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**Ahimsa is the greatest gift. Ahimsa is the highest self-control.
Ahimsa is the highest sacrifice. Ahimsa is the highest power.
Ahimsa is the highest friend. Ahimsa is the highest truth.
Ahimsa is the highest teaching**

--Mahabharata XVIII : 116.37-41

SAINTS

ACHARYA SHRI MAHAPRAGYA JI



In the Sad Demise of Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji, the world has lost the most revered saint. His charismatic personality and forward looking approach played great role in uniting masses and guiding them. He was all the time incontestable authority due to the ever present humility in his approach, knowledge of subjects and love of the devotees. While he had great regard for the traditionally set religious parameters, rituals and customs, he recognized the requirements of change and whole heartedly supported it. Historic "Ahimsa Yatra" made him a National Hero. His deep sense of understanding of national affairs involved him in Gujarat, Kashmir and Punjab issues. Without drawing unnecessary media attention, he worked hard for their solutions. He was frequently consulted by the government machinery on social and political issues. His open hearted approach was really amazing. He really believed in universal freedom, brotherhood, peace and general wellbeing of everyone. All through his life he followed a rigorous routine without showing signs of any strain. He has traversed more than 100,000 km on foot covering more than 10,000 villages reaching out to the masses spreading the message of harmony and peace. Walked across the length and breadth of India From Kachchh in Gujarat to Kolkata and from Punjab to Kanyakumari, Mahapragya undertook travel on foot earlier under the leadership of Acharya Tulsi and later himself being the leader. During these travels, he addressed thousands of public meetings. Acharya Mahapragya formulated Preksha meditation system in 1970s. He was the supreme head of Jain Vishva Bharati University and also played a key role in its establishment. Anuvrat movement is also functioning under his leadership.

Prominent among the awards given to him during his lifetime were the Mother Teresa national award of peace (2005), Union Government's communal harmony award (2004), Ambassador of Peace Award in London (2003), Lokmaharishi by Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (2003) and the Indira Gandhi National Integration Award (2002). Acharya Shree not only touched but positively influenced the lives of millions of people in India and abroad and will continue to do so for many generations to come through the rich literature, tradition, and practices such as Preksha Meditation that he has left behind.

We on behalf of " Ahimsa Foundation" are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji. We offer heartfelt condolences. We recall with gratitude Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji's long years of devoted service to the Jain Samaj as the 10th Acharya of Terapanth and especially his sustained efforts in the promotion of justice and peace in India. He was 90. Born on June 14, 1920 in the village of Tamkor, Gurudev, as he is known amongst followers, renounced the material world and entered monkhood at the age of ten. He received his education under the guidance of Acharya Shree Tulsi, the ninth Acharya. An erudite scholar, he spent the early years of his monastic life studying the scriptures of Jainism and other traditions. Yuavacharya Mahashraman of Sardarshehar has been declared as the next and 11th supreme head of the Terapanth group.

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ACHARYA MAHASHARAMAN ACHARYA PADHABHISEK SAMORAH AT SARDARSAHAR



We request you to attend "ACHARYA MAHASHARAMAN ACHARYA PADABHISEK SAMORAH" with friends & relatives, and along with all the members of the parishads at SARDARSAHAR On 23/05/2010. Coronation Ceremony of H. H. Acharya Mahashraman - Grandeur Coronation Ceremony of the 11th Acharya of Terapanth sect will be held in the heart of Gandhi Vidya Mandir on May 23rd at 8.30 A.M. His Holiness Mahashraman will undertake the oath ceremony of this dignified Acharya position. Terapanth Secretariat, Jain Shwetambar Terapanth plans to Netcast Sardarshahar Patotsava. This program will be available on our website. This audio and video Netcast will be uploaded with Three hours

delay and will be available for viewing from 23rd May 2010 for next 30 days at your convenience. We request you to cascade this Netcasting information to as many people as possible to leverage from it . We look forward to receive your support on this count. It is a unique coincidence Acharya Shri Was Born, got Diksha & now Acharya pravara in Sardarshahar and in the month of May only. For further queries please visit our website www.terapanthinfo.com or email to us at office@terapanthinfo.com . The link for the netcast will be forwarded in due course. Secretariat,210 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg Anuvrat Bhawan,New Delhi 110002 India, Phone/Fax : + 91 -11 23231300, E-Mail : office@terapanthinfo.com

