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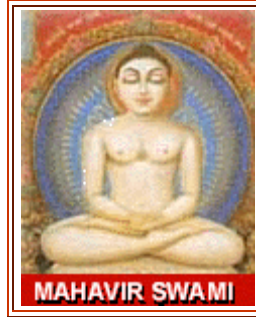


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MAHAVIR JAYANTI TO BE CELEBRATED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 2007

The ever-increasing complexities of the modern world have marginalized the all-important human values like compassion, tolerance, mutual existence and the like.

The world is facing grave consequences of this in the form of stressful life, deteriorating environment and, worst of all, terrorism. The relevance of Bhagwan Mahavir's sermon could never be felt more pertinent and important than in the present times. What he preached was radical then and it continues to be so even today. All that is needed is to free his simple and forth-right message from the academic and sectarian jargon and place it before the masses. There will be no dearth of people who will endeavour to seek and formulate solutions applicable to the prevailing problems.- By Sri D.R. Mehta from book: The basic thoughts of Bhagwan Mahavira.

SPIRITUALISM



SANTHARA OR SUICIDE?

Jaipur: Seventy-four-year-old Amar Chand Kasawan has attained divine status according to the Jain community. After suffering from gangrene and pneumonia for a long time, he took up Santhara, a religious ritual of fasting unto death. Kasawan died on the fifth day of his fast but instead of mourning, the family will glorify his death.

"This is a religious fast and my father-in-law really wanted to take it up," Kasawan's daughter-in-law, Kalpana said. This is not a stray incident in the community. Before Kasawan, 61-year-old Vimala Devi died last week after fasting for 14 days. A petition has been filed in the Rajasthan High Court, equating the practice of Santhara with the likes of suicide, euthanasia and Sati. Like Vimala Devi's family, Kasawan's family, too, justifies it by claiming that it was a wish, which he had expressed in his diary 15 years ago. "When the doctor gave up on him he told us 'now you take me home and fulfill my last wish'," Kasawan's son, Vimal said. Three other cases of Santhara have been reported from Rajasthan, all of them being women over 80 years old. The Shwetambar sect of the Jain community considers this practice to be the ultimate spiritual achievement. However, the Rajasthan High Court will hear a Public Interest Litigation challenging the practice of Santhara. In the last one week five cases of Santhara have been reported in Rajasthan, of which two people have died since the filing of the PIL.

TEMPLE



CONTROVERSY OVER SUPREME COURT DECISION FOR CONTROL OF RISHABH DEV TEMPLE AT KESARIA JI CONTINUES. - A REPORT

The decision of the Supreme Court about the management and control of Shri Rishabh Dev temple at Kesaria Ji near Udaipur in Rajasthan (reported in the February issue of Ahimsa Times) to the effect that the temple belongs to Jain community only and the question of its control amongst Svetambar and Digambar sects should be decided by the State Government still remains to be implemented. There are three parties involved in the controversy, (i) Jains, (ii) Hindus living in the town and near-by including the priests and pandas who have been performing worship of some Hindu idols installed in the temple premises and (iii) the local adivasi population, who claim that Rishabh Dev is their God and they have been worshipping the same since long with all the reverence. The Supreme Court decision should have put the whole controversy at rest, giving the right of management and control to the Trust owned by Jain community). However, the Hindu population there did not relish the decision of the Supreme Court, thinking that their authority would be lost and therefore the Adivasi community was misled and told by the vested interest that they would no more be able to enter the temple and perform worship of their beloved God, once the control goes into the hands of Jains. The mis-understanding so caused, led to clashes between the two communities, which resulted in death of one Adivasi and injury to many persons on both sides. The ugly situation was, of course, soon controlled by the local authorities and tight security was placed over the temple premises and near-by areas. Repeated assurances were also given to Adivasi people that they would always be free to enter and perform worship as and when they wanted. Still, the differences were not fully resolved. In the mean time, the two main sects of Jain community, Svetambar and Digambar, came out openly, each of them claiming their right over the management of the temple.

