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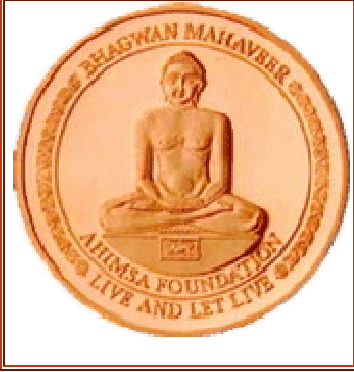
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SOUL IS MY GOD.
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NON-VIOLENCE IS MY RELIGION.
ACHARYA SHREE MAHAPRAJNA

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TEMPLES

150 LARGE TEMPLES OF 4800 B.C. UNEARTHED IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA & SLOVAKIA COULD BE JAIN TEMPLES

News published on the 11th June, 2005 in U.K. press: London : Europe's oldest civilization has been discovered by archeologists across the continent, the independent said on Saturday. More than 150 large temples, constructed between 4800 B.C. & 4600 B.C. , have been unearthed in fields & cities in Germany , Austria & Slovakia , predating the pyramids in Egypt by some 2000 years. The network of temples, made of earth & wood, were constructed by religious people whose economy may have been based on livestock farming. Excavations have taken over the past three years but discovery is so new that the civilization has not yet been named. Shri L.M. Singhvi in his book, in relation to past archeological discoveries also corroborates the above findings. "As noted by Pandit Sukhlal Sanghvi, during an excavation in 1949 in Cyprus , a bronze statue of first jain Tirthankar Rishabh dev was found belonging to the second millennium, cca. 1250 B.C. Recent marine archeology in the bay of Cambay threw up underwater discoveries of submerged civilizations that existed before almost all other known ancient civilizations. - Courtesy: Mr. Pankaz Chandmal Hingarh.

6 MILLION JAIN CENTER OPENS IN NEW YORK



When the Jain community in New York was planning to move from Queens to Lake Success on Long Island to build a bigger temple to accommodate an increasing number of worshippers, a devotee came forward with a donation of \$2 million. His only condition was that the temple remained on Ithaca Street in Elmhurst, Queens, where it was established in 1981. The wish of the anonymous donor as well as the more than 800 families who are members of the only Jain temple in New York was fulfilled with the construction of a 16,600 sq. feet temple complex in the same spot at a cost of \$6 million. The pratishtha mahotsav (installation of the idols) was scheduled for June 10, followed by a nine days of celebrations. The idols of the 24 tirthankaras (spiritual leaders) and other deities were taken to the temple in a procession on the May 15. The idols, carved in marble and gemstones, were

brought from India. "There are about 65 Jain temples in the US, but this temple is unique," Dr. Mamta Shaha, a spokesperson for the temple said. "It is unique because it will be the only Jain temple in the world that will serve to unite all the Jain sects, under one roof."

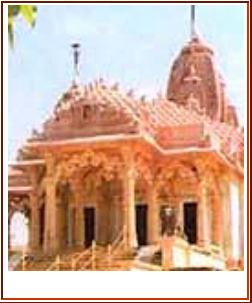
The sects such as digambaras and shwetambaras, believe in the same core principles, but with certain differences in practice. In the Elmhurst temple, each sect will have facilities to conduct worship, the way its members want. The Adinath temple is in Digambar tradition. The Dhyani Mandir (meditation hall) is in Shrimad Rajchandra tradition. And the Mahavir swami temple is in swetambar tradition. The four-floor, 66-foot high temple is breath-takingly beautiful as it is constructed in white marble. It was under the guidance of spiritual leaders, Gurudev Shri Chitrabanuji and Gurudev Shri Sushilkumarji that the Jain community in New York began to unite and come together for peace and prayer, in late 1970's. In 1981, a two-family home was purchased and converted into a temple at the lower level and upper apartment housed the caretaker and priests. With a handful of families as its members in the early years, the 'Jain Center of New York' has grown tremendously over the years. A place of prayer that was once operated as a 'house temple' out of Ithaca Street, and held religious school, lectures, and puja in a 30 foot by 40 foot living room has now been morphed with the help of a dream, and the overwhelming support of the Jain community in New York. The one room shrine has been transformed into an architectural marvel. Apart from the temple, the complex has a Jain Art Gallery, a children's religious school with a full computer lab located in the

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basement, apartments for the temple caretaker and visiting scholars, with expansion plans for the future. Several religious leaders including Gurudev Chitrabhanu will attend the ceremonies. Political leaders including congressmen are also expected to be present.

