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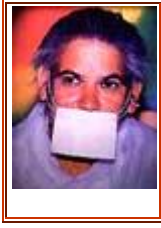


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"When everything comes your way, you're in the wrong lane."



## EFFORTS TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES IN STHANAKVASI SECT GO FUTILE

The differences primarily between Shri Roopmuniji M. S. and Acharya Shivmuni over the disciplinary action are causing embarrassment to the entire sect of Sthankawasi Jain Samaj. Several members of samaj have requested both saints to reconcile and settle the issues. Jodhpur Jain Samaj took a strong delegation to Acharya Ji and informed that unless these differences get settled they will be unable to organise any chaturmas for anyone.



The present scenario is threatening the existence of Shraman Sangh. The differences are further widened by nomination of M.S. Sri Umesh Muni as Acharya of Sraman Sangh replacing Dr. Shiv Muniji. We on behalf of Jain Samaj request all involved and respected leaders of Shraman Sangh to resolve various issues at the earliest. The five Jain principles offer solutions to all the the problems in the world. In fact it is the best time for our saints to prove the meaning and usefulness of these very basics of Jainism. Spiritual resolutions will not only keep the Shraman Sangh strong but also set example to other Jain institutions where similar situations prevail at different levels.

## JAIN COMMUNITY DECLARED AS MINORITY IN MAHARASHTRA

The Government of Maharashtra in its Cabinet meeting held on the 2nd February, 2004, passed the proposal to declare Jains in Maharashtra to be a minority community and issue necessary notification to that effect in the Government Gazette. The news has brought a wave of happiness in most circles of Jain community in the state. Maharashtra is now the seventh state in the country to have declared Jains as minority community, other six being, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal. It is understood that Orissa Government is also considering this matter seriously. The Chief Minister of the State, Shri Navin Patnaik has assured the people of the State in this connection of a favourable consideration. He also announced that the Government would spend an amount of Rs. 20 crores on the renovation, repairs and maintenance of ancient Jain relics, memorials and temples in the State, which form a part of the national heritage.

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## HUMILIATING TREATMENT BY BJP TO JAIN MINISTER SHRI DILIP GANDHI



Sitting Member of Parliament and state minister for Shipping Shri Dilip Gandhi has been denied re-election ticket in forthcoming parliamentary elections. In the last elections, Shri Dilip Gandhi had won with substantial majority from Ahmednagar defeating his nearest congress rival. It is also worth noting that Shri Dilip Gandhi enjoys an image of clean and efficient politician. The reasons for his failure may be his inability to take along some influential leaders of the party. Ahmednagar is Jain dominated constituency as several Jain families after migrating from Rajasthan settled there. Some of them are top industrial houses of the country. The Jain community in this country is often compared with Jews in America. Jain are mainly engaged in trade and industry and play dominating role on economic front. In spite of all the strength the Jain Samaj does not appear to have any political voice. In America Jews control the government and the industry. The U. S. President cannot consider his presidency stable without their support. But in India, we are always at the receiving end. Such events provide reasons to the entire samaj to unite and collectively raise its voice and make the government feel our presence and strength in the country.

### **JAINS ARE DIVIDED OVER THE MINORITY STATUS**

The Jains are divided over its new status as a religious minority in the state. On February 2, the state Cabinet (Maharashtra) passed a proposal declaring the Jains a religious minority. But while many Jain organisations have welcomed the decision, others have called it a "politically motivated" move, aimed at the coming elections. They said that it was a political move to divide the Hindu community. "Jains are part of the larger Hindu community," the opponents of the proposal say. Worried by the differences in the community, one sect, the Digambers, passed a resolution on Saturday supporting the decision and asking the community to welcome the decision. "The resolution is being sent to all Jain sects, asking them not to talk against the notification," said J K Jain, secretary of a community organisation. Community members who have opposed the decision said that they would pass a resolution asking the government to withdraw the decision. 'Rent Act won't apply to places run by Jains' We have been asking for a minority status in the state for a long time. For instance, Articles 29 and 30 of the Constitution, which protects our religions, cultures and languages, will be applicable to us. Also, the Rent Act will no longer apply to premises run by a Jain religious group. Also educational institutions will benefit because they can reserve 50 per cent of the seats in their institutions for Jain students. Jain temples cannot be taken over by the government. Jains who have links with the BJP, are opposing the decision because it was taken by the Congress and NCP. Courtesy: "Mahavir" E-Mail : msanglikar@yahoo.com

### **NEW JAIN TEMPLE BEING BUILT AT HARROW, UK**

The design and layout of a proposed temple in Harrow Weald have been agreed by Harrow Council's development committee. The land for project is acquired by Mahavir Foundation. Before the approval could be received from the local bodies the Jain Samaj had to sort out several issues within and outside the community. Mr. Vinod Kapashi, president of the Mahavir Foundation, Harrow. Information source : Divya P. susheelanath@yahoo.com

### **BHAGWAN MAHAVIR PRATIMA RECOVERED BY POLICE AT BHILAI, CHHATISGARH**

The photograph shows stolen Pratima of Bhagwan Mahavir which was recovered by Local Police at Bhilai. It is not known from which place this Pratima was stolen. As per the information available, earlier it was purchased by the thieves at Jamshedpur for Rs. 5 Lacs and they were trying to sell again for about Rs. 1.80 Crores. This Paratima is estimated to be 700-1000 years old and made of asdhatu (about 4.5 kg in weight). The Police and members of Jain Samaj are seeking help to trace the location details of pratima. If any reader can given any information about the original place of this pratima he should contact Mr. Sanjeev Jain, Durg (Chhattisgarh). E-Mail : sanjeevgodha@yahoo.com