Looking at the growing dissension amongst the two sects as well as the continued demand of other communities over the control of the temple, the State Government felt that it was not possible to hand over the charge of the temple to the Jain community, and so it has expressed its inability to the Supreme Court to implement its decision, as announced in Vidhan Sabha by the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Rajendra Singh Rathore. The State Government has filed a petition for the review of the decision, keeping in view the prevailing situation. In the mean time, the Adivasi community as well as the Hindu population have found it as opportune time to submit a review petition from their sides. It is worth-mentioning that there is no justification for Hindus or Adivasis to claim the control over the temple as the right to manage the temple had been decided as far back as in the year 1922 by the then courts and the same had been confirmed and re-confirmed many times in the past, observing that the pilgrims from all over the country come in large numbers to pray their first Tirthankar, Rishabh dev Ji and the large majority of devotees coming to the temple are Jains, both Svetambar and Digambar.

It is however unfortunate that at this critical juncture, that Jains can not settle their differences on this common issue and to bring it in open, thereby weakening their own claim over the temple. It is high time that both the sects realise the serious damage that is being caused to the entire Jain community by their egoistic stands and frivolous claims. It can not be explained why both parties can not sit together and arrive at a just and fair solution, suiting to both sides, may it be control over the trust revenue, differences in the mode of worship or rituals or the management of the temple. Why a common trust, owned by both the sects, having members from both sides can be not created? It can be possible if both sides have a will to do so, with a sense of mutual respect, understanding and sacrifice. If the people concerned can not come to an understanding and go on singing their own tunes, they have no business to talk of aparigraha, anekantwad and ahimsa and call themselves as Jains.

CULTURE MINISTRY CONSULTS CBI TO CURB ANTIQUE THEFT

New Delhi, March 19 Concerned over increasing theft of country's priceless antiques, the culture ministry is consulting the Central Bureau of Investigation for effective preventive measures and planning to amend the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972, to make punishment for offenders stringent. 'CBI is the most efficient agency and they can handle this matter. Diplomatic missions are also requested to be in touch with the respective countries to evade illegal smuggling of these articles. In January this year, 10 precious idols were stolen from a Jain temple in Gurgaon, on the outskirts of Delhi.

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A 900-year-old idol, stolen from a temple in Uttar Pradesh, was recovered in Delhi and two persons were arrested earlier this month. In another incident, three 700-year-old Jain idols costing Rs.130 million on the international market were recovered in Delhi last week from a man who allegedly planned to smuggle them out of the country.

According to Archaeological Survey of India Director General C. Babu Rajeev, The government has already signed an agreement with China to stop illegal smuggling of these heritage items. Such agreements with other countries are in the pipeline. India has a record of only 450,000 antiques but expressed confidence that the country is an inventory of millions of such artefacts. Dialogue is also on for getting back one sculpture of Thirthankar from Washington, one sculpture of Nataraj from London and one sculpture of Varah from Switzerland. While launching the National Mission on Monuments and Antiques, Tourism and Culture Minister Ambika Soni said her government is planning amendments to the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972, to make the provisions more stringent with a view to curbing illegal trafficking in antiquities. Courtesy Gaurav Jain E-Mail: gauravejainyji@gmail.com, M: 98-119-8 1233.

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MONEY BEHIND TAKE OVER OF RAJASTHAN JAIN TEMPLE "RISHABDEO JI"

The Jains will not be able to keep their own temple Rishabdeo ji. The Brahmin priest have really no interest in Tirthankar Rishabdeo. They have their sight on the money. They have practically taken over the temple right now. The revenue earned by the temple was also perhaps the main issue behind the legal tangle and the current confrontation, in which tribal people have been used as cannon fodder. The temple complex lies on 378 hectares of land and houses a guest house as well. Its moveable property alone is said to be valued at about Rs.51 crores. It is estimated that on an average 2,000 devotees visit Rishabdeo every day. The temple's eight Brahmin priests share the bulk of the offerings. The priests insist that the management cannot be handed over to the Jain community. Courtesy: Navin C Sethi E-Mail: no_reply@yahoo.com.

