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Muni Shri Kshama Sagarji M. S.

SAINTS

FIRST SPEECH OF MAHASHRAMAN JI AS 11TH ACHARYA OF TERAPANTH



10.05.2010, Sardashahar, In the densely crowded hall, Acharya Mahashramanji started his first speech by bowing respect to Bhagwan Mahavir. Then he said, "Until yesterday, I used to help Acharya Mahapragya to come on Pravachan stage & after Pravachan to take him back. But today those hands are no more to whom I can give support. Yesterday I had to hand over that dead body to the householders.

H. H. has worked for the Sangh until he took his last breath. The emptiness that has been created will never be filled by anything. Acharya Mahapragya used to say that he is doing Sardarshahar Chaturmas for Mahashraman only. Once he had even said that he wants Mahashraman to do his first Chaturmas at Sardarshahar. On hearing this, I was surprised why he used the words "First Chaturmas". But I was unable to guess any clue. Stopping all rumours flowing in the air, Acharya Mahashramanji clarified that Acharyashree had some health trouble started from Mewar Yatra. "For treatment purpose, we had changed the 2008 Chaturmas to Jaipur.

Acharyashree had lost 5 kg of weight after Ladnun Chaturmas. Yesterday too, a burning sensation had started nearly at 14:00 pm. Many efforts had been made by saints & doctors, but all went in vain & now H. H. 's soul rests in peace. The age factor might also have played a role. There was no sign of illness or any discomfort." Acharya Mahashramanji declared that from 9th to 15th May only condolence meetings will be done, and no other functions will take place. Entertainment and the like also should be prohibited in this period.

Accepting the new responsibility, he said, "I am firmly determined for maintaining happiness & peace of mind of all Monks, Nuns, Samans & Samanis. I vow to provide spiritual nourishment to Terapanth followers. I vow to work for Jainism & humanity." All Monks, Nuns, Samans, Samanis and Shravaks presented themselves & confirmed to their new Acharya Mahashraman that they are fully devoted towards him & ready to follow his instructions & guidance.

It is the first experience in life to see 2 suns at a time - one is setting, while another is rising. The setting sun has given experience, knowledge, guidance and even his immortal glorious shine to the rising sun to take care the responsibility of an Acharya of Terapanth. As one of the lay followers, I have deep faith in Bikshu Shashan and in the new Acharya Mahashraman. I wish him all the best for the new role & challenges. Courtesy: www.herenow4u.net



MUNI VIKARSH SAGAR JI HONOURED WITH 'UPADHYAY' TITLE

DALIT ENGINEER BECOMES A JAIN MONK

POSTAGE STAMP TO BE ISSUED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ON MAHASATI UMRAO KUNWARJI 'ARCHNA'



Dr. Shiv Muni Ji Maharaj, head of the Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh paid rich tributes to late Acharya Shri Mahapragya, Head of Shwetambar Tera panth sect .He said, the real tribute to him would be only to follow his ideals and philosophy. Devlok Gaman of Shri Mahapragya has been a irreparable loss to the entire Jain society. He expressed his homage to the Acharya on behalf of the entire Vardhman Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh.



Please visit this site for rare pravachan of Jain Monks like Munishri Kshama Sagar Ji, Sh Jinendra Varni Ji, Jain bhajans, and Jain shastras. www.jinvaani.org Visit the website, download, listen, read and transform your life for better. This website has been developed by a dedicated team of from Northern California . Thanks and Regards, Kanwar Sain Jain, E-Mail: kanwar_jain@yahoo.co.in

STOLEN ASHTADHATU JAIN IDOLS RECOVERED BY DELHI POLICE

Cases of theft of ancient idols from Jain temples have been happening frequently but the idols are seldom recovered by the police. Only occasionally, the recovery is reported. In one case, rare ashtadhatu idol of Bhagwan Shri Rishabh Dev, the first Jain Tirthankar, was recovered by Delhi police. The idol was reportedly worth Rs. 9 crores in the international market. After enquiry, it was revealed that the idol in question was stolen from a Digambar Jain temple at khunadari village in Udaipur district of Rajasthan on the 29th January, 2009. The idol belongs to sixteen the century as observed from an inscription showing the year 1559. Six persons have been reportedly arrested by the police and two of them are absconding. In another case, a six hundred years old idol of Natraj, 19 inches long and weighing 15 Kg. costing Rs. 5 crores in the

international market was recovered from Kotla Mubarakpur near Delhi. In yet another case, an idol of Bhagwan Mahavir weighing 2 Kg. was recovered from the same village, which was stolen from Uttaranchal Pradesh.