### **TERAPANATH SAMANIS IN U.K.AND SIKKIM**

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To spread the message of Jainism, Acharya Shree Mahapragya Ji has sent four Samaniji to London Terapanth Centre. They are: Samani Pratibha Pragma, Punya Pragma, Jina Pragma and Shukla Pragma. The Sadhavi Shri Kundan Rekhaji along with three more Sadhavis are in Sikkim since 27th February 2004. They are delivering Pravachan and preaching of Non-violence, Ahinsha and Peace and also taking classes for prakchya-dhyan at Gangtok .On 8th March, 2004, Sadhavi Shri Kundan Rekhaji along with other Sadhavis had an audience with His Excellency the Governor of Sikkim Shri V. Rama Rao. Sadhaviji delivered a small pravachan and His Excellency was presented with a photograph of Acharyaji to be displayed at Raj Bahvan. His Excellency also assured to take steps for upliftment of peace and ahinsha in the State. His Excellence expressed that the life of the nuns are very challenging and hard and impressed by the Jainism. They are likely to be in Sikkim upto 18th March 2004.

### **BANGALORE INFANTRY ROAD RENAMED AS BHAGWAN MAHAVEER JAIN ROAD**

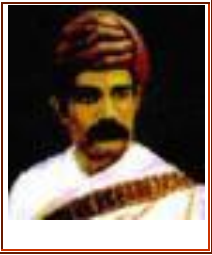
The Bangalore Mahanagar Council had given its nod on February 14 to rename the Infantry Road as Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Road. The State Government had agreed to the Jain Association International's proposal in this regard. The association had urged the Government in 2001 to rename the road after the 24th Thirthankar of Jains in commemoration of his 2600th birth anniversary that year. The function to mark the renaming was jointly organised by the BMP and the association. Later, in a thanks giving programme organised by the association in the evening, the association Director, Sunil Sankhla Jain, said the road would be maintained properly. "We will try to make it a model road in Bangalore", he said. Messages of Bhagwan Mahaveer will be placed at various points on the road and a Ahimsa Stambha will also be installed on the road.

## **MUSIC DIRECTOR RAVINDRA JAIN PLANS MUSIC ACADEMY**

The Bollywood celebrity, music director-lyricist Ravindra Jain at the age of sixty has announced his plans to start a music academy at Bhopal and New Delhi. The necessary land required to setup the academy has been allotted by M.P. Government. The Delhi Government is also expected to support his project. To raise funds for the academy, he plans to organise a musical events. The academy will provide preferential treatment and special concessions for visually-impaired and underprivileged people. The best films of Mr. Jain include Chor Machaye Shor, Geet Gaata Chal, Ankhiyon Ke Jharokon Se, Chitchor, Fakira, Ram Teri Ganga Maili and Henna. Mr. Jain is also associated with Tele Vision programmes.

## **CONFERENCES, EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS**

### **SHRI VIRCHAND R. GANDHI MEMORIAL SAMITI FOUNDED BY WJC AND JAINA**



WJC and JAINA have recently jointly founded "Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi Memorial Samiti". The Samiti is formed to suitably modify the current VRG's birth home with modern amenities in Mahuva, Gujarat and to have a permanent memorial in it and to take necessary steps that the Samiti may feel appropriate for raising awareness of his mission, his memorial and pursue with the Government of India the matter regarding issuing the commemorative postal stamp in his honor. He was responsible in closing down the slaughter house in Sametshikhar, abolishing poll tax on Jain pilgrims at Shatrunjaya and sending money and shipload of grains to India from U.S.A. in the worst famine of 1896-97, raising awareness in the West of the importance of Jainism as an ancient vibrant world religion, propagating the relevance of

Jain tenets Ahimsa, Anekant and Aparigraha and spread Bhagwan Mahavir's message across the world and defending the Indian culture and Hindu religion under the unjust criticism in the Parliament and later on, in spite of lot of odds, by attending the first ever Parliament of World Religions held at Chicago in 1893 and visiting England, France, Germany and other places during 1895 and his subsequent two visits to the West, Europe and U.S.A. He wanted to continue these activities for a long time but unfortunately death snatched him away at an early age of 37. He sacrificed his brilliant legal career, lived and died for the cause of Jainism and service to humanity.

For details: Contact Pravin C. Shah, 28 Dyckman Ave., New Hyde Park, N .Y. 11040; Tel. 516-248-8265 or E-Mail: kenpet007@hotmail.com "Indian friends can donate to World Jain Confederation (WJC) World Jain Confederation, Shah & Nahar Industrial Estate, 338/340 A Wing, 3rd Floor Lower Parel (West), Mumbai 400 013. Tel./Fax No. 91 22 5663 5823, E-Mail : wjc@vsnl.net

## **HEALTH AND VEGETARIANISM**

### **PEPSI AND COKE DANGEROUS, DECLARES JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE**



In a report submitted to the Indian Parliament by the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) headed by Shri Sharad Panwar, Leader of Rashtravadi Congress Party, it has been explicitly declared that the use of PEPSI and COKE cold drinks is dangerous to human health and it should be stopped forth-with. According to the report, the Companies concerned are busy carrying out vicious propaganda through the use of electronic media that these products do not contain insecticides and are not harmful to consume. The Committee has shown its full agreement with the findings of the non-Government organisation, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and the Government Laboratories, CFTR at Hyderabad and Calcutta. The Committee has not agreed with the view of the

Health Ministry that it does not possess the authority to stop the misleading advertisements. It rather feels that due action could have been taken much earlier under the Food and Adulteration Act-1954. The Committee in its report has commended the investigations carried out on the food products at C.S.I. and its bold and un-biased findings.