BEDI-PRATHISHTA-MAHOTSAV AT PATIALA

Dated: - 27th April to 29th April-2007 Organizer: - Shri Digambar Jain Sabha, Patiala First ever Digamber Jain Mandir constructed in Patiala, Punjab Under the supervision of Brahmachari Shri Rajesh Ji disciple of Acharaya 108 Vidya Sagar Ji; Maharaj, Shri 1008 Lord Mahavir Digamber Jain Shikhar Band Mandir has been completed within 1 year (approx). The Bedi Prathishta of which has been fixed for from 27th of April, 07 to 29th April, 07. All are warmly invited. Sabha will take care of all the Boarding and Lodging arrangements. Venue Address:- Shri Digamber Jain Mandir- Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Badi Nadi Pul, Patiala.- Any devotee capable of donating something and wishing to donate is also welcomed as your cooperation is expected in this noble cause of Dharam Parbhavana. Contact: Kanwar Sain Jain, Gen. Secretary. 1239 Phase-II Urban Estate- Patiala (Punjab) Phone: + 91 175 2285386.



JAIN TIRTHANKAR IDOL TURNS GOLDEN AT SURAT

Surat, March 10: A silver-colour idol of the 8th Jain Tirthankar Chandra Prabhu has allegedly turned into golden colour at a Jain temple. According to the priest, the statue was installed some five years ago. The priest of the temple and the local people are taking the incident as a miracle by the God. Meanwhile, the police are keeping a close watch on the incident.

JAIN TIRTHANKAR IDOL CHANGES COLOR IN JABALPUR

Mar 6: When everyone was busy playing Holi with colours on Holi, an idol in a Jain temple in Jabalpur also underwent a colour change. The nine-inch high idols of lords Shanti Nath and Mahaveer lost their silvery shine and turned golden during a ritual performed as part of a seven-day function at the Jain temple in Agrawal Nagar. Jain community devotees thronged the temple as news spread like wild fire. It was during the conclusion of a religious ceremony that some one noticed the colour change and brought it to light. Many who viewed the Idol before accepted that Chintamani Parsvnath had indeed changed his colour.

This is nothing short of a miracle, in fact it is a miracle. The idol is made from an alloy of eight metals and originally is silver in colour, but according to eyewitnesses, it has turned golden. The upper torso of the idol that is the head and chest has turned its colour while rest of the idol is still silver. A large number of devotees also took out a procession carrying the idol on the streets of Jabalpur.

Devotees carried the idols during the procession as people thronged the area to catch a glimpse of the idols. Several dignitaries including local BJP MLA Sharad Jain also offered prayers before the idols. As temple remained abuzz with activity, members of the scientific community are yet to comment on the claim made by the Jain community.

ONE HELD FOR ROBBING JEWELLERY FROM KANDIVLI JAIN TEMPLE

Four days after valuable jewellery was stolen from a Jain temple, the Kandivli police claim to have arrested one of the three robbers. However, they have not recovered the loot. According to the police, Sanjay Yadav along with two others, hatched a plan to rob the gold and silver jewellery adorning the idols in a Jain temple at Irani Road , Kandivli, Mumbai. On March 1 evening, Yadav and his accomplices allegedly entered the temple on the pretext of performing a puja. They allegedly removed the gold crowns and necklaces despite the presence of closed-circuit cameras and tight security. It was easy for them to rob as anyone could approach the idols and perform puja. Later the devotees noticed some ornaments missing. CCTV pictures provided the identity of culprits and the arrest was made.