SHRI ASHTAPADJI PRATISHTHA MAHOTSAV

Shri Ashtapadji Pratishtha Mahotsav committee at Jain Centre of America Inc., New York, USA (JCA) is holding Shri Ashtapadji Pratishtha Mahotsav from June 10th to 21st, 2010. During the ceremonies 24 Tirthankar Pratimaji (Shri Chaubisi) carved out from various colour stones will be installed in gokhalas, carved in the crystal mountain. Adhar Abhishek and Installation ceremony of Shri Chaubisi will be performed on June 19th and 20th, 2010 respectively. These ceremonies will be broadcast live around the world June 20th, 2010. For further information - Jain Center of America, NIC, 43-11, Ithaca Street Elmhurst, NY 11373, USA, Website: www.nyjca.org E-Mail : info@nyjca.org

AWARDS & HONORS

SANJAY JAIN (BLIND SINCE BIRTH) AWARDED PHD IN LAW

NAGPUR: For a Jain, who is blind since birth, this was one of his life's best moments. He was awarded PhD degree in law during the 97th convocation ceremony of Nagpur University held early this month. Interestingly, Jain's guide was head of law department Shirish Deshpande, who is also blind. This is perhaps for the first time in the country that a blind guide successfully guided a blind scholar. Jain is only the third visually impaired teacher in the university after DW Wadegoankar and Shirish Deshpande. Jain pursued his schooling from a school for blind and also studied at National Institute for Visually Impaired in Dehradun. He, however, pursued further education from regular colleges.

The subject of his thesis was 'Taking women seriously – A critical inquiry into the changing parameters of judicial review and perspectives on protection and enforcement of rights of women with special reference to the Constitution of India'. Jain was earlier rejected by Pune University when he had applied for the post of a teacher. Not deterred by the disappointment, he bounced back by getting a teacher's job at the ILS law College in Pune. Sanjay married Suleshi, who has normal vision, when she was a student at Nagpur University. They have a son named Sagar.

NOMINATIONS INVITED TARA DEVI MODI RASHTRA UTTAN AWARD' FOR AGRI/ RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Durga Dutt Modi Foundation announced the 'Tara Devi Modi Rashtra Utthan Award' of Rs. 1,11,111 for contribution in the field of organic farming integrated with livestock, innovative equipment for livestock uses and innovation for increased agricultural productivity. The founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni today announced this award. He said that a big population of the country depends on agriculture for livelihood, so there should be continuous efforts to make life easy and hassle free for them. Acharya Munishree said that the security of the country does not mean only for rivers, mountains and plains but it also relates to nutritional security of people. Chairman of the Durga Dutt Modi Foundation, Shri Laxmi Narain Modi said that this award would be given every year. It would be presented in first week of October. For the award, one can nominate any Indian person or organization.

Trustee Mrs Rekha Modi said that this is the first award of India of Rs. 1,11,111 since figure one is considered most auspicious. For decision about the award, two committees have been setup. The Jury Members include Former Defence Minister Shri K.C. Pant, Padam Vibhushan T. N. Chaturvedi, former Governor of Karnataka, Dr. Y. P. Anand, former Chairman, Rly Board and Dr Panjab Singh, former DG ICAR and member, Scientific Advisory Committee to P.M. and the Screening Committee consists of Dr R.M. Acharya, former DDG(Animal Science), ICAR, Government of India, Dr Vivekanand Pande, former Head Ayurveda, Government of India, and Consultant to World Bank, Dr R.D. Sharma, former Director, Publications, ICAR, Government of India and Shri Pradeep Kumar Jain, FCA (Financial Advisor). On this occasion jury member Dr. Y. P. Anand appealed to media to give information of this award to all sections of people so that they can send their nomination for consideration. Submissions: The nominations can be sent by e- mail followed by hard copy in English or Hindi. DURGA DUTT MODI FOUNDATION, D-37 South Extn. II, New Delhi – 110 049 Mob : 98 910 13200, E-Mail: info@ddfdelhi.org