### **EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF CAFFEIN FOUND IN PEPSI - REPORTS SUNITA NARAYAN OF C.S.A.**

Ms. Sunita Narayan, Director of Centre for Science and Environment has reported that the investigations carried out at her Laboratory has indicated excessive presence of Caffein in 'Mount Due' a product of PEPSI. In most other countries, like Canada, Australia, South Africa, Holland, Spain and China the Caffein content is allowed upto 150 mg. per litre in Cola products. and not in any other drinks. In India, the limit of Caffein allowed in all drinks is 200 mg. per litre. This limit is very much higher against the internatioanl standads and the manufacturers here are taking advantage of the allowable limit, with the intention of creating an addiction amongst its users. Actually, 'mount due' is not a Cola product and so, Caffein should not be allowed in it at all.

### **SEVEN HUNDRED COWS KILLED IN USA TO STOP MADCOW DISEASE**

The US Government has announced recently that 691 cows have already been killed so far in order to stop the spreading of 'madcow' disease. The announcement says that the Government has been forced to take this extreme action in the interest of its citizens. So far, 185 cows out of 691 killed so far have already been found to possess the symptoms of madcow. Investigations on other cows are going on.

### **A VEGAN DIET CAN HELP PREVENT BREAST CANCER, SAYS DOCTOR NEAL BARNARD AT WASHINGTON**



Yes, studies seem to indicate that diet can play a large role in reducing the risk of breast cancer. A massive study of more than 600,000 women published in the British Journal of Cancer found that women who ate large amounts of meat were 17% more likely to develop breast cancer than those who ate little or none. Alarmingly, breast cancer is on the rise in India. Every three minutes, a woman is diagnosed, and every 13 minutes, a woman dies of breast cancer. It is the leading type of cancer death for women between the ages of 40 and 59. The Indian Council of Medical Research found that women in large cities such as Mumbai and Delhi are the most vulnerable, and this is almost certainly diet-related. As the consumption of meat, dairy products and fried foods has become a daily routine, the female body has undergone altered hormonal function and runs a much greater risk of cancer. The good news is that your fork is your weapon against this epidemic. Enjoying a varied, vitamin-rich, balanced diet of vegetables, grains, fruits, dals and pulses will give you protection against breast cancer, as well as other types of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other deadly ailments. Dr. Neal Barnard, MD, president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in Washington, DC, USA. Source: PETA's Animal Times, Winter 2004.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF JAIN SOCIETY OF TORONTO**

Jain Society of Toronto will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 21, 2004 at 2 pm at the Center. Contact President at 905 827 7494.

### **PUBLIC TALK BY DALAI LAMA AT TORONTO**

His Holiness the Dalai Lama will be giving a Public Talk at the Toronto Skydome on Sunday, April 25th, 2004, entitled "The Power of Compassion". Event starts at 3:30 pm but advised to be at 2 pm for security and other arrangements. Justin Trudeau will introduce him. For tickets call (416) 872-1111 or visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca), search under "Dalai Lama" and choose the "Power of Compassion" event. For 20 or more, call Group Sales at (416) 341-2255, E-Mail : [lparker@skydome.com](mailto:lparker@skydome.com). For information about the Kalachakra where His Holiness the Dalai Lama will be giving Buddhist teachings, and other events during his 11-day visit to Toronto. For further information E-Mail : [publictalk@kalachakra2004.com](mailto:publictalk@kalachakra2004.com).

### **BIANNUAL CONFERENCE OF YJA AT SAN FRANCISCO**

The Young Jains of America (YJA) Bi-annual Conference will be held in San Francisco from July 1 through 4, 2004. YJA Convention 2004 showcases over seventy unique educational sessions to participants under the banner Y Jain? To See. To Know. To Realize. This exciting theme focuses on teaching youth how to apply the principles of Jainism in their daily lives. Participants will learn the importance of Jain principles, and the value of applying these concepts in their lives. Donations have helped in funding conventions in the past and they again look for support this year. For donations, details and registration visit YJA website [www.yja.org](http://www.yja.org)

### **ANNUAL ROOP LAL LECTURE AT TORONTO UNIVERSITY**

Prof. Lawrence A. Babb of Amherst College, Massachusetts, USA gave an annual Roop Lal Jain Lecture on "Jainism and Social Identity" organized by Center for South Asian Studies, University of Toronto. He dealt with the myths about five distinct groups - Dahima Brahmins, Agnikul Rajputs, Mahesvaris, Khandelval Jains and Oswals of Rajasthan. He analyzed genealogies, goddesses, observances and practices', sponsoring of animal sacrifices and later giving up of violence of animal sacrifices of Jainism was explained.

### **VISION 2005 ORGANISED AT RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN**

In the function of 'Vision 2005' organised at Rashtrapati Bhavan Bhavan, His Excellency the President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said with happiness that he has invited Acharya Mahapragya for Delhi and his Delhi visit of year 2005 will be helpful in getting success in Vision 2020 by his co-operation and guidance. Dr. Kalam said that the main reason for violence and terrorism is imbalanced development. Balanced development is possible when the moral and spiritual values are developed, besides the physical development.

There is need of awakening the faith in the whole world toward the power of Ahimsa which is possible by training of non-violence. The missileman said the solution of any problem is not possible by violence and terrorism. Well planned programme of training of non-violence is in progress in the leadership of Acharya Mahapragya which should be followed by other religious and social organizations. Dr. Kalam further said that every Indian should feel proud of the increasing power of India. India has special reputation in the field of knowledge and Science. In spite of being capable and powerful country, India wants to solve the problems by non-violent ways.