"We expect more than 4000 people at the event," Dr Shaha said. There are about 4.4 million Jain followers across the globe and 75,000 to 80,000 in the United States of America. The number in the US is growing rather rapidly over the past few years as more Jains have been emigrating from India on account of the new technological trends. Information Source: us.rediff.com

CELESTIAL PHENOMENON IN BHAGWAN MAHAVIR TEMPLE AT KOBA



At seven minutes past two, in the afternoon of 22nd May every year, rays from the sun pass through a small hole in the roof and fall on the forehead of the idol of Bhagwan Mahavir installed in the temple at Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra, Koba in Gandhinagar. Like the previous 25 occasions, on the same day, this year also, the solar rays penetrated through the hole and fell on the forehead of the idol just for a few minutes, causing the forehead to glow intensely and the entire room to get lit, as witnessed by hundreds of devotees, who were present there on this occasion, chanting the victory of Bhagwan Mahavir. The celestial phenomenon remained for a few minutes and thereafter the temple room again became dark as usual. This unique happening has been made possible during the design of the temple through accurate astronomical and scientific calculations by saints, Sri Arvind Sagar Ji and Sri

Arunodaya Sagar Ji, who are the disciples of Jain Acharya Shri Padam Sagar Ji Maharaj. This temple was established in the year 1980.

GRAND PANCH-KALYANAK PRATISHTHA MAHOTSAVA AT RANCHI

A grand Panchkalyanak Pratistha Mahotsav is being organised at Ranchi (Jharkhand) from 12th to 18th June, 2005 under the guidance of Muni Sri 108 Praman Sagar Ji Maharaj, disciple of Acharya Sri 108 Vidhya Sagar Ji Maharaj. It is going to be a historic occasion to witness the first-ever held Panch-kalyanak mahotsava at Ranchi, the capital town of Jharkhand state. Venue: Zila school, Shahid Chowk, Ranchi. Shri Dharam Chand Rara, president of Digambar Jain Panchayat is looking after all the arrangements. For details, contact: Digambar Jain Mandir, Upper Bazar, Ranchi ph: 0651-2209286. Or contact Arun Gangwal; mobile: 098351-16724.

SAINTS

ARYIKA GYAN MATI JI SERIOUSLY ILL AT HASTINAPUR



The head Ganini and senior Aryika of the Digambar sect, Shri Gyan Mati Ji Maharaj has been seriously ill for the last one month. She has recently toured Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand states and has been occupied with the work of arranging the renovation of Digambar Jain temples at Ayodhya, Prayag (Allahabad) and Kundalpur (Nalanda). Many religious ceremonies have been performed in her holy presence. She had reached Hastinapur on the 25th May, 2005 and since then, she has been seriously ill. She has almost left taking food and is surviving mainly on water. The entire Digambar Jain community is feeling highly concerned about her health and people are offering prayers for her early recovery and good health.

CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMS

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM IN JAINISM FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS IN INDIA



With a view to start the process of creating faculty and students in Universities of USA and UK, who are keen in South Asian religions, learn Jain philosophy and Jain way of life and then spread Jain studies in their universities and other academic institutions, a group of eight University Professors and students from USA and UK have come to India for two months (from 1st June - 31st July 2005) intensive crash course in Jainism. This program is fully integrated within the American university system, in which students will earn credits (up to nine credits) towards their degrees. This program is integrated with academic institutions in India, aimed at helping students understand Jainism within traditional Jain environments. The objective of this program is to impart advanced grounding/skills in the Jain religion (for an understanding of the many facets of Jainism including its history, culture, politics, philosophy, ethics and practice). Multiple modes of imparting knowledge will include.

- i. Interactive class room lectures using modern teaching aides by eminent Jain scholars.
- ii. Live interaction and visits to Jain homes and family ceremonies, temple worship, rituals, festivals, pilgrimage etc.
- iii. Interactions with Jain monks and eminent personalities and access to Jain literature.

The program is open to all full-time graduate students (enrolled in an American or European universities) and to all full-time professors employed in an American university, regardless of religion, race, or citizenship. The most important qualification for the professor is to be intellectually, personally, and professionally committed to the promotion of Jain studies in his or her university, through recruiting students, and seeing to it that Jainism is made a part of the department's curriculum.

The facilitators for this program are:

Dr. Sulekh C. Jain	Chairman USA
Dr. Mahendra Pandya	USA
Dr. Tansukh J.Salgia	USA
Dr. Surendra Sethi	USA

ALL INDIA JAIN WOMEN CONFERENCE AT SHRAVANABELAGOLA



As a prelude to the Mahamasthakabhishekha of Lord Bahubali scheduled to be held at Shravanabelagola in February 2006 the All India Jain Women Conference has been organised at Shravanabelagola on the 18th, 19th and 20th of November 2005. Smt. Shobha Vimuktha Kumar the coordinator of the conference has informed that the preparations for the conference have begun under the able guidance of Swastisri Charukeerthi Bhattarakha Swamiji of the Shravanabelagola Jain mutth. During the three day conference seminars, interactive sessions, exhibition and cultural programmes will be organised. The women who have been working towards the upliftment and propagation of the Jain religion would be felicitated on the occasion. All Jain Women organisations, Sanghs and Mandals are here by requested to register for the conference. The women organisations can register by providing the following details: Name of the organisation, address, phone numbers, year in which it was founded, names of the president and the secretary, total number of members and other details. For further details please contact Smt. Shobha Vimuktha Kumar, Coordinator, National Women Conference, 262/43, Rajagraha, Ashoka Temple Road, 2nd Block Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011, Courtesy: Jain Heritage Centres News Service.