NEWLY ELECTED M.P.'S FROM MAHARASHTRA

Congratulations to newly elected MPs, Vijay Darda (Congress) and Ishwar Lal Jain (NCP) were elected as Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament of India. Both the candidates belong to Jain community and are from Maharashtra. Courtesy Mahavir Sanglikar, E-Mail : msanglikar@yahoo.com

MANGALAYATAN UNIVERSITY AT ALIGARH DECLARED MOST PROGRESSIVE BY A NATIONAL SURVEY

A nation-wide survey carried out by ZEE news and news paper has shown that newly established Jain university near Aligarh town, named 'Mangalaytaan' is one of the most progressive and well-managed universities amongst about 450 national and private universities in the country. The list of universities surveyed includes Delhi University, Allahabad University, Benaras Hindu University, Aligarh Muslim University, Jawahar Lal Nehru University and Lucknow University. This university has attained 18th position based on various factors like, the standard of teaching, quality of teachers, admission procedures and curriculum of various courses. [Courtesy: Satish Chandra Jain, Vice-Chancellor, MANGALAYATAN]

DR. SUBBARAO HONOURED BY ABDUL KALAM WITH ANUVRAT AWARD

The coveted "Anuvrat Award" instituted by Jain Terapanth Mahasabha was given to an eminent scholar and philosopher, Dr. S. N. Subbarao for the current year at a simple ceremony at New Delhi on the 7th June, 2010. The award was presented to Dr. Subbarao by past President, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Dr. Subbarao has been instrumental in his efforts to establish peace at international level. The award consisted of a cash amount of Rs. One Lakh and a letter of eulogy.

PRADIP JAIN AWARDED GOLD MEDAL AT LONDON WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION



As informed in the May issue of Ahimsa Times, Shri Pradip Jain had participated in the World Stamp Exhibition organised at London in the last month. The event, said to be the biggest in the world of philately, takes place once every 10 years. It was gratifying to learn that Pradip Jain was adjudged the best philatelist from amongst 75 participants from different countries and he has been awarded gold medal at this show. In the past, he has taken part in a host of international philatelic exhibitions, like Singapore-87, India-89, New Zealand-90, London-90, Bangkok-93, Philakorea-94, Singapore-95 and bagged gold medals as well as special prizes at all these meets. Also, he won a large gold medal with a special prize in CAPEX-96, Canada, Istanbul-96, Turkey, Pacific-97, USA with Jury Felicitation, Indepex-97 (INDIA) nominated for Grand Prix and Italia-98 (Milan) and the Best Aerophilately Exhibit Award on Indian Airmails-1911-1945.

DR. KALYAN GANGWAL TO BE FELICITATED



Noted activist Doctor Kalyan Gangwal will be felicitated by Pune Municipal Corporation at Balgandharva Rangmandir, Pune on Sunday, the 27th June 2010. Sushil kumar Shinde, Central Power Minister will attend this ceremony as Chief Guest. Born in the year 1945. Dr. Kalyan Gangwal hails from Sangamner in Maharashtra and has had a brilliant academic and professional career. He is associated with a number of prestigious institutions such as the KEM Hospital, Poone Hospital, Pune and the Sasson General Hospital, Pune. He is a Medical Practitioner by profession has chosen vegetarianism as one of the subjects of his special interest throughout his life and believes that vegetarianism is the ideal food for human beings. Dr. Kalyan Motilal Gangwal, Pune, Maharashtra the crusader for vegetarianism is receiving the Sixth Mahaveer Award for Excellence in the field of propagation of Non-violence and Vegetarianism from Shri P. T. R. Palanivelrajan, Hon'ble Speaker of Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly at the Annual Mahaveer Awards Day 2000. He has set apart every weekend for propagating vegetarianism as a basis of life. His campaign for vegetarianism is done through the means of exhibitions, lectures, slide shows, books in various Indian languages and in English. His campaign against killing animals has resulted in the closure of a number of abattoirs in the country and his fights for the rights of animals include opposition to bullock cart races, cock fights, the custom of sacrifice of animals on religious grounds, etc. He has written a number of books in Marathi and Hindi advocating vegetarianism and all his agitations in favour of vegetarianism have always been peaceful. He has received a number of medals and awards both for his performance as a doctor and for his advocacy of vegetarianism. He has also taken considerable interest in the "Movement for freedom from addiction". Courtesy: Mahavir Sanglikar.