Ahimsa Yatra Rashtriya Sanyojak, Muni Lok Prakash Lokesh said on the occasion that work is in progress according to Surat Spiritual declaration at various levels. At many places, Employment training and Ahimsa Training programme centres have been founded wherever the Ahimsa yatra has passed through in the states of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh under the leadership of Acharya Mahapragya. In the year 2005, when Acharya Shri Mahapragya will be visiting Delhi, besides the programmes of Preksha Meditation and Science of living much attention will be given on employment training and Ahimsa Training programmes. Muni Lokesh further said that by adopting the principles of Ahimsa, aparigraha and anekant in the life style, better society and the country can be created. Courtesy: Mr. S.M. Jain C.A., Surat.

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#### **JAIN SAHITYA SAMMELAN ON 8TH & 9TH MARCH, 2004**

15th Marathi Jain Sahitya Sammelan will be held at Solapur (Maharashtra) on 8th & 9th March 04. The sammelan will be inaugurated by noted Marathi writer Padmashri Madhu Mangesh Karnik. The chief guest is renowned Marathi writer Professor Shivajirao Bhosale. The entire sammelan will be held under the auspicious presence of his highness Laxmisen Bhattarakji of Kolhapur. Noted Marathi writer Surekha Shah is the president of this 15th Marathi Jain Sahitya Sammelan. Place: Hutatma Smruti Mandir, Solapur. For more details, accommodation and registration, please contact: Dr. Ravsaheb Patil, Secretary, Maharashtra Jain Sahitya Parishad, 10 Shriram Apartments, Samrat Chowk, Solapur 413 002

#### **KARUNA INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES ANNUAL CONVENTION AT CHENNAI**

Karuna Internatioanal, a socio-religious organisation, having its head quarters at Chennai and which is devoted wholly to the cause of ahimsa and compassion organised recently their annual convention at Chennai, where a large number of delegates and representatives from about 700 Karuna Clubs spread all over the country joined together at the All India Conference of Karuna Clubs. These clubs have been opened with the help of local citizens in various schools in the country to inculcate the sense of compassion, non-violence, vegetarianism, ecology and animal rights in the school-going children. An annual award presentation ceremony was also held on the occasion.

#### **PHILATELIC EXHIBITION MAHAPRAGYAPEX-2004**

A Philatelic Exhibition Mahapragyapex-2004 is being organized at Indore (M. P.) on 29th & 30th March 2004 only on JAINISM theme. It will be competitive and open to all. There will be no entry fee for the exhibitors. In addition to Gold and Silver Medals, all other participants will be given a certificate and consolation prize. There will be special cover and special cancellation on 29th March and a new commemorative stamp will be issued on 30th March at Indore on Jain Acharya. Interested philatelists can send their entry on blank paper. You can have more details on Mobile No. 9425077861 from Dr. Ravindra Pahalwan, President, Indore Philatelic Society, Indore. If anybody desire, I can send full prospectus through e-mail attachment. Courtesy : Sudhir Jain, E-Mail : mrsudhirjain@hotmail.com



#### **JAIN PROGRAMMES REGULARLY BROADCASTED ON AHIMSA CHANNEL**

Recently launched "Ahimsa channel" a free to air channel is regularly presenting programmes on anekantvad, vegetarianism and ahimsa. Muni Kshamasagarji, Acharya Mahapragyaji, Dr. Hukum Chand Bharill and many other saints are regularly featured. In case the signals are not available in your area please inform your cable operator the following details to secure connectivity: Sattelite: INSAT (Expanded Coverage 93.5 degree E), Polarization: Vertical, Download Frequency: 3915.5 MHz-3920.0 MHz, FEC 3/4, Symbol Rate 3030 KSPS.

## POSTAGE STAMP AND POSTAL COVER ISSUED ON ACHARYA SHRI VIDYA SAGAR JI



It is a matter of rejoice that the Indian postal department has issued a special postage stamp and a cover in the honour of 108 Digambar Jain Acharya Shri Vidya Sagar Ji Maharaj on the occasion of Panch-Kalyanak Mahotsava of a Jain temple at Vilaspur held on 24th January, 2004.

The photograph on the stamp shows Acharya Shri Vidya Sagar Ji, giving blessings and the photograph on the cover shows the first Tirthankar Shri Rishabh Dev Ji and Acharya Shri Vidya Sagar Ji alongwith the front view of the newly built temple. News Courtsy: Mr. Sudhir Jain, E-Mail :mrsudhirjain@hotmail.com

## EXHIBITION OF INDIA ART AT ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Divine Encounters, Earthly Pleasures: Twenty Centuries of Indian Art, was an exhibition just over in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. Savor the exuberance and intensity of Indian art in this spellbinding array of over 80 works of sculpture and paintings, ranging in date from the first to the twentieth century and representing the broad regional diversity of the vast subcontinent. The first exhibition of Indian art at UMMA in over twenty years, Divine Encounters, Earthly Pleasures is drawn almost entirely from the Museum's collection, and most of the objects are on display for the first time. For viewing these exhibits visit their website : [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu).

## BOOK REVIEW

### YOGASARA PRABHRITA

(Sanskrit - English), By Acarya Amitagati : Tr. & Annotations by Dr. S.C. Jain, 2003 220 x 143 mm 246pp, Hardback: 81 263 0893 1, Price: Rs. 150.00 - The final goal of dharma is to grant eternal bliss to the soul. Jainas believe that Right Faith, Right Knowledge and Right Conduct constitute the way to eternal bliss, or Moksa. In Yogasara Prabharta {an Exposition of the Essence of Yoga} Amitagati explains the attitude of mind, correct comprehension of the epistemological principles and the perfect observance of the course of discipline necessary to attain supreme bliss. Amitagati explains the seven principles of Jaina Philosophy with special emphasis on redemption and upliftment of souls from the labyrinth of worldly existence to the perfection and purity of Moksa.