HINDUS AND BIG BUSINESS FIGHT OVER 'PROMISED' LAND OUTSIDE TEMPLE IN PAKISTAN

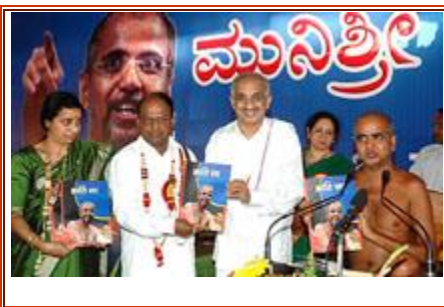


KARACHI: A Hindu temple located under native jetty bridge has become the focus of what is developing into a battle between two groups - the Hindus who worship there and the firm that wants to build a food street next door. Not lagging far behind are the political agents who bring the two together. The dispute is not actually over the temple, but the 5,750 square feet area in front of it that the worshippers use on special occasions when their numbers increase. Now, the company building the food street wants to erect a boundary wall in front of the mandir.

The ground will be left empty but the company expects to landscape it and leave it as an open space for the people who visit the food street. Some of the Hindus argue, however, that by building a boundary wall between the mandir and the ground, the company will be effectively cutting off the space that they use. The land in question belongs to the Karachi Port Trust. A eight-member committee was formed to tackle the issue.

The committee consists of the president, secretary and general secretary of the Hindu Panchayat. The meeting was attended by Advisor to Prime Minister on Minorities, Kishan Chand Parwani, Pakistan Hindu Council General Secretary Visharam A. Tharwami, Hindu Panchayat President MPA Mukesh Chawla and MPA Dr. Ramesh Kumar amongst others. Some of the Hindus are also objecting to the food street as they are vegetarians and the smell of cooking flesh right next door would be offensive to them. A large number of Hindus protested outside the Karachi press club claiming that the mandir had been partly demolished. The protest was led by ex-MNA Dr Khatumal Jeewan, PPP minority wing President Prof. Anwar Lal Din and the Mandir Bachao Committee's Ashok Jethmalani. Each week there is a gathering and on big religious occasions such as Raksha Bandhan and Ganesh Janti large statues of the deities are brought the mandir. There were allegations that MPA Mukesh Chawla permitted the construction to go ahead without consulting the Hindus at a gathering. Certain worshippers denied that any part of the mandir had been demolished.

SAINTS



MANGALORE: JAIN MUNI TARUN SAGAR JI DELIVERS AMRUT PRAVACHAN

March 3: A two day special religious discourse "Amruth pravachan" by Munishree Tarunasagarji Maharaj, popularly known to the Jain devotees as 'Krantikari Rastrasantha', began on 3 March 2007.

To savor the sweetness of happiness in life we should be ready to face the bitter hardships in life as well, said the Muni addressing the devotees who had gathered at the discourse meet. Shree Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Panditacharyavarya Swamiji of Moodbidri Jain mutt blessed the event. D Harshendra Kumar of Dharmasthala, D

Surendra Kumar of Dharmasthala, MLA K Abhayachandra Jain, RSS leader Dr Prabhakar Bhat, Yenepoya Group President Y Abdullah Kunhi, Former Union Minister Dhananjay Kumar were also present.



MANGALORE: KARAVALI EDITOR ARRESTED FOR HURTING JAIN SENTIMENTS

B V Seetharam, the editor of the Kannada evening daily Karavali was arrested. The arrest was done following complaints filed by Jain organizations.

The organizations had alleged that the articles on Munishree Tarunsagar had hurt their religious sentiments. The complaint also alleged that several reports and articles on the visit of Munishree Tarunsagar and the digambaras which were published in the newspaper had hurt the Jain community.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & EVENTS

FIFTH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON "MAKING SENSE OF: DYING AND DEATH" AT MANSFIELD COLLEGE, OXFORD

The conference would be held from 9th to 12th July, 2007. The themes to be discussed include philosophical, ethical and religious issues involved in dying and death, nature of dying and death, grounds for justifying and condoning death, differences between seeking death and facing death bravely. Concepts of after-life and their influence on the dying, near-death experiences, organ donation and organ transplantation. would also be covered. The programme is being organised by "Inter-Disciplinary. Net". For booking etc. E-Mail : booking@inter-disciplinary.net.