ANSHU JAIN TO TAKE OVER AS CEO OF DEUTSCHE BANK

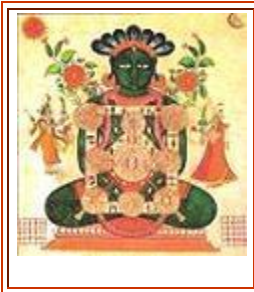


Berlin: In a major reshuffle of boardroom hierarchy, Deutsche Bank nominated Anshu Jain as a leading contender for the post of the CEO. Anshu Jain, 47, is presently appointed as the sole head of corporate and investment banking division. Jain will assume the responsibilities of Michael Cohrs, head of global banking who will retire from Deutsche Bank at his own request in September. This has strengthened Jain's chances to succeed Chief Executive Josef Ackermann. However, there are other potential candidates including Chief Risk Officer Hugo Baenziger and Rainer Neske, Head of Private and Business Clients. Nonetheless, the post will be filled by an internal candidate in all probabilities. In any case, Jain has got an upper hand as Deutsche's corporate banking and securities division as it accounted for 93 percent, or almost 2.6 billion euros, of group pretax profit in the first quarter.

Visionary leader, D. K. Jain authored book on the importance of good handwriting In his efforts to communicate the importance of handwriting to the younger generation, D. K. Jain, Chairman, Luxor Group has authored the book 'WRITING THE RIGHT WAY'. The book was released by Sh. Hemant M. Shah, President, Jain International Trading Organization (JITO) in the presence of Minister of Corporate Affairs Salman Khurshid and Minister of State, Sh. Praveen Jain.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

CONFERENCE ON JAINISM TO BE ORGANISED AT OTTAWA IN AUGUST



A one-day conference on Jainism is proposed to be organised by Dr. Anne Valley, by the University of Ottawa with the cooperation of International School for Jain Studies Ottawa (Canada) on the 27th August, 2010. Theme: Social Consciousness and Jainism Personal and Global Engagements with Jain Thought and Tradition. Host: Dr. Anne Vally, Associate Professor, Department of Classics and Religion, University of Ottawa Conference should interest Members of the Academic Community and broader public interested in Jainism, graduate and under-graduate students interested in an India-based study program focusing on Jainism Contact:!! Dr. Stephen Quinlan!! E-Mail: squin099@uottawa.ca, Ph: 613-565-6003. The conference will feature scholars from India and North

America. A series of individual presentations will be followed by a round table discussion.

YJA CONVENTION- 2010

YJA Convention 2010 will be held from July 2nd to the 5th at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, New Jersey. With over 120 sessions and social events at night, this year promises to be a good convention experience. E-Mail: info@yja.org



REPORT ON THE 22ND ALL INDIA SUMMER SCHOOL ON PRAKRIT LANGUAGE & LITERATURE 2010



The Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology Delhi organized its 22nd All India Summer School on Prakrit Language & Literature in Delhi from 9th May 2010 to 30th May 2010. About 30 participants from various states of India attended the three-week Prakrit Workshop. In addition a number of Jain nuns also attended the course. Faculties were also invited from various universities apart from in-house faculty of BLII.