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE AT THE JAINA CONVENTION- 2005

Date and Time -July 1, 2005 Friday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Place - Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Room - Great America 1 - Teachers' Conference Room Room Great America 2 - Exhibition Room for Pathash Material Please bring your Pathashalacurriculum, teaching materials, exam papers, and special projects for display. All attendees must register for the JAINA convention. No extra registration fee is charged for the Pre-convention Teachers Conference. All meals for the attendees will be provided by the JAINA conference convention committee. The conference is only for the Pathashala teachers, scholars, and individuals associated with the Jaina Educational activities.

Conference Agenda : The agenda for this conference will include Unique Methods of Teaching, techniques in Teaching Kids; Challenges - Teenage and Youth class issues; Pathashala Organization. Discussion of challenges and responsibilities of Pathashala coordinators. How to find and train teachers and volunteers, how to deal with parents, how to coordinate with management. Communication with other centers Creating database of various rituals and compiling Stavan and Sutra. Compiling dignitaries' lectures. Teachers involvement in Interfaith and Jivadaya activities with non-Jain organisations. Pathashala Books Review. Send an E-Mail : to education@jaina.org indicating that you would like to attend the conference. For details, contact: Pravin K. Shah, Jaina Education Committee, 919-859-4994

'YOUNG JAINS OF INDIA' CONFERENCE AT INDORE

Young Jains at Indore have got an innovative idea to hold a conference which is based upon the theme: 'How can we make Jainism an acceptable lifestyle in India by year 2020?' Objectives of the conference Include:-

To Simplify Jainism without compromising the basic fundamentals.

To develop and prepare next generation leadership, attract Jain youths, have a dialogue with them.

Location:- Indore, Time:- Sometimes in December 2005, Duration:- 3 days, 2 nights (23 - 25 Dec., 2005).

250 Jain Youths are to be invited from all over India. Selection criteria will be through the submission of a Paper presentation with 20% reservation for the Girls/Women. Interested participants may contact at saurabh_iit2003@yahoo.co.in, For more details about this conference, you may visit the website:-www.yjindia.co.nr

JAIN JOURNALISTS CONFERENCE PLANNED TO BE HELD AT NEW DELHI

On the occasion of 2604th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Mahavir, the representative body of entire Jain community, 'Jain Mahasabha' has planned to hold a conference of Jain journalists for the first time in the country to discuss the role of journalists and their responsibilities towards religion and society. The programme, to be organised at New Delhi, is being planned in the last week of September or first week of October this year. About 400 daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly Jain newspapers, magazines and journals are being brought out in the country. Besides, a number of national level daily newspapers are being owned or controlled by Jains. Such a gathering, it is hoped, would be very useful in providing a forum for free exchange of views and ideas and would help in overcoming social evils and build a clean society. For details, contact: Prof. Ratan Jain, A-16, Ashok Vihar Phase II, New Delhi-52.

AHIMSA & VEGETARIANISM

MUNI LOK PRAKASH LOKESH CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER



The spokesman saint of Ahimsa Yatra, Muni Lok Prakash Lokesh leading a delegation, called upon the Prime Minister, Dr. Man Mohan Singh in the Parliament house and discussed various burning issues of national interest, such as the prevailing terrorism and violence, need for communal harmony and national integration and the impact of ahimsa yatra undertaken by Acharya Mahapragya to overcome these problems. The Prime Minister, appreciating the objectives of ahimsa yatra mentioned that this programme of ahimsa yatra is not only an ideal



for Jain community but it is a source of inspiration for the whole country. He added that it is necessary for every citizen to rise above personal and party interests and petty considerations for achieving national unity and the efforts being made by Acharya Mahapragya in this direction bear great significance. Muni Lok Prakash handed over a message carrying the blessings from Acharya Mahapragya to Dr. Man Mohan Singh. The much-publicised Ahimsa yatra, led by the Terapanth Chief, Acharya Mahapragya would be entering Delhi on the 27th June, 2005, where the Acharya will be holding his four-monthly stay (chaturmas).