ACHARYA SHRI BAHUBALI SAGAR JI PASSED AWAT AT CHULGIRI NEAR JAIPUR



Acharya Shri Bahubali Sagar Ji Maharaj, disciple of Acharya Shri Desh Bhushan Ji Maharaj belonging to Jain Digambar sect left for his heavenly abode with 'samadhimaran' on 10th May, 2010 at Khaniaji, Choolgiri Atishay Kshetra near Jaipur, while on the way to Girnar Ji. His cremation was performed with Jain rites on the next day. He had accepted Muni diksha on 2nd February, 1975. A Large number of devotees rushed to the place to have his last darshan and participate in the cremation procession. With his inspiration, a new pilgrimage centre, named 'Siddharth Teerth' has been developed recently near Gurgaon-Delhi. Acharya Bahubali Ji Maharaj in his sermons laid stress on the need to educate the masses for a progressive and ethical Indian society. The spiritual head of Digamber Jain community promoted free primary education to children and had provided the same at various places. He was keen to spread education amongst the youth. In his focus also was the creation of a society based on ethical values. According to him it is the task of all religions to bring ethics into the homes. When they are followed at home in the family, it is not difficult for the young to apply them in society as well.

MUNI SHRI BAL BHADRA JI LEFT FOR DEVLOK IN JAIPUR

Muni Shri Bal Bhadra Ji Maharaj disciple of Acharya Shri Hira Muni belonging to Jain Ratn Hiteshi Shrawak Sangh of Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect left for his heavenly abode at Balotara town in western Rajasthan on the 24th May, 2010. He was cremated on the same day. Gunanuwad sabha were held on the next day at various places to pay respects to the departed soul.

MUNI SHRI PUNYANAND VIJAY JI PASSES AWAY BY ROAD ACCIDENT

Muni Shri Punyanand Vijay Ji passes away by road accident on a highway near Pali. Muni Shri Punyanand Vijay Ji maharaj disciple of Gachhadhipati Nityanand Surishwar Ji maharaj, belonging to Shwetambar Murtipujak sect met with a road accident while on his way from Pali at Ramasia village in Rajasthan on the 27th May, 2010. He was immediately rushed to a hospital in Pali, where he was declared dead. His body, placed in a 'baikunthi' was taken through the town in a procession for cremation. Devotees from far and near rushed to Pali town to have his last darshan and join the cremation procession.

JAINS DEMANDED ACTION AGAINST FOR MISBEHAVIOUR WITH DIG. JAIN SAINT

Digambar Jain community of Barwani handed over a memorandum to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, urging stringent action against the collector of Barwani district. It should be noticed that Digambar Jain seer, Saint Acharya Vishuddh Sagar Maharaj and his disciples were hit by the car of Barwani Collector Narendra Bahadur Rajput in Sonkachchha of district Dewas. The collector also made derogatory comments against the seer and Jain religion. The gunman and driver of the collector allegedly manhandled seer's disciples and also hit them with butt of the gun. The local Jain community

members castigated the incident and urged the CM to take stringent action against the arrogant Barwani collector. Mahaveer Prasad Jain, Ramesh Kumar Jain, Vijay Sethi and other members of the Jain community were among the delegate on this occasion to hand over the memorandum. From : Mr. Anish Shah, E-Mail: arihanta.mangalam@gmail.com

READER'S MAIL

ATTACK AND INSULT OF JAIN MUNI - From: Manish Modi, E-Mail: manishymodi@gmail.com

It is deeply shocking and disturbing to hear of this horrifying incident. I hope the Jain community gets together and ensures that the offender is punished for this ignoble incident. Such man must be dealt with firmly. I hope the entire Jain community will take cognizance of this dastardly act and ensure that the culprit is swiftly punished. Such incidents show us how desperately unsafe our venerable monks are. I hope the community will look into this intolerable state of affairs and spare some attention to the safety of Jain ascetics rather than focusing all their attention on pancha-kalyanakas. Our ascetics are our jangama {mobile} tirthas and their safety and dignity is our primary duty. With obeisance to all Jain ascetics.

Suresh Chandra Jain, Chairman, State Expert Appraisal Committee, Govt. Of India, Ministry of Environment. Mob. +91 9425010111 - We have taken effective steps in the incident. One the third day of the event, Collector Barwani saluted Poojya Visudhsagar Ji and requested for Kshama Dan. Poojya Visudhsagar Ji and local representative condoned him. After few days the Collector has been called back to Bhopal by the Chief Minister. Now this chapter has been closed in M. P.