## A STUDY OF JAYANTA BHATTA'S NYAYAMANJARI, A MATURE SANSKRIT WORK ON INDIAN LOGIC

(English) By Prof. Nagin J. Shah, Sanskriti Sanskrit Granthamala In 3 volumes, Price: Rs. 513.00 for the set - This is a comprehensive work in three volumes on Indian philosophy dealing with all the important problems of logic and metaphysics in the context of all the major schools of Indian philosophy. The discussions are penetrating, perceptive and profound. "The work has a clear style and can be recommended to advanced students". Bulletin of the School of Oriental & African Studies, London.

## ESSAYS IN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

(English), By Prof. Nagin J. Shah, Sanskriti Sanskrit Granthamala (1998) 216 x 142 mm 160pp Hardback, Price: Rs.120.00 - Prof. Nagin J. Shah is one of the foremost nyaya scholars in India. He is rated alongside Muniraja Jambuvijaya as the greatest living scholar of Jaina nyaya. This work contains the following essays:-

1. The Nature of Time
2. The Jaina Conception of Space
3. On Buddhist Nirvana
- 4 - 5. The Conception of Isvara in Patañjala Yoga and in the Early Nyaya-Vaisesika School
6. On the Problems of Jñana Darsana
7. The Essentials of Dharmakirti's Theory of Knowledge
8. On Vyapti
9. Jainas on Testimony

"The author is critical, unbiased and often gives unorthodox and controversial solutions".  
Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bombay.

## APTAMIMAMSA

(Sanskrit - English - Sanskrit); Critique of an Authority, Sanskrit text of Aptamimamsa; English tr. and commentary; notes; and Akalanka's Sanskrit commentary Astasati - Introduction, translation, etc. by Prof. Nagin J. Shah, Sanskriti Sanskrit Granthamala, 1999 218 x 143 mm 102pp Hardback, Price: Rs.108.00 - "Prof. Nagin J. Shah. has now brought out

Aptamimamsa along with English translation, notes, comments and Akalanka's Sanskrit commentary Astasati...In the introduction Dr. Shah has made a detailed and objective survey of Nayavada and Anekantavada and their evaluation of other philosophical views. Dr. Shah has fully appreciated the force of Samantabhadra's arguments and shown the importance of his contribution to Jaina logic and philosophy". Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bombay.

### **INCONOGRAPHY OF THE HINDUS, BUDDHISTS AND JAINS**

With 202 line drawings and 201 half-tone illustrations, By Dr. R.S. Gupte, D.B. Taraporevala & Sons, Price; Rs. 1250.00, Royal size deluxe clothbound edition 1992; 201 printed pages.

### **YOGA DRSTISANGRAHA**

A compendium of 8 short works on Yoga written by Acarya Haribhadra and Upadhyaya Yasovijaya Edited by Prasamarativijaya, Pravachan Prakashan, Distributed by HGRK, Price: Rs. 75.00 - Demy size hardcover edition 2003, 264 printed pages.

### **YOGASASTRA BALAVABODHA**

By Acarya Somasundara, Based on Acarya Hemacandra's YOGASASTRA, A gloss on Hemacandra's classic work in medieval Gujarati, Edited by Prasamarativijaya, Pravachan Prakashan, Price; Rs. 80.00 - Demy size hardcover edition 2003, 372 printed pages.

### **ESSAYS IN JAINA PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION**

Edited by Dr. Piotr Balcerowicz & Dr. Marek Mejer, Warsaw Indological Studies Volume 2, First published in Warsaw, 2002, Reprinted in India, 2003, Devanagari Text typeset with The Amrita Package: A Devanagari Sanskrit Keyboard Package developed by Dr. Piotr Balcerowicz, Price: Rs. 495.00, 2003 250 x 168 mm 308pp Hardback 8120819772 - This collection of essays by top flight scholars of Jainism is divided in four sections. Each pertaining to an important aspect of Jaina studies.

#### Section 1 Philosophy & Anekanta

Prof. Albrecht Wezler, Dr. Jayandra Soni, Dr. Piotr Balcerowicz,  
Dr. Christoph Emmrich, and Dr. Kristi Wiley

#### Section 2 Early Jainism, Buddhism & Ajivikism

Muniraja Jambuvijaya, Prof. Padmanabh Jaini, Dr. Kenji Watanabe,  
Dr. Johannes Bronkhorst

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Dr. Phyllis Granoff, Dr. Adelheid Mette, Dr. Luitgard Soni

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Prof. Colette Caillat, Dr. Nalini Balbir, Dr. John E.Cort.

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### **PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

(Hindi & English) Fourth Edition, DHARMA DARSHAN, By Prof. John Hick, Hindi tr. by Rajesh Kumar Singh (2003) 225 x 152 mm 172 pp 81 203 0873 5 Paperback, Price: Rs. 95.00, "Many of the problems of philosophy are of such broad relevance to human concerns, and so complex in their ramifications, that they are, in one form or another, perennially present. Though in the course of time they yield in part to philosophical inquiry, they may need to be rethought by each age in the light of its broader scientific knowledge and deepened ethical and religious experience. Better solutions are found by more refined and rigorous methods. Thus, one who approaches the study of philosophy in the hope of understanding the best of what it affords will look both for fundamental issues and contemporary achievements. This authoritative new edition provides a clear, contemporary introduction to this branch of knowledge. A new chapter on recent work in epistemology of religion is incorporated." The author, Prof. John H. Hick is a distinguished philosopher teaching at Claremont Graduate School, California.