NINTH JAINA STUDIES AT SOAS (SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES), RUSSEL SQUARE, LONDON

This programme was organised on the 21st and 22nd March, 2007 with the participation from different countries. Bhattacharak Charykriti ji of Mudabidri, Samani Prasannaprajna and samani Sambhoga prajna were the main guests at the function. Other distinguished speakers were Dr. Peter Flugel of SOAS, who spoke on Jain Modernism, Dr. Prabha Jain (Jabalpur), Dr. Kim Plofker (Brown

University), Prof. Jonardon Ganieri (Liverpool University), Dr. Jayendra Soni (Marburg University), Sin Fujinaga (Japan), Dr. Signe Klirde (Bonn) and Dr. Maria Schetelich (Leipzig).

INVITATION FOR ART EXPO-2007 FROM MARCH 3-5

With all your blessings, I am striving to bring Jainism to exposure at one of the World's leading Art Show- "Art Expo 2007" at Jacob K Javits Center in New York from March 3-5, 2007. The booth no. is 101/400 with Art-Exchange. One of my paintings from the series of "Nav Grah and Asht Karma" will also be exhibited at this show alongwith other artworks of mine. I invite all of you to this exhibition also. I have passes also. If you are interested in coming please call me at 516-857-7528 or Nitin at 516-849-1929 or E-Mail me : shefali@gaurav-arts.com and I will email the passes. From: Shefali Ajmera, E-Mail: shefali@gaurav-arts.com

17TH MARATHI JAIN SAHITYA SAMMELEAN AT AKLUJ (DIST SOLAPUR) MAHARASHTRA

Maharashtra Jain Sahitya Parishad has announced the dates and place of 17 th Marathi Jain Sahitya Sammelean. The Sammelan will be held at Akluj in Solapur district of Maharashtra on 26th and 27th May 2007. Akluj is a stronghold of Jains, who have a rich literary, religious, social and educational background. More details about the Sammelan can be had from Mr. Mahavir sanglikar. Ph.: 09890203549, Mahavir Sanglikar, E-Mail: msanglikar@yahoo.com.

CAMPS FOR 2007 BY SHRUTPRAGYA SWAMI JI

Peace Mind Yogic Center is pleased to inform that Shrutpragya Swamiji will conduct Camps at Sidhdhachalam during the year 2007. This year three different camps will be held at Sidhdhachalam Jain Tirth, Blairstown, New Jersey

1. Bright Spiritual Life Style Camp (For youth between 12 and 18 yrs of age) Thursday June 28th thru Sunday July 1st, 2007 For more information write to E-Mail : teenagecamp7@yahoo.com

2. Jain Way of Life Camp ...(For young Adults 18 to 40 yrs of age) Friday June 22nd thru Sunday June 24th, 2007 For more information write to E-Mail : champavel@hotmail.com

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HONOURS & AWARDS



RAVINDRA JAIN BECOMES THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE G DEVARAJAN MEMORIAL AWARD

The first recipient of the G Devarajan memorial award instituted by 'Swaralaya', is composer and lyricist Ravindra Jain. At a glittering ceremony in the University Senate Hall-Thiruvananthapuram, the award was presented to Ravindra Jain by none other than Dr K J Yesudas. Born at Alighad in Punjab in 1944, Ravindra Jain has composed music cutting across all barriers of language. In fact, it was Jain who catapulted Yesudas to heights of popularity in Hindi filmdom with Chitchor. He has also composed music for the Malayalam film Sujatha (1977), in which Asha Bhosle, Hemalatha and Yesudas have sung. The visually challenged Jain weaves magic with his mind's eye. Courtesy Gaurav Jain E-Mail: gauravejainyji@gmail.com