TEMPLES

MAGNANIMOUS BAHUBALI IDOL BEGINS JOURNEY TO GUJARAT FROM KARNATAKA



Bangalore May 23: A 41-foot-high Bahubali Idol was taken from Bidadi Village, 40 km from here, to Gujarat for installation at on a hill at Songadh Village of Sihor Taluk in Bhavnagar District. The search for the right stone and sculptor began two years ago and after exhaustive search, it was decided that the stone and the sculptor had to be sourced out of Karnataka alone as similar stone and style of sculpture were unavailable elsewhere. The Bahubali Idol was sculpted by National Award Winner and Gold Medalist Ashok Gudigar.

The idol was 41 feet in height and 14 foot wide. It was sculpted out of a single block of 400 tonne granite from a place called Koira near Devanahalli in Bangalore. The idol was being transported on a specially made heavy vehicle having 140 wheels. It may take approximately 45 days to reach the destination. About 90 per cent of work was completed and the rest would be completed at Songadh before the actual installation. Songadh, where the idol would be installed, was a place where the spiritual Digambar Jain Saint Pujya Kanji Swamiji had preached the principles of Jainism over a period of 45 years. As a result, Songadh assumed greater spiritual importance.

MOKSHA KALYANAK BHAGWAN ADINATH-ASHTAPAD TEERTH, GUDGAON, DELHI

Ashtapad Teerth Jain Mandir will celebrate Bhagwan Adinath Moksha Kalyanak on 14th January 2011 on the auspicious day of Makar Sakranti. This beautiful place is just 60 km from Delhi on National Highway-8 connecting to Delhi Jaipur. Ashtapad Teerth is known for the tallest statue (27 feet in sitting posture) of Bhagwan Adinath in the world. On the day of Makar Sakranti Sun changes its direction from South to North. This is also the day of Bhagwan Adinath Moksha Kalyanak. Pt. Dharam Chand Shastri the renowned Pratishth acharya and Founder Trustee of Ashtapad Teerth trust will conduct the programme which is expected to be attended by devotees from around the world. For more information you can speak to Shastri Ji on Mob. No 93-128-37240

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JAIN CENTER'S PRATISHTHA MAHOTSAV CELEBRATIONS FROM MAY 13-17

BUENA PARK, CA – The Jain Center of Southern California will celebrate a historic Pratishtha Mahotsav from May 13-17, 2010. This is the third and final Pratishtha ceremony which will mark the completion and dedication of the temple. For many local Jain , this will be the last opportunity in their lifetime to witness and participate in a major Pratishtha Mahotsav in Southern California. Panch Nihika Mahotsva will be celebrated with a bhavana, several poojans, a procession, and various Pratishtha ceremonies which will include the installation of the following:

Mahavir Swami and Shantinath Pratimajis in Garbha Gruha, Mangal Murtis, Adinath Pagla, Chaumukhi Pratimajis in Samvosaran Temple, Panch Dhatu Pratimaji, and Hemchandracharya / Agam Sutra (Acharang Sutra) and Pujya Bhadrabahu Swami / Kalpa Sutra. The Jain Center was established on September 15, 1979 by several Jain families with one important

mandate: To preserve and promote Jainism through practice, education and community outreach activities. The dream of expanding and building an entire Jain Bhavan Complex was conceived by the Jain community nearly 16 years ago. A three-phase project - to build a Cultural Complex in Phase 1; a Religious Complex in Phase 2; and an Atma Sadhna Kendra in Phase 3 - came to fruition when the 62,000 sq ft Cultural Complex was inaugurated on March 27, 2005, followed by the 13,000 sq ft Religious Complex on October 6, 2008.

The 62,000 sq ft Cultural Complex includes a large auditorium, a dining area, and a commercial kitchen on the 1st floor; several classrooms, a museum, an office, and two apartments on the 2nd floor; and a subterranean parking for 53 cars. The entire complex was built at a cost of approximately \$11 million. The entrance lobby of the complex was custom designed to accommodate a 15ft x 20ft x 35 ft high 104-year old replica of the famous Palitana Jain Temple, which is intricately and exquisitely carved of teakwood. This wooden replica was originally commissioned by the British Government and first displayed in the USA during the 1904-1905 St. Louis World Fair.