## THE JAIN COSMOLOGY

(English), Commentary by Prof. Collette Caillat, Foreword by Ravi Kumar; English rendering by R. Norman 320 x 270 mm 200pp 108 colour plates Hardcover, Price: Rs. 3000.00 - This is a beautiful book, lovingly and lavishly produced. It has been printed in Italy and the colour plates on art paper are simply breathtaking! "The cosmos has been for the Jains, from the very earliest times, a gigantic theatre where souls play out their roles. They travel across the wild ocean of samsara, struggling from one rebirth to another, until the time comes when they are liberated and finally win the spiritual perfection of the Siddhas. The Jains make no distinction between this vision of the transcendental world and the experience of life. Whatever is fated for the souls occurs in a world which has been made known to us by astronomical, geographical and other observations, and which thinkers of every Indian community from the very earliest times have tried to interpret. It consists of countless rings of seas and continents, one inside the other, upon which millions of stars shed their light. In the middle is the circular island of Jambudvipa, and in the very centre of the island is Mount Meru, with its two suns and two moons...India-bounded by the Himalayamountains, crossed by the great rivers, and adorned by princely capitals where live civilised men who can profit from the teachings of the Jinas. Jain cosmology has inspired many descriptions of this kind. There is also a tradition of manuscript illustration more than 1000 years old, which despite its age remains amazingly fresh." Prof. Caillat holds a chair at the University of Sorbonne (Indian and South-East Asian Civilisation) and is the guiding spirit of the Centre for Buddhist and Jain studies. She is a deeply respected scholar of Jainism and Indology. She has worked with the legendary scholar, Dr. A.N. Upadhye in the past.

The above books are available from: Hindi Granth Karyalay, Hirabaug, C.P. Tank, Mumbai 400004 India.

## STHANAKWASI JAIN PARAMPARA KA ITIHAS

(Hindi), (History of Sthanakwasi Jain Traditions), Authors: Dr. Sagar Mal Jain & Dr. Vijay Kumar, Publishers: Shri Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Price: Rs. 500/- Knowledge of history is essential for understanding the impact of any religious organisation on the culture of a country. History not only provides information about a past culture but is also a source of inspiration and guidance for the future. This book is a result of intensive study and research about Sthanakwasi Jain sect, carried out by eminent scholar, Dr. Sagar Mal Jain at the Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, assisted by Dr. Vijay Kumar. The contents of the book start from pre-historic period i.e. from first Tirthankar to the 24th Tirthankar and then the following period from first Ganadhar (Pattadhar) Arya Sudharma to Lonkashah, discussing in fair detail about the bold approach and contributions of Lonkashah in bringing out reforms in the Sthanakwasi traditions and at the same time the various anomalies and contradictions in the practices followed in idol-worship. The next part of the book deals with the traditions pursued by various Acharyas in different parts of the country, starting from Acharya Jeevraj Ji to Lav Ji, Dharm Das Ji, Raghunath Ji, Jay Mal Ji, Manohar Das Ji and Harji Swami. This book is probably the first major attempt to highlight various panths, many of which are still continuing today. The book is fully authentic and gives references to various reliable sources from where the text has been adopted.

## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

### MUSIC DIRECTOR RAVINDRA JAIN

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR RAVINDRA JAIN PLANS MUSIC ACADEMY



Renowned musician, lyricist and singer Ravindra Jain turned 60 on February 28. Born in 1944, in Aligarh, to Pandit Indramani Jain, he was inclined towards music right from childhood. He had the musical talent in him, as if it was Saraswati vardaan. After learning music in hometown, he went to Calcutta for further training, and turned into a full-fledged singer. Later he landed in Mumbai to fulfill his dream of a music career.

Jain found a mentor in Ramrikh Manharji, a famous poet who introduced him to Rajshi Pictures. The banner gave him a break with Saudagar in 1972, starring Amitabh Bachchan and Nutan. Jain wrote the lyrics and composed music for the film, which became popular. The film's songs 'Tera mera saath rahe...', 'Sajna hai mujhe sajna ke liye...' and 'Door hai kinara...' became hits and led to a successful film career. After that, Jain climbed the ladder of success with hits like Chor Machaye Shor, Chitchor, Dulhan Wahi Jo Piya Man Bhaye, Fakira, Akhiyon Ke Jharokhe Se, Do Jasoos, Insaaf Ka Tarazu, Nadiya Ke Paar, Ram Teri Ganga Maili and Heena. Ramanand Sagar's epic-serial Ramayana heralded Jain's entry into television, and thus into the heart and homes of the people. Followed more teleserials like Krishna and Jai Hanuman. The lyricist-composer is a recipient of many prestigious awards, the recent ones being the Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh Government's Lata Mangeshkar Award.



Even today, at 60 years of age, Jain is active and busy promoting Indian music through his private albums and the Ravindra Jain Academy, where music is taught. Presently he is working on the translation of the Holy Quran from Arabic to easy lyrical Urdu, and Vedas too in poetry form.

## **NEWS AND VIEWS FROM READERS**

### **JAIN SCHOLAR REQUIRED TO DELIVER LECTURES ON JAINISM**

Aam Diament writes, I am looking for someone to talk to a religious studies class in Davis (15 miles west of Sacramento) about Jainism. This is a brand new class that I'm starting this quarter called, "Small Religions in America". Each week I'm having a speaker come in and talk for an hour or an hour and a half about a religion that most people don't know much about. I'm getting speakers from Sikh, Bahai, Jain, Zoroastrian, Native America, African, etc. The class is offered through UC Davis' Experimental College ([www.experimentalcollege.org](http://www.experimentalcollege.org)), which is an organization on the UC Davis campus affiliated with UC Davis.

I will gladly pay an honorarium or make a donation to a charity of your choice. When I was a student at UC Berkeley, I was a religious studies major and took a class called "Jainism in the Modern World" (probably around 1995). I found the class fascinating and would love to introduce Jainism to people in Davis interested in learning about your religion. Thank you.- Adam Diament, E-Mail : [aldiament@ucdavis.edu](mailto:aldiament@ucdavis.edu) 530-848-1267.