ADESH JAIN NAMED GLOBAL ADVISOR FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT ENTITY PMFORUM

Dallas, March 18, 2007 -- PMForum, Inc. announced that Mr. Adesh Jain, M. Eng, CPP, MPD, immediate past President and current Chair of the International Project Management Association, has been named a global advisor to the company. Global advisors provide advice and guidance to the company's editorial team on ways to better serve the world of professional project management. PMForum operates www.pmforum.org, one of the world's most popular project management websites, and produces the popular monthly PM World Today eJournal. According to PMForum Managing Editor David Pells, "Adesh Jain is one of the world's most widely recognized figures in the project management profession. For the last ten years, he has traveled widely, been a keynote speaker at many international events, and trained thousands of persons in project management. He has been active in China since 1999 and is honorary Chairman of the China Project Management Committee, the first non-Chinese to enjoy that privilege. We are honored to have him on our advisory team."

NEW PUBLICATIONS

RECENT BOOKS BY ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYNA

1. **Thought at Sunrise** - by Acharya Mahaprajna To keep in mind for the current day
2. **Abstract Thinking** - by Acharya Mahaprajna Anupreksha Of Dutifulness - Awareness Of Duty In The Youth
3. **Anekant** : The Third Eye
4. **Lord Mahavira's Scripture Of Health**
5. **Preksha Dhyana** - Theory And Practice
6. **The Quest For Truth**

BOOK BY OTHER AUTHORS

JAINISM AND THE TEMPLES OF MOUNT ABU AND RANAKPUR

An Exquisite Coffee Table Book on Jainism, Text by Lothar Clemont, Photographs by Thomas Dix. Edited by Dilip Surana, 2006 310 x 245 mm 96 pp all art plates in full colour Deluxe Hardcover Edition Rs. 1500, This is a truly exquisite coffee table book on Jainism! Beautifully conceived, gorgeously shot. Each photograph is worth framing. Jain temples are known for their architectural excellence and extravagant iconography. This book presents magnificent examples of Jain temple art - the temples of Mount Abu and Ranakpur. Replete with awesome sculpture and stunning photography, the book is a collector's item. The above books are available on-line from HereNow4U and the details can be obtained from: www.herenow4u.de

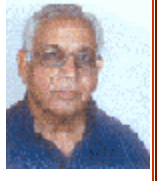


TEERTH DARSHAN SANGRAHA (SACHITRA IN HINDI) COMPILED, WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED BY SRI PRAMOD LUHADIA - E-15, Luhadia Bhawan, Tulsi Marg, Bani Park, Jaipur-302016. Price: Rs. 150/- This book is a large collection of photographs of Digambar Jain temples and teerths in the whole country, covering the states of Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Orissa. In the last chapter on Jainism abroad, Jain temples in other countries, namely Japan, U.K., Nairobi, Cambodia, Canada and U.S.A. are included. A short description of each temple is given under the photograph. The book also includes the photographs of Digambar Jain acharyas and Ganini Aryikas. Rail, road and air routes for reaching different temples are also given apart

from useful information about Jain rituals. The author, Mr. Luhadia deserves hearty congratulations for bringing out this useful and informative book for the benefit of Jain community.

TATTVARTHASUTRA

Sanskrit text in Devanagari & Roman + Hindi translation + English, translation, Sanskrit text by Acarya Umasvati, Hindi and English tr. by Chhaganlal Jain, PB, 2007 225 x 160 mm 296 pp, Hardcover. Here is a fresh work on the Tattvarthasutra, considered by many to be the Jain Bible. The Tattvarthasutra is an extraordinarily concise compendium of Jain thought composed in the early centuries of the Common Era. Most works on Tattvarthasutra available today translate the Sanskrit mula patha either into Hindi or into English. This work presents translations into both languages in the same book. Each sutra is written in Devanagari followed by a simple Hindi translation and then written in Roman followed by a simple English translation. The book is attractively published and reasonably priced. Available from: Manish Modi. E-Mail: manishymodi@gmail.com, Web: www.hindibooks.8m.com