The 13,000 sq ft Religious Complex, including a Derasar (temple), an Aradhana Hall, and a museum, was built at a cost of approximately \$6 million. Phase 3, which is currently in the planning, will include study rooms and a JAINA/JCSC Library. This library will be one of the largest collections of Jain literature outside of India. The library, with nearly 15,000 books, manuscripts and multimedia resources, will be accessible via the internet and will prove to be a valuable resource for researchers and students throughout the world.

The exterior of the Jain Bhavan Complex is constructed of intricately carved limestone elements, which were imported from India, and installed using secure steel supports to address relevant earthquake codes. The window surrounds and roof parapets, designed and finished to match the exterior carved stonework, were constructed locally using a light-weight FRP material. Marble, colorful granite, and other natural stones have been used extensively throughout the interior in the floors, staircases, and walls.

JAIN FESTIVALS

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

S.No.	Date	Parv
1.	9, 15, 20, 23, 24, 29	Auspicious Days
2.	8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 22, 26, 27, 28	Not so Auspicious Days
3.	8, 12, 20, 23	Amrit Siddhi Yog
4.	03th June,2010 to 08th June, 2010	Panchak
5.	03th June, 2010	Shreyas Nath Janm Kalyanak
6.	6th June, 2010	Moksh Kalyanak of Muni Suvrat Nath Jee
7.	6th June, 2010	Wasupujya Chayawan Kalyanak
8.	10th June, 2010	Janm & Moksh Kalyanak of Shanti Nath Bhagwan
9.	11th June, 2010	Santi Nath Bhagwan Diksha Kalyanak
10.	11th June, 2010 & 26th June, 2010	Pakshik Parva
11.	11 June, 2010	Gyan Panchmi
12.	14th June, 2010	Pushp Nakshtra
13.	15th June, 2010	Sankranti



14.	16th June, 2010	Dhrama Nath Moksh Kalyanak
15.	22th June, 2010	Adran kshtra Prarambh
16.	23th June, 2010	Supashrva Nath Janm Kalyanak
17.	24th June, 2010	Supashrva Nath Diksha Kalyanak
18.	30th June,2010 to 5th July, 2010	Panchak
19.	30th June, 2010	Rishabh Devath Chayawan Kalyanak

JAINS TAKE PART IN VARSHITAP PARNA RITUALS AT AHMEDABAD IN LARGE NUMBERS

Akshay Tritiya has special meaning for the Jain community, as it ends their alternate day fast of 13 months. On 16TH May, around 1,000 people from Jain community did Varsitap parna, while the number was as high as 2,500 in Palitana. Majority of the Jains prefer Palitana and Hastinapur for the parna. In Ahmedabad, various Jain organisations organised mass programmes for parna. In Sola road area, one Jain monk and four nuns ended their fast in the presence of Ganivarya Vitrag Yashvijayaji Maharaj Saheb. The Jain monk and nuns who did parna are Balmuni Dhairyavijayji, Sadhvi Jaylatashriji, Sadhvi Upshramkalashriji, Sadhvi Vinajpragnashriji and Sadhvi Vimalyashashriji. Godavari Jain Sangh in Vasna and Rangasagar Jain Sangh organised parna for the Jain devotees. Ahmedabad city BJP president and Ellisbridge MLA Rakesh Shah and former mayor Amit Shah attended programme of parna at Godavari Jain Sangh and Rangasagar Jain Sangh.

Varshitap begins on the eight day of the dark half of a lunar month of Falgun and ends on the third day of the bright half of a lunar month of Vaishakh. The total duration of Varsitap is around 13 months and 13 days. However, this year it was 14 months and 14 days. In Varsitap, the devotees do fast on alternate days. On the first day, they consume only boiled water, while on the other day they can take two meals a day. The Jains do Varsitap for atonement of the any wrong deed they might have committed even unconsciously.

