And adults participated in reciting Sanskrit version of "Bhaktambar Ji" which they had memorised by heart. Those who recited and also told the meanings received extra points. It was amazing to see so many people have learnt even Sanskrit version of Bhaktambar Ji by heart.

After competitions and prize distribution, was followed by Aarti & finally somatic lunch. It was a great day and wonderful celebration with full participation from the Jain Community in Sydney. Source: Sunil Jain, E-Mail : jsunil@au1.ibm.com

### DEVLOK GAMAN

**SADHVI TEJKANWAR FROM STHANAKWASI SECT** - Sadhviji had accepted Santhara a day before leaving for heaven abode at Sojat city in Rajasthan. She was not keeping well for quite some time. The news of death sent a shock wave amongst her staunch devotees in Jodhpur, Ajmer & other towns of Rajasthan. The funeral procession was attended in very large number by the community members from all over the country. She was disciple of Guru Dev Saint Shri Mishrimalji and Saint Shree Roop Muni "Rajat".

### जैन मुनि विश्वेश्वर सागर और मुनि विश्व भूतेश सागर का चूलगिरी की तलहटी में अंतिम संस्कार

जयपुर. गणाचार्य विराग सागर के शिष्य श्रमण मुनि विश्वेश्वर सागर और श्रमण मुनि विश्व भूतेश सागर का गुरुवार को नारायण सिंह सर्किल स्थित भट्टारकजी की नसियां में यम संलेखना के साथ देवलोक गमन हो गया। मुनियों के देवलोक गमन की सूचना से संपूर्ण जैन समाज में शोक की लहर छा गई। मुनि विश्वेश्वर 71 साल व मुनि विश्व भूतेश 76 साल के थे। सुबह 4.45 बजे चतुर्विद संघ की उपस्थिति में गणाचार्य विराज सागर जी से चारों रसों का त्याग कर यम संलेखना पूर्वक मुनि विश्वेश्वर सागर ने समाधिपूर्वक देह त्यागी। मुनिश्री की अंतिम यात्रा की तैयारी चल रही थी इसी दौरान सुबह 8.40 बजे मुनि विश्व भूतेश सागर ने भी चतुर्विद संघ की उपस्थिति में यम संलेखना पूर्वक देह त्याग दी। जयपुर शहर में पहली बार एक साथ दो मुनियों की यम संलेखना के साथ समाधि की सूचना पर मुनिजनों के अंतिम दर्शन के लिए जैन समाज उमड़ पड़ा।



बैंडबाजों से निकली अंतिम यात्रा : अंतिम यात्रा बैंडबाजे के साथ भट्टारक की नसियां से शुरू होकर धर्मसिंह सर्किल, गोविंद मार्ग, ट्रांसपोर्ट नगर, घाट की गूणी होकर राणाजी की नसियां के पीछे खानिया स्थित चूलगिरी की तलहटी पहुंची। वहां विधि-विधान से चतुर्विंद संघ एवं 78 पिच्छियों की उपस्थिति में गणाचार्य विरागसागर व आचार्य विभव सागर के सान्निध्य में मंत्रोच्चारण के साथ दोनों मुनियों का अंतिम संस्कार किया गया। मुनि विश्वेश्वर सागर जी को मुखाग्नि का पुण्यार्जन समाजश्रेष्ठी कमल चंद्र छाबड़ा व मुनि विश्व भूतेश सागर को मुखाग्नि का पुण्यार्जन समाजश्रेष्ठी मुकेश जैन ने प्राप्त किया। डॉ. सनत कुमार के निर्देशन में णमोकार महामंत्र का सामूहिक उच्चारण किया।

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