Inaugural Function was chaired by Prof. Dr. Gayacharan Tripathi, Consultant, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi. Prof. Tripathi delivered a very intellectual and informative talk and highlighted the significance of Prakrit and Sanskrit. Mr. N. P. Jain, Vice-Chairman, BLII welcomed the guests and the participants as well as faculty members whereas Dr. J. B. Shah, Director, L. D. Institute of Indology, Ahmedabad spoke in details on the activities of the Institute carried out during past 26 years and on the 21 Summer Schools organized by the Institute. Shri R.

K. Jain, President of the Institute and Secretary General of Vallabh Smarak under whose aegis this Institute is working, narrated the history of the entire complex.

Guests Dr. Prashant Dave (Ahmedabad) and Dr. Vijay Shankar Shukla also addressed the gathering. The valedictory function was held on 30th May at 10.30 A.M. The Guest of Honour of the function was Dr. (Mrs.) Neeru Mishra, Director, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, New Delhi. The Chief Guest of the function was Prof. Namwar Singh, a well known scholar in the Academic world and also a Hindi critic. He appreciated the valuable contribution made by the Jain community in upholding the national heritage of our country by preserving the valuable rare manuscripts and also organizing Seminars and Lectures on various topics. He also spoke about his long standing personal association with BLII. Shri Bhanwar Lal Doshi, Director, D. R. International Pvt. Ltd., also welcomed this unique activity on this event.

Dr. Balaji Ganorkar who compared the entire programme announced the results of Elementary and Advanced courses. The result of the Prakrit Quiz held on 29th May 2010 was also announced by the Director of the Institute, Dr. Balaji Ganorkar. The faculty members, namely, Prof. Damodar Shastri and Dr. J. R. Bhattacharya also spoke about the methodology of teaching.

MINORITY STATUS

PUNJAB GOVT. SETS UP MINORITY COMMISSION

Chandigarh, Apr 23 : The Punjab Government had constituted a Minority Commission in the state with immediate effect. Mr. Munver Masih of Ludhiana has been appointed its Chairman. Disclosing his here today an official spokesman said that the term of the Commission will be one year. Mr. Hira Lal Jain from Ludhiana, Mr. Abdul Satur from Ludhiana, Mr. Tehseem Ahmed from Ludhiana and Mr. Hameed Masih from Jalandhar have been appointed members of this commission. The terms and conditions regarding their appointments would be decided later on.

CHATURMAS OF SAINTS AND SADHWI

Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain Saints

A. Jain Shraman Sangh

1. Acharya Dr. Shiv Muni Ji Maharaj at Arihant Nagar, Delhi
2. Upadhyay Shri Hem Chand Ji Maharaj at Shakti Nagar Extension, Delhi
3. Upadhyay Shri Ramesh Muni Ji Maharaj with Up-Pravartak Shri Rajendra Muni Ji Maharaj at Derawal Nagar, Delhi
3. Upadhyay Shri Ravindra Muni Ji Maharaj at Maler Kotla, Punjab
4. Pravartak Shri Suman Muni Ji Maharaj at Bhikhi, Punjab.
5. Pravartak Shri Amat Muni Ji Maharaj at Nihalsingh wala, Punjab
6. .Upadhyay Shri Mool Chand Ji Maharaj at Badi Sadri
7. Pravartak Shri Roop Muni Ji with Shri Sukan Muni Ji Maharaj at Ghanerav Sadri (Rajasthan)
8. Up-Pravartak Shri Prem Muni Ji Maharaj at Jeend, Haryana
9. Up-Pravartak Shri Paras Muni Ji Maharaj at Bhiwani, Haryana
8. Mahasati Shri Indu Prabha Ji Maharaj at Bhilwara (Rajasthan)
9. Shraman Sanghiya Mahamantri Shri Saubhagya Muni Ji along with Pravartak Shri Madan Muni Ji Maharaj at Surat in Gujarat.
10. Pravartak Shri Ratan Muni Ji Maharaj at Mailapur, Chennai
11. Upadhyay Dr. Vishal Muni Ji Maharaj at Meerut. U.P.
12. Upadhyay Shri Jitendra Muni Ji Maharaj at Chandigarh.
13. Rashtra Sant Shri Kamal Muni Ji Maharaj at Jammu tawi
- 14 Nepal-Kesari Shri Manibhadra Muni Ji Maharaj at Nepal.