INDIAN GOVERNMENT RULES TO ADD CALCIUM (ANIMAL BONE) TO COMMON SALT

Govt. of India has banned sale of non-iodized salt and only salt added with iodine and calcium are to be sold henceforth. Since animal bones will be the main source of Calcium, Jains and vegetarians should stop implementation of this rule at least allowing salt without calcium additive. Jain MPs and political workers should bring it to the notice of Prime Minister and stop calcium additive to salt in order to safe-guard Jain vegetarian practice and the sentiments of Jain community. Courtesy: **Mr. M. D. Rajendran**

PRESIDENT KALAM IMPRESSES ICELANDERS BY HIS VEGETARIAN DIET



During his recent visit to Iceland, President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam impressed the people of that country by his strictly vegetarian food habits. Knowing that he did not take any non-vegetarian item in his meals, adequate care was taken to ensure that all the items were strictly vegetarian. President Olankar Sangrar Primsney of Iceland had made all necessary arrangements at a dinner hosted by him in the honour of President Kalam that all the people taking dinner were served vegetarian food. The guests at the dinner liked the food immensely and showed their full appreciation for President Kalam. In view of his respect for ahimsa and compassion for animals, President Kalam has not only won the hearts of millions of people in this country but he has come very close to Jain community. He has great respect for Jain religion and its principles of

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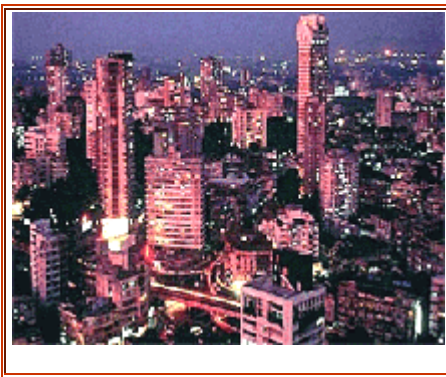


MAN MOHAN SINGH CONSTITUTES TASK FORCE TO REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF TIGERS AT RANTHAMBORE WILD LIFE SANCTUARY-

During his recent visit to Ranthambore wild life sanctuary, Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh was perturbed to learn that a large number of tigers had been reported missing and adequate measures to protect and conserve them were not being taken by the State Government. The funds generously sanctioned by the Central Government on "Project Tiger" were also not being utilised properly.

Taking the matter seriously, he has constituted a task force to immediately examine the situation and submit a factual report. Earlier, when the attention of the Supreme Court was drawn by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the State Government had reported 411 tigers missing during the period 1999 to 2003 from various parks and forests in the country. Out of that, 352 tigers had been reportedly killed by the hunters. The Central Bureau of Investigation has also been enquiring into the matter for the last two years. The Prime Minister has assured the people of appropriate action after collecting the necessary details. The Government has also in the meantime decided to constitute a 'Wild Life Crime Control Bureau', which will consist of officers from Police, Customs and Forest Departments. This was announced by the Mr. Namo Narayan Meena, Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Government of India. This Bureau will look after the conservation and protection of wild animals in various national parks in the country and carry out investigations, whenever necessary.

BOMBAY EXILES ITS MEAT-EATERS



Rich vegetarians in Bombay are turning sections of their city into meat-free zones - to the indignation of meat eaters barred from living there. Housing complexes and whole neighborhoods in India's most cosmopolitan city are going vegetarian. Even on Malabar Hill, where foreigners and Indian millionaires live in mansions, some shops owners refuse to stock meat products. Bollywood stars also risk being drawn into the row. Mahima Choudhury, the actress who is such a staunch vegetarian, has done free promotions for the campaigning group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, is appalled at the idea of banning meat eaters from flats. "I think people should live in harmony whatever their beliefs," she said last week. "I don't agree with meat eaters being kept out of apartment blocks because vegetarians don't want the smell of meat. You can't impose your views on other people."

Leading the stealthy enforcement of the meat fatwa are businessmen - diamond merchants, traders, industrialists and clothing exporters. Many are from Gujarat, where vegetarianism is common, or are Jains, vegans who do not even eat root vegetables such as onions, garlic and potatoes. For a long stretch of Marine Drive - Bombay's Champs Elyseacutes;es - there are no restaurants serving meat, fish or eggs. Even Pizza Hut has gone vegetarian. This is not enough for the more radical vegetarians, however, who insist on the right to live among their kind. Two years ago Jati Chedda, 32, moved into Ramkrupa Flats in south Bombay with her husband and was relieved to find the occupants of the 120 flats were all vegetarians. "We detest the smell of meat being cooked," she said. "Even omelettes give off a disgusting aroma. My relatives would avoid coming to my house if my neighbors were non-vegetarian."