Pooja Path Sangraha (Sachitra in Hindi) - Compiled, written and published by Sri Pramod Luhadia, E-15, Luhadia Bhawan, Tulsi Marg, Bani Park, Jaipur-302016., Price: Rs. 100/-, This book brought out by Mr. Luhadia is also very valuable and useful while performing worship in temples or even otherwise during samayik, pratikraman or meditation. It is a systematic collection of rituals during worship, shlokas, strotras and religious poems for recitation alongwith photographs of defferent siddha kshetras and atishaya kshetras. The author has done a commendable work in bringing out entire collection of ritualistic material at one place and he deserves compliments for his efforts. For JAIN BOOKS Contact: Pramod Kumar Luhadia, Address: Luhadia Bhawan, E-15, Tulsi Marg, Bani Park, Jaipur - 302016, Rajasthan (India), Phone: (+91 141) 4030304, Mobile: (+91) 93145 07638From: Pramod K Luhadia E-Mail: pramodluhadia@dataone.in

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MISCELLANEOUS

SUPREME COURT ACCEPTS THE PETITION FOR ALLOWING PEOPLE LYING ON DEATH BED TO DIE, IF THEY WISH



The Hon. Supreme Court has accepted a petition submitted by a non-government organisation, named "Common Cause" praying to allow such persons, who are suffering gravely and are lying on the death bed to die willfully in order to relieve themselves from pain and agony for ever. It is interesting to know that in many developed countries, the law of the land allows such persons to die peacefully, who are suffering from ailments which are beyond any treatment, as certified by doctors. In our case, however, no such law exists. Even though the Supreme Court has accepted the petition for consideration, the Government of India is opposing the request on the plea that such a provision in the law could be liable to be mis-used by people who may want to get rid of the sick persons, even though their condition may not be so grave.

INDIAN MONEY-LAUNDERER NARESH JAIN ARRESTED IN DUBAI

In one of the biggest crackdowns against Indian money-launderers abroad, the Dubai police last week arrested seven Indian nationals, including Cofeposa absconder and Dawood associate Naresh Chandra Jain, and froze the banks accounts of at least 21 expatriates for allegedly transferring the dirty money of politicians and industrialists abroad.

Launching a synchronised operation against the accused and their beneficiaries across several countries, the UAE authorities have instructed all banks and financial institutions to freeze the accounts of the tainted persons who have also been found financing terrorist organisations. The drive marks a very high degree of co-ordination among the agencies of different countries to enforce the curbs devised post-9 /11 to check money laundering and choke the flow of funds to terrorists and crime syndicates. The arrests were made on a tip from US investigating agencies that had been keeping a close watch on Jain and some of his Dubai-based relatives for their alleged association with the D-gang and for allegedly funding Al Qaida operatives.

The UAE and US authorities have already apprised India's external intelligence agency, the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW), and handed over CDs and some sensitive documents containing the transaction details of the Jains with key Indian politicians and industrialists. Sources said Jain was on the radar of US intelligence ever since he was spotted at the marriage of Dawood's daughter in Dubai in 2005. He had also allegedly been using his hawala network across continents to facilitate the financial transactions of Dawood's narcotics trade.

VIOLENCE AGAINST ANIMALS

MANGALORE CITY CORPORATION STARTS CAMPAIGN: 'DON'T KILL HARMLESS STRAY DOGS'

Mangalore: The Mangalore City Corporation (MCC) is all set to cull stray dogs in the City following the footsteps of Bangalore. In the wake of apprehensions that the dog catchers will set foot on the City, the animal lovers of the city have come out with a solid action plan for protecting the stray dogs that are not ferocious.