B. Jain Ratn Hiteshi Shrawak Sangh

1. Acharya Shri Hira Chand Ji Maharaj at Pali (Rajasthan)
2. Upadhyay Shri Man Chand Ji Maharaj at Gotan (Rajasthan)
3. Mahasati Shri Tej Kunwar Ji Maharaj at Changutola
4. Mahasati Shri Gyan Latha Ji Maharaj at Mysore
5. Mahasati Shri Mukti Prabha Ji Maharaj at Pipar City
6. Mahasati Shri Charitra Latha Ji Maharaj at K.G.F.
7. Mahasati Shri Indu Bala Ji Maharaj at Nagaur (Rajasthan)

Shwetambar Terapanth Jain Saints

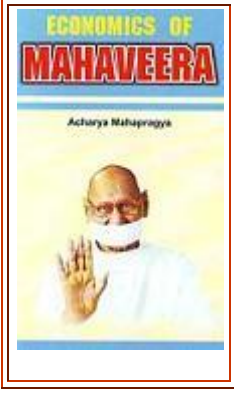
Acharya Shri Mahashraman at Sardar Shahar (Rajasthan)

Shwetambar Murti-Pujak Sect Saints

Chaturmas detail of Acharya Vijay Vallabh Suri Ji Sect

1. Acharya Vijay Ratnakar Suri Ji Maharaj Atam-Vallabh Upashray, Purana Bazar, Ludhiana
2. Acharya Vijay Dharam Dhurandhar Suri Ji Maharaj: Bikaner
3. Acharya Vijay Nityanand Suri Ji Maharaj Valkeshwar, Mumbai
4. Sh. Vichakshan Vijay Ji Maharaj Ambala City
5. Sadhvi Suvrata Shri Ji Maharaj Palitana
6. Sadhvi Nirmala Shri Ji Maharaj Rohini, Delhi

NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS



ECONOMICS OF MAHAVEERA - by Acharya Mahaprajna - This concise but informative volume outlines and delineates some of the basic teachings of Mahavira as are relevant to the real understanding of economics. Economics is the science of economic prosperity and the limitation of wealth is the science of peace. Unlimited ambition and peace can never be reconciled. Man does need economic resources. If economic development is rooted in peace, it is obvious that a mentally disturbed person cannot derive happiness from economic affluence. It is the demand of the contemporary times that there should be harmonization between fulfilment of economic needs and peace. The unilateral or akantic approach does not possess the power of resolving the world's problems.

Accordingly, economics based on relative principle and the economics of peace must complement each other. Restraint, abnegation, sacrifice and limitation are concepts, which are not dear to man who dreams only of economic affluence. Consumerism, luxury and comforts are tempting. What are not necessarily convenient are, perhaps, absolute imperatives for the future of mankind. The realization of these imperatives will alone inspire the real understanding of Mahavira and his principle of limitation. Publisher: Adarsh Sahitya Sangh, New Dehli, India, Translator: Dr. S. R. Mohnot, Edition: First Edition, 2008

BAHU BANI BETI (DAUGHTER-IN-LAW TREATED AS A DAUGHTER)



Shri Surendra Muni, a Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain saint - Widowhood is still being treated by our society as a curse for women. This social disorder has been continuing for hundreds of years. Many books and articles have been published on this subject but all such efforts have not borne any fruits. Though many of the communities and societies have accepted widow-marriages as a social reform but still there are societies which treat widow-marriage as a social crime. This book, written by a highly learned and scholarly Jain saint presents this subject in the form of an interesting and short novel and depicts a new proach to overcome widowhood. Those who still consider widow-marriage as a social crime must give a serious reading of this book.

Shri Surendra Muni, a Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain saint is a prolific writer who has written fifteen novels on the main theme of social backwardness and reforms, non-violence, health, yoga, meditation, forgiveness and freedom from addiction. His books written on different themes present the subject matter in the form of a story of a novel written in a simple but effective language, leaving behind a deep impression on the minds of readers.