Bhavesh Shah, a shopkeeper and a Jain, has thrown a cordon sanitaire around his housing complex in Breach Candy. "Our housing society asks new tenants to sign a declaration," he said. "If they're found cooking meat, they're thrown out." The Supreme Court has ruled that people who want to live in a community of "like-minded" people can prevent outsiders moving in. Sanjay Narang, a hotelier, was forced to close his restaurant after residents of the nearby vegetarian building spat at customers from balconies, threw nails at them and scratched their cars. They were particularly affronted that it was close to a Jain temple. "What they did was completely against Bombay's live and let live ethos," said Narang.

The only support for meat eaters comes from the regional Hindu nationalist party, the Shiv Sena. Hostile to Indians moving from other regions, it is indignant that "Bombay wallahs" who eat meat are being excluded from buildings by the Gujarati vegetarians. Last year a Shiv Sena group stormed vegetarian buildings demanding admission for meat eaters armed with Bombay duck, a strong-smelling dried fish. "People are free to choose their own lifestyle but imposing it on your neighbours is wrong," said Subhash Desai, a party spokesman.

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HONOURS



MAHAVIR MAHATMA AWARDS FOR SANJAY LEELA BHANSALI AND KRISHNA MEHTA

The convergence of music and spirituality can draw people even at midnight. This was evident at the Mahavir Mahatma Awards 2005 for Oneness - a midnight celebration of Divinity by the Oneness Forum, a Times Foundation initiative - on the auspicious occasion of Gudi Padwa on April 9, 2005. Awards were conferred on Hindustani classical singer Sanjeev Abhyankar, film-maker Sanjay Leela Bhansali, fashion designer Krishna Mehta, architect Jimmy Mistry and social worker Sameer Salgaocar for putting their time, effort and spiritual thoughts to create something unique in their chosen fields.

The awards ceremony was held at the ITC Grand, Maratha Sheraton, Sahar. Krishna Mehta, a Jain was awarded for her sincere promotion of khadi fabric and non-leather products in the world of fashion, symbolic of taking ahead the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. Sanjay Leela Bhansali, another Jain, who came with his mother, believed that his work would do the talking. While giving away the award, Sarabjit Dhawan, Vice President-west of ITC Hotels, said, "What should I say about this man who has dealt with such a difficult subject, "referring to Bhansali's latest film 'Black'. Bhansali was chosen for the award for making socially relevant films that appeal to the universal human consciousness, thus leading to oneness.

HIMMAT KOTHARI AND PARAS JAIN INDUCTED AS MINISTERS IN M. P. GOVERNMENT

It is gratifying to note that during the expansion of Madhya Pradesh Government held in the last week of May, two Ministers have been taken from Jain community. Shri Himmat Kothari has been inducted s Cabinet Minister and Shri Paras Jain has been taken as Minister of State. Trustees of the Ahimsa Foundation offer their hearty congratulations and greetings to the two dignitaries.

YOUNG JAINA AWARDS

You all are aware of Young Jaina Awards function which is organized every year under the blessings of Muni Shri Kshamasagarji Maharaj, is going to be held this year too. This award function is to appreciate the efforts of those Young Jains who have shown their talents in the field of academics, cultural activities, sports and any such talent which makes the Jain community proud of you. Those who secure more than 75% average marks in std XII or more than 85% marks in std X are eligible to apply. As mentioned, if you have any achievements in extra curriculars, you are also eligible to apply. The last date for the form to be filled up and sent is 30th August 2005. The form could be downloaded from the following link:- www.kshamasagarji.com

CHATURMAS PROGRAMME OF SAINTS

Shwetambar Murti-Pujak sect:	Place
1. Acharya Shri Vijay Gun Ratna Suri Ji maharaj	Sabarmati, Ahmedabad
2. Acharya Shri Gunyash Suri Ji maharaj	Paldi, Ahmedabad
3. Acharya Shri Kirtiyash Suri Hi maharaj	" "
4. Acharya Shri Vijay Gunsheel Suri Ji maharaj	" "
5. Acharya Shri Mahima Prabh Suri Ji maharaj	" "
6. Acharya Shri Shiv Chandra Suri Ji maharaj	" "
7. Acharya Shri Vijay Padmyumi Suri Ji maharaj	" "
8. Acharya Shri Jay Chandra Suri Ji maharaj	" "
9. Acharya Shri Jitendra Sagar Suri Ji maharaj	" "
10. Acharya Shri Navratna Sagar Suri Ji maharaj	" "
11. Acharya Shri Hariprabh Suri ji maharaj	Naroda, Ahmedabad