The compassionate, merciful people of Mangalore, under the aegis of Animal Care Trust, an NGO recognised by the Animal Welfare Board of India, has come out with a resolution demanding the MCC not to kill healthy dogs, sterilisation and vaccination of stray dogs on war-footing basis. Hon Treasurer of the Trust Suma Ramesh said that the rise in stray dog population can be checked by intense sterilisation. SDM Law College Principal Prof B K Ravindra who presided over the meeting opined that Article 21 of the Constitution regarding right to live, is for all organisms and that 'we the people' have to question if laws are not implemented properly.



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BMP (Bangalore Mahanagara Palike) has killed over 25 lakh stray dogs from 1939 to 1999 in the name of population management and rabies-eradication. The massacre hasn't taken us an inch towards the solution.

These gruesome murders might be resumed if we don't act now! Please spend a few minutes to sign the petition and save tens of thousands of stray dogs. And please do spread the word around ... please sign the PETITION Request from: Dr.Sandeep Kumar Jain E-Mail : jeevdaya04@yahoo.co.in

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INDIA - DELHI MASS SLAUGHTER OF 30000 STRAY DOGS

From: David Whiting E-Mail: ahimsa83@gmail.com Please excuse this impersonal circular letter to you all. I have today received the following message (below) from the founder-president of our anti-bullfighting group here in Fréjus, France, concerning the mass slaughter of some 30,000 stray dogs in Delhi, India. As you may recall, I spent several years in India filming and investigating a number of animal welfare matters.

One of my many activities was investigating the brutally cruel dog-catching procedure at night by the municipality of Calcutta, and their inhumane method of mass slaughtering these animals. With help from private people and organisations we arranged a sterilisation programme. I hope you can call on your local representatives to intervene to see that these stray animals are treated responsibly and with care. With my best wishes to you all, David Whiting.



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EGGS- NAREN BHIKU RAM JAIN

Recently an advertisement has been noticed b on the SET MAX TV Channel which has been released by a Government Agency NECC (National Egg Coordinating Committee) where the Indian Cricket Team is modeling where a child shakes hands with all the cricket players of India and depicts that the child can be more strong if he consumes EGGS.Q: What will our children learn ???This kind of advert is contrary to the principles laid down by Lord Mahavir & Jainism.

We as Jains of India should protest against it and meet the President of India & also give representations to all the Political leaders of your respected States, Governors, CMs etc to stop such adverts which plays with the sentiments of our basic religion and flouts the principles of Lord Mahavir & Ahinsa.....Comments & Views are requested. Jains, who know little about the subject should exchange news & views about this matter, issues relating to it & educate the Jain Samaj across India, so that a gossip, a message should go across all over India in one direction. Please send this to all JAINS concerned. I have on by own behest, already requested time from the President of India, PM, Sonia Gandhi , Sheila Dikshit on this issue and would like a Jain delegation of about 50-100 Jains from All over India & Delhi & put a stop to this. Naren Bhiku Ram Jain, 49 Rajpur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi 110054, INDIA, +919811027563, E-Mail : Naren.bhiku.ram@gmail.com

SAINTS OF JAINISM MEDALLION SET

I am Amit Kumar Srivastava a software professional working in chennai, india. Last year i had purchased one medallion set consist of one Gold coin and three Silver coins. The medallion is called as SAINTS OF JAINISM MEDALLION SET. The coins are minted in Germany by the company "B.H Mayor's mint". Depicted on each shining medallion are the famous Trithankar; Lord Rishab Dev, Lord Bahubali, Lord Parshavanath and Lord Mahaveer. Endorosed by the Ahimsa foundation, this exclusive collection is a true reflection of the essence of the religion. Divine and exquite, this religious memorabillia will remind you of the spritual acheivement of the great trithnankars that million have come to worship. The features of these coins are 1. Lord Rishab Dev Gold coin, Diameter : 20mm, Weight : 1/10 Oz, Content : Fine gold 999.99, Quality : Certificate of authenticity, Edge : Plain, Issue year : 2006, Limited mintage : 6999 pcs.

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