**ILLUSION ABOUT NAN AND ROOMALI ROTI** - Shri A. V. Jain writes that we must be all under illusion that we are vegetarian. But how many of us have thought that even eating Naan or Roomali Roti makes you non-vegetarian. Upon survey with many restaurants and Dhabas I have realised and have come to conclusion that no naan can be prepared without eggs and same goes with Roomali Roti. Without eggs they cannot become soft and spongy. I have asked couple of restaurants who in first did not accept that eggs are used, but after being close to them they revealed that Naan and roomali Rotis cannot be prepared without eggs if it needs quality. I request every Jain to give a thought to this issue and spread the message to every neighborhood so that people can stop eating that. Plain roti would be only ideal option for Jains if they eat outside their home.

**RENOVATION OF JAIN TEMPLE** - Shri Naresh Tated writes that when he visited Shri Jiravala Tirthth, he saw that the complete Temple was demolished. There was flat land at the place of this Great Teerth of Bhagawan Jiravala Parshvanath. Murties of Parshwa nath were placed at a place nearby. He heard that there is a plan to construct a new temple in that place. He felt it rather strange. He had heard about renovation of Jain pilgrimage centres but this was for first time that he came to know about demolition of such an ancient temple. The details about this tirth can be found on this website.: [www.jaintirth.org](http://www.jaintirth.org)

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY AMONGST TWO NEIGHBOURING NATIONS** - Dr. C. Dev Kumar writes: Recent news from our neighboring nation, Pakistan probably illustrates an example of cultural diversity. A leading nuclear scientist is allegedly involved in illegal nuclear proliferation. His upbringing has not helped him from playing with arsenal for mass destruction and pitting for illegal gratification of money. India on the other hand harnessed the genius of another co-religionist and decorated him with the highest civilian award. Today he occupies the top-most position in the nation. Identical opportunities but contradictory dispositions. The credit goes to a great measure to the bedrock of Indian civilization aimed at human welfare. I salute the succession of Rishis and Munis who have imbibed this value in the era of Tirthankars and thereafter.

**GELATIN, A NON-VEGETARIAN PRODUCT USED IN SNACKS AND CANDY** - Shri Sumit Dangi writes: I didn't realise until yesterday that many of us are consuming a really non-vegetarian product, named Gelatin/ Jell-O. It is sweet in taste and is especially consumed by many of us who live outside India, as a regular snack/ candy. I have also seen many Jain families feeding this to their children on a regular basis. Gelatin (US spelling) or gelatine (British spelling) (used to make Jell-o and other desserts) is made from the boiled bones, skins and tendons of animals. I am also attaching a link for those of you who are interested in knowing more about the same: [www.ivu.org](http://www.ivu.org)

**SAMANI MANGALPRAJNAJI REPORTING ON THE ACTIVITIES IN NEW JERSEY-** Actually we are two Samanis here, Mangalprajna and Amitprajna. We will stay in the New Jersey Centre during the whole year 2004. Many activities are going on related with Preksha Meditation. A four hours workshop on 'How to relieve stress through Preksha Meditation' was already conducted. There were 50 participants in this workshop.

Other workshops on 'Mind management' and 'How to develop operational efficiency' were also held. In March a preksha meditation camp will be held. The regular camp sessions are continually going on. People are participating very enthusiastically in the preksha meditation programme. Samani Mangal Prajna is a disciple of His Holiness Acharya Sri Mahaprajna and a member of the Saman order.

#### **BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION KILLING STRAY DOGS**

Dinesh Visariya writes, "You know that, Municipal Corporation of Bombay proposes mercy killing of stray dogs. I being animal lover, don't want that to happen, so if you could please go to this site & sign the petition against the killing it will be great help. To sign this writ petition please visit this page: [www.petitiononline.com](http://www.petitiononline.com) Do this to save our four legged, speechless friends! Kindly forward this mail to your other likeminded friends also. Thanks."

#### **AN APPEAL FOR PUNAH NIRMAN OF OLD JINALAYA DESTROYED IN EARTHQUAKE, 2001.**

We, Trustees of Shri Sheth Anandji Kalyanji Ni Pedhi, LIMBDI (GUJARAT), have to state that our 136 years old Jain Derasar was destroyed in in 2001. This is the only one Jinalaya in world where Mulnayak is Shri Bahujin Swami one of Viharman 20 Jineshwar at Mahavidesh Kshetra. At that time 198 buildings of our Jain Sadharmika were also destroyed. With Ashirvad, guidance and inspiration of our Pujya Guru Maharajshri , Bhumi-Pujan, Khanan-vidhi are done on 12-06-03 and Shila-Sthapan was done on 20-06-03. The estimate of the total construction comes to Rs. one crore and thirty five lacs approx., as per todays rates. So we are helpless as the total amount was spent before Bhukamp in jirnodhdhar of the temple.

We have 110 idols from 5 to 31 inchs made from marble and panchdhatu. At this time, they are transferred in nearby upashraya on temporarily. Pedhi and Shri Sangh are willing to complete the Jirnodhdhar of this temple at the earliest. Limbdi is situated between our two big tirthadham Palitana and Shankheswarji. There were so many times Amizarnas were seen at this temple from prabhujji. We request all Bhaktimant, Audaryayukta, Shashanpremi Mahanubhavas, Shri Sanghas, Shri Trusts and Religious Sansthas that in this Mahan Karya, please give your economic co-operation. Li. Shri Ananandji Kalyanji Ni Pedhi, Shri Jain Swetambar Murtipujak Jain Sangh, Limbdi, BOMBAY'S CONTACT. (1)Shri Pravinchandra Chimanlal Shah, Phone : 23684360/61, (2)Shri Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Sheth, Phone : 2506008.