12. Acharya Shri Ajit Chandra Suri Ji maharaj	Shahpur, Ahmedabad
13. Acharya Shri Bhuwan Shekhar Ji maharaj	" "
14. Acharya Shri Som Sundar Suri Ji maharaj	" "
15. Acharya Shri Subodh Sagar Ji maharaj	Vasna, Ahmedabad
16. Acharya Shri Vijay Himanshu Suri Ji maharaj	" "
17. Acharya Shri Yashobhadra Suri Ji maharaj	Gandhi road, Ahmedabad
18. Acharya Shri Ratnaprabh Suri Ji maharaj	Khanpur, Ahmedabad
19. Acharya Shri Ratnakar Suri Ji maharaj	Usmanpura, Ahmedabad
20. Panyas Shri Nandighosh Vijay Ji maharaj	" "
21. Acharya Shri Kundkund Suri Ji maharaj	Dilli Chakla, Ahmedabad
22. Acharya Shri Nayavardhan Suri Ji maharaj	Ambavadi, Ahmedabad
23. Acharya Shri Kalyan Sagar Suri Ji maharaj	Mem Nagar, Ahmedabad
24. Acharya Shri Nityanand Vijay Ji maharaj	Roop Nagar, Delhi
25. Acharya Shri Virendra Suri Ji maharaj	Vallabh Smarak, Karnal Road, Delhi
26. Acharya Shri Muktiprabh Suri Ji maharaj	Sammed Shikhar Ji, Parashwa Nath
27. Acharya Shri Ashok Sagar Suri Ji maharaj	Indore
28. Acharya Shri Rajyash Suri Ji maharaj	Nagpur
29. Acharya Shri Vijay Hemchandra Suri Ji maharaj	Pindwara (Raj.)
30. Acharya Shri Vijay Vidyanand Suri Ji maharaj	Dhulia (M.S.)
31. Acharya Shri Vijay Janak Chandra Suri Ji maharaj	Rani (Raj.)
Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain sect:	
Acharya Dr. Shiv Muni	Jalandhar (Punjab)
Upadhyay Shri Pravin Rishi Ji maharaj	Secunderabad (A.P.)
Lokmanya Sant Shri Roop Chand Ji maharaj 'Rajat'	Bilara (Raj.)
Acharya Shri Ramesh	Amraoti (M.P.)
Shwetambar Terapanthi Jain sect:	
Acharya Shri Mahapragya	New Delhi

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DIKSHA CEREMONY

Smt. Kanta Baid accepted Jain diksha on the 18th May, 2005 at Hyderabad in the holy presence of Muni Shri Sumer Mal Ji maharaj (Ladnu), disciple of Acharya Shri Mahapragya, head of the Shwetambar Terapanthi sect. Processions were taken out to celebrate the occasion and entire Jain community of Hyderabad participated in the diksha celebrations.

MISCELLANEOUS

CANNED MILK MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR BABIES DECLARES W. H. O.

At a conference of Health Ministers of 192 member countries of the World Health Organization (W.H.O.), it was unanimously accepted that the milk sold in packed containers in the market for babies was not always of good quality and it may not be suitable for their health. At times, it may even be risky for the health of the baby. There could be chances of the milk not being free from harmful bacteria and other germicides. Recently, two cases of death of babies by the use of canned milk have been reported from Newzealand. A resolution was therefore passed in the conference to the effect that it may be made mandatory for all tinned milk manufacturers to clearly indicate on the packing, the possible harmful effects of this milk, specially for weak and ill babies, for the information and guidance of their parents.

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MAHAVEERA GOSHALA NURTURES AGED CATTLE

SHIMOGA: Sun dawns the world with his light and man begins his day with delicious bed coffee. From dawn to dusk the rich products of milk serve people. Mostly milk is the most sought liquid by man after water.

But yet, after enjoying all the benefits from cattle, he sends them directly or indirectly to slaughter houses. This reflects his callousness. But there are organisations which look after old cattle. One of them is Sri Mahaveera Jain Seva Trust, a registered institution in Shimoga. It has established Sri Mahaveera Goshala, where they protect and nurture abandoned and aged cattle. These cattle are usually handed over by the police. When they seize cattle while being transported to slaughter houses, they shift cattle over to this Goshala after legalising the seizure. Goshala is run under provisions of Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act -1964, Karnataka Prevention of Animal Sacrifices Act -1959, Wild Life Protection Act -1972 and other similar Acts.

This Goshala was started on January 23, 2004 in a sprawling 27 acres of land located adjacent Tunga river in Vidyanagar. Trust calls this area as Ahimsa Nagar to symbolise the principle of non-violence adopted in this premises. City Municipality had given this land on lease. Presently there are 33 cows, 28 bullocks, 40 oxen and calves, 10 buffaloes 3 pigeons, a dog and a lamb. In 25 acres of land maize and coconut are grown. Raw maize is used as fodder for cattle along with dry grass, oilcake. Dr Ramamurthy, veterinarian, regularly visits Goshala to suggest food quantity and to check-up health of livestock here.