AWARDS & HONORS

SHIKSHA RATTAN PURASKAR FOR DR. A. K. JAIN

Dr A K Jain, Professor of Soil and Water Engineering at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana has received ‘Shiksha Rattan Puraskar’ from IIFS, New Delhi for his achievements and contributions in the fields of education and research. Dr Jain with professional experience of 25 years has a number of research publications presented in national/international conferences to his credit. With membership of various professional and social organizations, Dr. Jain is a member of state advisor committee, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission. Earlier, Dr Jain received ‘Team Award’ and ‘Commendation Medal’ from Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers for outstanding contributions in the field of Soil and Water Engineering and also awarded ‘Commendation Medal’ by Punjab Pump Manufacturers’ Association for quality up gradation of Centrifugal Pumps. He has also made significant contribution in promoting human values and interfaith among the society.

RAINA JAIN, OF FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL, WINS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



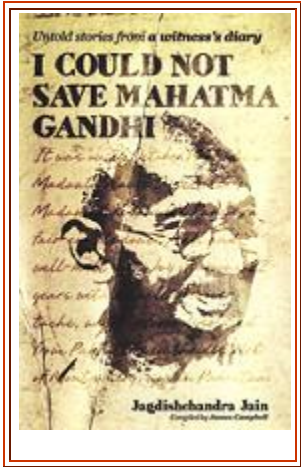
Raina Jain, a junior at Freedom High School, has won the sanofi-aventis International BioGeneius Challenge, a competition for high school students who demonstrate an exemplary understanding of biotechnology through science research projects. Fourteen students from the U.S., Canada and Western Australia competed in this year’s event. Jain will receive an award of \$7,500. Jain’s project, titled “Engineering Glass Bone Implants to Enhance the Adhesion of Precursor Osteoblast Cells,” looked at whether cells adhere better to rough or smooth surfaces of Bioglass, an implant material that turns into bone over time.

Bioglass is used in surgical applications and is commonly found in dental and ear implants. Jain found that cells adhered better to smoother surfaces, resulting in improved implant performance and mobility. Students were evaluated not only on the quality of their research and display but also on their responses to questions relating to their scientific knowledge and potential commercial applications of their research.

These books can be purchased from HINDI GRANTH KARYALAY, Publishers Since 1912, 9 Hirabaug, C. P. Tank, Mumbai 400004, India, +91.22.2382.6739, E-Mail: Jainbooks@aol.com

FRAMING THE JINA - Narratives of Icons and Idols in Jain History, By Prof. Dr. John E. Cort, 2010 24 x 16 cm 398 pages, Deluxe Hardcover edition. Icon worship is one of the most prominent aspects of Jain worship. However, within the Jain community itself, there are debates on the need of idol worship. Prof. John Cort, one of the leading lights in Jain studies internationally, examines a large number of Jain narratives which explain and justify the presence and predominance of Jain icons, as well as those that oppose idol worship and question its importance. Skillfully written, the book is a riveting collection of narratives and thoughtful arguments presented in a cogent and articulate manner by a consistently neutral scholar. This book can be purchased from HINDI GRANTH KARYALAY, E-Mail: Jainbooks@aol.com

DIARY OF A WITNESS - I COULD NOT SAVE MAHATMA GANDHI - Jagdish Chandra Jain



Just when one thought everything that could be written about Gandhi has already been written, a book on Gandhi's assassination and the following murder trial brings to light hitherto unknown facts. Will it kick up a storm in academic circles or the political establishment? Published by Frontpage, *I Could Not Save Mahatma Gandhi: Untold stories from a witness's diary* narrates the plight of a lone, hapless Indian who unwittingly stumbled upon the conspiracy to kill Gandhi, days before he was assassinated. The book, which is a compilation of Jagdishchandra Jain's diary entries, portrays how this philosophy teacher and scholar, who was also a Gandhian, desperately tried to save the Mahatma by warning the administration about the plot. But instead of taking him into confidence, the administration ridiculed, harassed and accused him of complicity even as Gandhi was murdered as he had warned. The book raises questions about the administration's willingness or lack of it to save the Mahatma and points fingers at political heavyweights such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who was then the central home minister, Morarji Desai, the then home minister of Bombay Province, and BG Kher, the premier of the Provincial Government of Bombay.

Jain, who was the chief prosecution witness at Gandhi's murder trial, faced a threat to his life and was under security cover. Says Anil Jain, Jagdishchandra's son: "My father was given a revolver by the state for self protection as we were under constant threat from the fundamentalists. We used to live right across Shivaji Park in Bombay and our house was stoned and attacked a number of times." During the trial, judge Atma Charan observed: "Had the slightest keenness been shown in the investigation of the case at that stage the tragedy probably could have been avoided." Anil Jain, who lives in the US now, agreed to publish his father's diary at the request of Abhijit Mazumdar of Frontpage.