MRITYU MAHOTSAVA - (मृत्यु महोत्सव) - A Celebration of Death -Sanskrit text with Hindi, Gujarati and English translations Sanskrit text by an Unknown Writer, Hindi translation by Shreyans Sukhani, Gujarati translation by Dr. Shilpa Vasani Pandit Nathuram Premi Research Series Volume 38, Published by Hindi Granth Karyalay, Mumbai , Rs. 20.

There are many who teach the art of living. But the Jain religion teaches us the art of dying. Many religions claim to know the absolute truth, and that their god is supreme. But Jainism makes no such claims and promotes instead, the idea of anekantavada, or the multiplicity of reality. Jainism recognises that there are very many people in this world and their perception of the truth is varied. Not all of them may agree on any one topic. Some people blame this on lack of faith in the true religion (which happens to be the one that they follow). But Jainism sees mankind's inability to come to a common understanding of reality as the natural outcome of the vastness of reality, the impossibility of expressing this in words and the fact that each person has different levels of knowledge and perception, experience and understanding. Death is one of the imponderables that one invariably encounters. Often, death is perceived as the final act in one's life. A tumultous parting of ways of consciousness (the soul) with the mortal coil where the soul remains behind like a lamp of light, carrying with it memories of love, passion, understanding, knowledge and perception. Jainism believes that consciousness can never be extinguished. Death is merely an exchange of the corporeal self. A comma in the chain of existence which is eternally free of full stops.

In these circumstances, Jainism does not see death as the cessation of existence, merely as change from one physical form to another. Jainism goes so far as to advocate voluntary death when faced with death because of extreme old age, critical illness or some extraordinary mishap, as this would be better than dying with tears and regret. Jainism holds that it is better to relinquish the old and critically ill body and seek spiritual advancement through a nuanced voluntary death, rather than drag on hoping against hope to live another day. This book explains the Jain concept of a nuanced, well-considered passionless death and why one should prefer such an end to dying in a hospital with several tubes poking into one's body. Jains call this controlled voluntary death *sallekhana*, which is vastly different from the impassioned and irrational desire to commit suicide, which is impelled by an irrepressible desire to end one's life, even when one is physically fit in order to escape unpalatable circumstances. The purpose of this book is to make available the meaning, relevance and teleological underpinnings of *sallekhana*.



WRITING THE RIGHT WAY -By D. K. Jain - In his efforts to communicate the importance of handwriting to the younger generation, D. K. Jain, Chairman, Luxor Group has authored the book . The book was released by Sh. Hemant M Shah, President, Jain International Trading Organization in the presence of Minister of Corporate Affairs Salman Khurshid and Minister of State, Sh. Praveen Jain. The book educates on the techniques that should be ideally used for developing writing skills. Sh. Amitabh Bachchan, the legendary superstar in his foreword, applauds DK Jain's efforts in bringing out the book which not only triggered nostalgia about his father's deep attachment to his brand pen, but also instilled the tradition in the family. He supported the experience which writing on paper brings while extending his best wishes for the success of the book.

JAIN TV SERIAL - Sanskar Channel is broadcasting 1st Jain T. V. Serial on Baghwan Mahavir from 20/6/2010 on every Sunday on at 8.40 A.M. The serial is produced by Mr. Satish Jain. Message sent by : Vinay Jain, Ghaziabad, PH. 9910774518

READER'S MAIL

REACTIONS ON TV SERIAL BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Siddharth Parakh - sidparakh@yahoo.co.in - We do realise the importance of spreading the non-violence to the non-jain masses. From centuries Jainism has been confined to handful people, and the reason could be our own methods which we use to propagate it. We create an uproar when our maharajsahebs travel by plane to different country or for that matter even use a mike for giving discourses. Time has become ripe to propagate Jainism and Non-violence in the best manner, for which I don't see any other medium as powerful as T.V.; but at the same time it is the matter of concern that someone enacts a "Tirthankar". We Jains also never play the role of Tirthankar during our pratishtha plays, how can we expect a non-jain to play such role and to exhibit even a minor feeling of compassion. At the maximum level we may accept the role to be played of Bhagwan's Sansarik life. With the guidance of our acharyas a team must be formed who may review every episode before its telecast..