"Our objective is to rescue animals from the cruel hands of butchers and protect them here," says secretary of Goshala, Prakash. Many donors contributed for this service. But Trust has not applied to Government seeking financial assistance. Farmers who have difficulties in rearing cattle may send them here. Public can join their hands for this auspicious service by supporting the Trust in all possible ways and make the world Paradise of Peace as Jain saint Mahaveer said. There are several gaushalas in Rajasthan also which provide shelter to animals and protect them from getting buthered. In your town, you can also contribute for this service. Contact address: Goshala Kendra, Sri Mahaveera Goshala, Ahimsa Nagar, Banks of river Tunga, Vidya Nagar, Shimoga-577203. Ph 241757.

JAIN FEDERATION TO ADOPT 100 GIRL STUDENTS TO SUPPLY MIDDAY MEALS

HUBLI: The All India Jain Youth Federation will adopt 100 girl students studying in Government Ghantikeri Girls' School for supply of food under Akshaya free midday meals scheme. The federation will hand over a cheque for Rs 1.20 lakh to ISKCON on Saturday. ISKCON has taken the responsibility of midday meals in this school. A programme will be organised on Saturday at Ghantikeri Shantinath Hindi High School, which will be attended by Minister R V Deshpande. Former ministers Harnahalli Ramaswamy and A M Hindasageri and Rajiv Lochana Das of ISKCON will attend the function, according to Mahendra Singhi, Federation president.

JAIN PRATHISTA FESTIVAL AT KRISHNAGIRI

Chennai, June 11: The Parshwa Padmavathi Shakthi Peet Seva Trust organised a Jain Prathista Festival at Parshwa Padmavathi Shakthi Peet Jain Temple and Pilgrimage Centre, Krishnagiri, on 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20 June. The devotees witnessed the consecration of the biggest and the largest idol of Lord Parshwanath measuring 12 feet on 20 June. Central and State Ministers, artists, musicians and bands would participated in this festival. The arrangements including boarding, lodging, food and travel for the devotees had been made on the temple premises, a press release said. The vital force behind this construction is Vasanth Guru. He has published an invitation book (weighing 12.5 kg) which contains documentation of ancient Jain temples. Chief Minister of Karnataka Dharam Singh will launch the book on 12 June. For more information, contact at: 9884047848 or 9444370600.

JAIN POPULATION IN INDIA 2001 CENSUS RECORDS

Nos.	Name of the States	Total Population	Jains	%	Education	Women Education
1	India	102,86,10328	42,25 053	0.4	94.1	90.6
2	Jammu & K	101, 43,700	2518	0.0	86.5	83.3

3	Himachal P	60, 77, 900	1408	0.0	96.3	94.8
4	Punjab	243, 58 999	39276	0.2	95.9	94.2
5	Chandigarh	900 635	2592	0.3	97.3	95.8
6	Uttaranchal	84, 89, 349	9249	0.1	96.3	94.4
7	Haryana	211,44,564	57167	0.3	94.2	90.7
8	Delhi	138,50507	155 122	1.1	96.8	95.1
9	Rajasthan	565,07188	650 493	1.2	94.0	89.3
10	U.P.	1661, 97921	207 111	0.1	93.2	90.3
11	Bihar	829,98509	16085	0.0	93.3	90.8
12	Sikkim	540 851	183	0.0	90.7	86.2
13	Arunachal	1097,968	216	0.0	85.2	75.7
14	Nagaland	1990 036	2093	0.1	94.5	92.2
15	Manipur	21,66,788	1461	0.1	94.5	93.5
16	Mizoram	888,573	179	0.0	61.7	55.7
17	Tripura	31,99,203	477	0.0	82.9	78.4
18	Meghalaya	23,18,822	772	0.0	69.9	65.3
19	Assam	266,55,528	23957	0.1	95.3	93.0
20	WestBengal	801,76,197	55223	0.1	92.8	88.9
21	Zarkhand	269,45,829	16301	0.1	90.9	86.0
22	Orissa	368,04660	9154	0.0	93.3	89.6
23	Chhattisgar	208,33803	56103	0.3	96.8	94.8
24	M. P.	603,4803	545 446	0.9	96.2	93.6
25	Gujarat	506,71017	525 305	1.0	96.0	93.5
26	Daman & Di	158 204	268	0.2	94.6	91.5

27	D & N Havel	220 490	864	0.4	94.4	90.7
28	Maharashtra	968,78627	13,01 843	1.3	95.4	92.3
29	A. P	7,62,10007	41846	0.1	93.2	89.6
30	Karnatak	5,28,50562	412 659	0.8	84.3	77.2
31	Goa	13,47668	820	0.1	95.7	95.2
32	Lakswip	60650				
33	Kerala	3,18,41374	4528	0.0	95.7	93.4
34	T.Nadu	6,24,05679	83359	0.1	92.2	88.4
35	Pondicherry	974 345	952	0.1	96.3	93.6
36	Andaman&Nicobar	356 152	23	0.0	100.0	100.0

The above-mentioned figures are published in "The first Report on Religion": Census of India-2001.