GLOBAL , PHILOSOPHICAL AND ECOLOGICAL CONCEPTS By : Rudi Jansma - Cycles, Causality, Ecology and Evolution in Various Traditions and their Impact on Modern Biology. A joint publication of Motilal Banarsidass Pvt Ltd (Delhi) and Prakrit Bharati Academy (Jaipur). Recently a two volume theosophical study was released in which fundamental concepts concerning our views of nature are discussed on a deep level from the philosophical backgrounds of various cultures the world over, ancient and modern. In these books very much attention and detail is given to Jainism (ca. 200 pages), with emphasis on karma doctrine and cosmology, and Jain doctrines are compared with a number of other important thought streams on earth, including modern biological science, Native American thinking, theosophy and relevant aspects of Hinduism and Buddhism. Also it contains interviews with well-known Jains: Krishnachand Chordia and late Prof. M.D. Vasantharaj, former Head of the Dept. of Jainism of the University of Madras. For the development of our understanding of and approach to nature and life in general for the centuries to come it is of utmost importance not only to rely on the findings of the cultures which seem to dominate the world at present, but to understand much more about the total heritage of human thought from ancient times to present.

The concepts of cycles in nature, causality, hierarchical relationships, ecology and evolution are discussed from the angle of a select number of high cultures which determine our views and attitudes. This work is a selected presentation of important expressions concerning these concepts, their contrast with general occidental scientific thinking, and speculation about what may be the outcome of the blending of global thought. At the end of the book, recorded interviews based on 20 questions with representative individuals in India, America and Europe have been printed in full.

About the author: Rudi Jansma was born in 1949 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He studied neo-tropical vegetation science and nature preservation. He worked for various environmental groups concerned with tropical ecosystems. Also he studied philosophy and Sanskrit. He did intensive studies in Theosophy and Eastern and other non-occidental thought systems, which led to a PhD. at the Intercultural Open University based in The Netherlands. At present he lives in Rajasthan. The book can be ordered from: prabharati@gmail.com and mbld@vsnl.com . Price Rs. 2950 (2 vol. set, hc). 941 pp.

NAMOKAR MANTRA- PEACE FOR WORLD

This book on Namokar Mantra, written by Shri Kamal Jain was released by Jain Digambar Saint Muni Shri Prasann Sagar Ji Maharaj at Aurangabad in the presence of Acharya Shri Guptinandi Ji maharaj and a large number of devotees from Digambar sect.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

INAUGURATION OF SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PARTICIPANTS OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR JAIN STUDIES

Sixth summer school for the participants of International Summer School for Jain Studies (ISSJS) coming from USA, Canada, Korea, Czech Republic, Norway, Slovenia and Thailand will be inaugurated on the 5th June, 2010 at New Delhi. The topic of the summer school is "Jainism: Balancing Professional and Personal Lives". The venue of the program is PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 4/2, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi. The keynote speaker at the inaugural function will be Prof. Dipak Jain (Ex Dean), Kellogg Business School, North Western University, USA. The response for admission for ISSJS2010 has been overwhelming. Sixty scholars will be attending the program this year. Many applicants have been asked to wait for 2011 batch. Three standalone programs are being offered in the summer school during the months of May, June and July.

These are; a) A three week program for Eighteen (18) undergrads students from eight universities in USA and Canada, b) One three week program specially and custom designed for Prof. Anne Vallely's Class at University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada. The class size will be thirteen and will include Grad, and Post Docs. Prof. Anne Vallely herself will travel to India to facilitate the program and c) One six week program for Grad students, Post Docs and full time faculty. This will be an advanced level course in Jainism.

A LARGE MODERN HOSPITAL BEING BUILT BY JAIN COMMUNITY AT RANCHI

One of the largest and most modern hospitals in the entire eastern region is being built by Jain Samaj at Ranchi mainly by the efforts of Digambar Jain community there. Occupying an area of one lakh square feet, the hospital is expected to commence its services by January, 2011. The building work is presently in full swing. The work of constructing basement, ground, first and second floors, covering an area of about 86,000 sq. ft. is nearly complete. The expected cost on building and equipping the hospital is going to be Rs. 20 crores. The project has been envisaged by the inspiration of Acharya Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji Maharaj.