Anish Shah - anishshah19@hotmail.com - How can it be asathna of Mahavir swami? Has any scriptures or agams said that one cannot act as a Tirthankara? If we can accept a stone or metal idol as representative of Tirthankara then why not a living person. That person may as well as be a future Arihant. In fact such serials are anumodana of Jain Dharma and it may be the casue of samyaktva. I agree that it will promote the Jain principles to a wider audience. Everyone knows the compassion of Jesus, but no one knows the supreme compassion of Mahavir swami. This is one small step in right direction.

Himanshu - him_parekh@yahoo.co.in - First of all i feel very sorry to here from u that u believe in a stone/idol as an represantative of Tirthankar. We believe that idol is Tirthankar Himself. Secondly as per your question, (Has any scriptures or agams said that one cannot act as a Tirthankara?) my answer to you is that aagams even dont permit us to use electricity /watch t.v, do you follow that?Its understood from that v cant see t.v, then how can v allow any common person to perform Tirthankars role,is he a Jain/vratdhari shravak . Thirdly, any future Arihant has no right to perform the role of Present Arihant.Even Shri Krishna is our future Tirthankar(100 %)but we are not allowed to worship Him in His presnt swarup as in non-jains. Yes, i do agree with you that no one knows the supreme compassion of Mahavir swami. For that, to promote Jainism we can do something more better with guidelines of our Acharyas.But not this way of serial. If u have seen this serial, they have sawn our Maharajsaheb as an ordinary non-jain sadhu in yellow dress with his head covered, with out ogha. Then just think how will they depict Shri MahavirSwamiji.

MISCELLANEOUS

SAMEER JAIN CAN PRODUCE ROOT CANAL MACHINE FOR RS. 1000/-

MUMBAI: It was a big day for Sameer Jain about 10 months ago when, while doing some research on root canal machines used for treatment of teeth, he thought of making a few modifications. It took him a full month but, when he was done, he had made a modified 'root canal obturation machine', complete with a temperature modulator and a vibrator. Jain has

already tried out his new technique on extracted teeth but is still waiting to try it out on patients. He says that , I realized that the root canal machines cost in lakhs and, even then, patients would sometimes come back with a swelling or would have to go in for removal of the tooth. He claimed, that the machine is developed at a budget of Rs 1,000 only and the patent is being applied. “The Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) has given permission to try it on patients after machine proved successful on extracted teeth. Veteran dentists are excited about Jain’s achievement but want to put in a word of caution.

JAIN FESTIVALS - JULY 2010, COURTESY DR. RAJENDRA MUNI, NEW DELHI



S.No.	Date	Parv
1.	1, 2, 6, 21, 24, 28	Auspicious Days
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3.	4th July, 2010	Vimal Nath Moksh Kalyanak
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5.	6th July, 2010	Nemi Nath Diksha Kalyanak
6.	11th July, 2010 to 25th July, 2010	Pakshik
7.	12th July, 2010 & 13th July, 2010	Pushp Nakshtra
8.	16th July, 2010	Sankranti
9.	16th July, 2010	Gyan Panchmi
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12.	24th July, 2010	Wasupujya Moksh Kalyanak
13.	27th July, 2010 to 1th August, 2010	Panchak
14.	29th July, 2010	Shreeyans Nath Moksh Kalyanak

DEVLOK GAMAN

Vetaran Sadhwi Shri Vinay Kunwar Ji Maharaj disciple of 1008 Shri Prakash Chandra Ji Maharaj belonging to Shri All India Sudharm Jain Sanskriti Rakshak Sangh, Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect left for her heavenly abode after Sagari Santhara on the 21st June, 2010 at Jodhpur after prolonged illness. Her divine body was cremated the next day after having been taken through the main streets of the town in a long procession.

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