1. Maximum Jains are in Maharashtra State and followed by Rajasthan, M.P, Gujarat, Karnatak, U.P; and Delhi these are the seven states where Jain population is more than One Lac.
2. It is significant to note that there is an increase of 26% in Jain population compared to that of 1991 Census.
3. It is also to be noted that this figure could be less than estimation of Jain organisations, according to them it should be more that 1.25 crores.
4. Further it may be noted that Jains restricted their birth rates.
5. There are 974 women per 1000 men ratio in jain community.
6. It is matter of worth noting and pleasure that though educational rate is 64% in the country the Jains are 94.1% and women education level stands at 90.6%.
7. Following are the figures of Jain Population in U.P. compared to total population of 16crores plus: Year 1921 : 68,111, Year 1971: 124,728, Year 2001: 207, 111

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NATIONAL MINORITIES COMMISSION FAVOURS KASHMIRI PANDITS WITH MINORITY STATUS



National Minorities Commission today favoured giving "minority status" to the Kashmiri Pandits, who were forced to leave their homes in the Valley following the onset of militancy. Talking to mediapersons here, Commission Chairman and Rajya Sabha MP Tarlochan Singh said though the Commission had referred the matter to the Centre, the latter has yet to respond. He said he had also advocated to include the Jains into minority community list, but the centre has left the matter with the concerned state governments. Singh said Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh had already agreed to include the Jains into the list of minority community and added that other states should follow it.

He said the Commission had recently conducted a survey on minority communities like Muslims, Sikhs, Parsis, Christians and Buddhists. News Courtesy: Mr. Mahavir Sanglikar, E-Mail: msanglikar@yahoo.com

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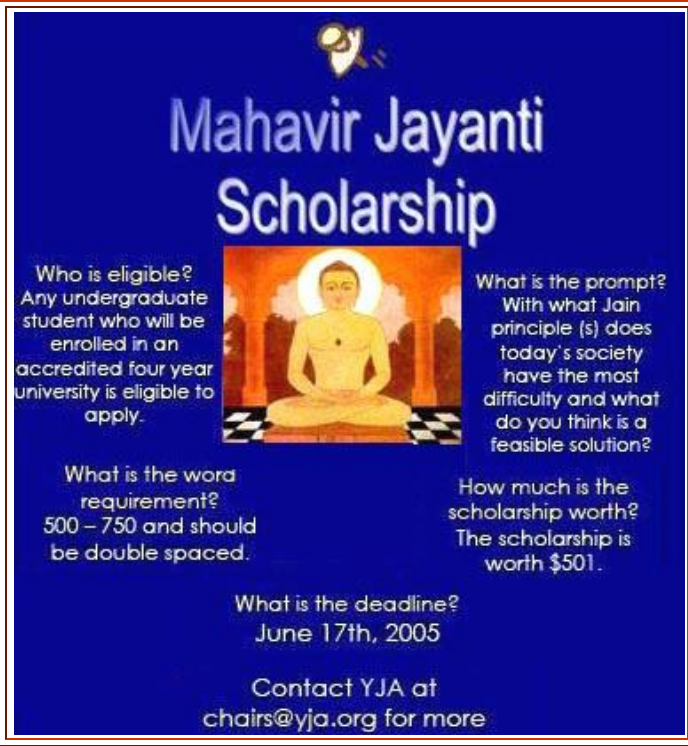
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DEVLOK GAMAN



Mahasadhwi Sayar Kanwar ji, disciple of late Acharya Hastimal Ji maharaj breathed her last and left for her heavenly abode on the 29th May, 2005 at Jodhpur, having accepted 'santhara' on the previous day. The body was taken for cremation in a large procession, passing through various parts of the city. A condolence meeting was held on the 2nd June, which was heavily attended by Jain community, particularly those belonging to Shri Jain Ratna Hiteshi Shrawak Sangh.

Two Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain sadhwi, one, up-pravartini mahasati Sri Kusum lata ji and other, sadhwi Gitanjali ji are reported to have been knocked down by a fast-moving truck, while they were having vihar (walking on foot) somewhere near Karnal in Haryana. The accident was so serious that they lost their lives soon after the accident. Both of them were disciples of senior saint, Upadhyay Shri Manohar Muni ji. Jain community on hearing the sad news was very much agitated. Condolence meetings were later held at various places in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. May their soul attain moksha.



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