#### **VIDEO CD ON SRI SHATRUNJAI TIRTH PRODUCED BY BMS TRUST**

"I take this oppertunity to introduce myself Mehul Shah on behalf of Bapalal Mansukhlal Shah Trust, Surat, India. The chief activity of this trust is to spread Jainism philosophy and culture. We at Bapalal Mansukhlal Shah Trust have produced a Video CD on Sri Shatrunjai Tirth. This VCD is a beautiful 70 minutes movie on Palitana. Its a transcendental journey of Sri Shatrunjay tirth. With melodious music, stavans and songs. You can view clips of the movie at <http://in.geocities.com/palitanamovie> We have made this movie so that people who cannot move or are too busy with work can get inspired to visit DADA RUSUBHDEV's DARBAR. But it is also for those who are physically not able to travel or are at far off place can watch this Video CD and feel like being there. This Video CD is on sell. Price of the cd is Rs 300 in India and Rs 600 for USA and other countries. E-Mail: [mehi33@hotmail.com](mailto:mehi33@hotmail.com) or [palitanamovie@yahoo.co.in](mailto:palitanamovie@yahoo.co.in) "

#### **PREKSHA DHYAN HEALTH SERIES – UDAIPUR**

Dr. G. L. Jain writes "I would like to convey that at Udaipur, we have started `Preksha Dhyan Health Series'. This series conducted on every Sunday will cover 15 health-related topics of general interest. The sessions conducted so far have been well received by both male and female participants. We have also prepared a brochure on Preksha Meditation and a card giving details of Preksha Dhyan Health Series. On the day of session, an information bulletin is provided to each participant. All the documents are attached therewith. (Click on this news item to open attachments.) All information bulletins are also available in Hindi. Contact: Dr. G. L. Jain, Incharge, Preksha Dhyan, Terapanth Vikas Parishad, Udaipur, E-Mail : [glj@evesworld.com](mailto:glj@evesworld.com)



#### **J. K. JAIN OF (JAIN TV), JOINS THE RIVAL CONGRESS CAMP**

Dr J K Jain, owner of Jain TV and former stalwart of the Bharatiya Janata Party, joined the Congress party on March 10. Dr. Jain served Sangh Parivar and the BJP for several years but due to some conflicts with fellow party members he was expelled from the BJP on the ground of in disciplined behavior in the party. Allegations were also made about his link with Inter-Services Intelligence. In the new circumstances and political environment Dr. Jain feels that Mrs. Sonia Gandhi can offer strong and dynamic leadership to the country. Talking about BJP Dr. Jain says the party is talking about Bharat Uday [India Shining], but how can the sun rise from the south [Kanyakumari, from where Advani began his yatra].

Whose rise is he [Advani] contemplating? It is clear that Advaniji's yatra does not aim at India shining. Talking about Jain Television Channel's role in coming elections he clarifies that , "channel does not belong to me, it is a public limited company having shareholders. It will continue its pursuit of truthful and objective coverage. No media organisation has any ideology, all are professionals".

#### **JAIN BROTHERS APPLY FOR INSOLVENCY**

Vimal Jain and Manoj Jain residents of Hiranmagri, Udaipur, Rajasthan have applied to court to be declared insolvent. They were involved in food grain trade for last many years and borrowed money from several banks and financial institutions. In India insolvency declaration sometimes is easier solution to get rid of financial problems.

#### **MANOJ JAIN FROM BIO CORE INC. LEAWOOD CHARGED FOR BANK FRAUDS**

Manoj Jain, a former Leawood resident and biotechnology company executive, has been indicted on federal charges that include defrauding two Kansas banks of nearly \$5 million. Jain, 40, moved his company, BioCore Inc., from Topeka to Maryland in 2000. BioCore's main product was a wound dressing made of collagen. Jain, lives in Potomac, Md. Presently he is released on bond. Jain was charged with two counts of filing fraudulent federal income tax returns for tax years 1994 and 1995 by failing to report income he received from BioCore. The indictment also alleges that Jain provided false information to American Bank in Wichita, which allowed Jain to obtain a \$1 million for BioCore. The indictment also alleges that Jain also conspired to commit money laundering by transferring money obtained from the banks among the bank accounts of various companies they owned. If convicted, Jain faces a maximum of 30 years in federal prison, without parole, for bank fraud; a maximum of 20 years for money laundering; and a maximum of three years on each count of filing fraudulent income tax returns.

#### **SITTING MP (BJP) SH. SATYAPAL JAIN TO CONTEST FROM CHANDIGARH**



Sh. Satya Pal Jain has been declared BJP candidate from Chandigarh. His name has been cleared by the BJP's Central Election Committee. The local BJP office was informed about this by party general secretary Sh. Pramod Mahajan through a fax. This is the fourth time he will contest for Lok Sabha. In 1991, he lost by a margin of 15,000 votes. He won in 1996 by 25,000 votes and was re-elected in 1998.

#### **DEVLOK GAMAN**

1. Muni Shri Kalpa Ratna Sagar Ji breathed his last on the 25th January, 2004 at Malegaon, Dist. Rajnadaon in Chattisgarh. He was the disciple of Acharya Shri Madjin Mahodaya Surishwar Ji Maharaj.
2. Mahasati Sri Pan Kunwar Ji belonging to Shraman Sangh of Swetambar Sthanakwasi sect breathed her last at Dhulia in Maharashtra after taking samadhi and vow of santhara from Shri Rajendra Muni and Shri Ramesh Muni, present on the occasion.
3. Sadhvi Nirupama Sri Ji, disciple of late Acharya Shri Nana Lal Ji maharaj breathed her last at Beawar in Rajasthan.

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