AMERICAN JAIN COMMUNITY SETS A HISTORIC MILESTONE IN JAIN STUDIES

On April 16, 2010, the Stadium Club of Florida International University (FIU) in Miami glowed with an elegant aura of Jain traditional decor and a colorful gathering of the Jain community. The multicolored sand art, the intertwined garlands, the traditional lamp, the cultural saris and classical tunes of tabla and flute just added glamour to the hall. The occasion was to celebrate the official establishment of **Bhagwan Mahavir Professorship of Jain Studies at FIU**. The community organized this initiative under the umbrella of a national foundation – Jain Education and Research Foundation, with the goal of expanding these across US.

The event was kicked off with chanting of Navkar Mantra. Samani Mudit pragya, Amit Pragya & Unnat Pragya sanctified the event by their presence. Establishing a Jain academic center has long been a dream of the Jain community, and on this day, FIU clinched the bragging rights of being the first in history by making this dream a reality. "FIU is internationally open, and we appreciate Jain community's confidence in us" said President Rosenberg, marking the beginning of the partnership between the Jains and the FIU.

Samani Charitra Pragya, the pioneer of this initiative, shared her story of four years long journey at FIU that culminated into creating this unique professorship. She admired the support received from the Department of Religious Studies and Jain community all over USA and the academic expertise of Dr. Dipak Jain from Kellogg School of Management.

While accepting the nomination as the first Bhagwan Mahavir Professor of Jain Studies, Dr. Nathan Katz articulated the impact of Jain principle of nonviolence on the world over the past two millennia. He recognized the initial efforts

undertaken by local Jain Community who helped bringing up Samaniji at FIU, and building the network with Jain Vishva Bharati University.

H. H. Dalai Lama mentioned, " Jainism and Buddhism are like twins who have delivered the message of oneness and nonviolence to the world." The finale of the event was signing of the gift agreement by Dr. Dipak Jain, Chairman of JERF Board and Sapan Bafna, President of JERF Executive Committee on behalf of JERF and by President Mr. Rosenberg, Dean Furton and VP Mr. Conrad on behalf of FIU. Following the signing ceremony, the Jain community presented a ceremonial check to the university. FIU Stadium club was filled with directors, chair and faculty professors and students of many departments. Members of the Jain Community from Orlando, Tampa, West palm beach, New Jersey, New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington D.C., Kentucky and more traveled long distances to become part of this memorable event. From: Mr. Lalit Garg, E-Mail: lalitgarg11@hotmail.com

PRADIP JAIN THE ONLY INDIAN TO PARTICIPATE IN 2010 WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION IN LONDON



A father-and-son team from Bihar seems to have taken the world of philately by storm. Right now, they are taking part in the 2010 World Stamp Exhibition currently going on in London. The event, said to be the biggest in the world of philately, takes place once every 10 years. Pradip Jain is the only philatelist from Bihar who is visiting this show.

Jain, a well-known name in India's philatelic world, 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 Felicitiation, Indepex-97 (INDIA) nominated for Grand Prix and Italia-98 (Milan) and the Best Aerophilately Exhibit Award on Indian Airmails-1911-1945. "Philately has been a passion, hobby and profession," Jain gushed, Emphasising that he never misses out on any opportunity to promote philately, especially in his home state of Bihar..

CALL FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS CONFERENCE 2010 REGISTRATION



Animal Rights 2010 is the largest and longest-running gathering of animal rights advocates in the world. More than 90 presenters from 60 groups will participate in a hundred sessions.

It is a forum for sharing knowledge, reporting on progress, discussing strategies and tactics, networking, and "recharging our batteries." All viewpoints that support the goal of animal liberation from all forms of human oppression are welcome. Beyond the traditional 5-track structure (problems/issues, organizing, tactics, raps/reports, and videos), this year's program offers a number of exciting new features including morning and evening plenaries and intensive hands-on workshops.

Monday following the conference will offer hands-on training, lobbying, and demonstrations by participating groups. The Conference is organized by Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM) and co-sponsored by In Defense of Animals, Int'l Primate Protection League, E-Magazine, Anti-Fur Society, Veg. News Magazine, Stop Animal Exploitation Now, United Poultry Concerns, and League of Humane Voters. For further details please visit www.arconference.org

POST GLOBALIZATION & EMERGING WORLD ORDER CONFERENCE HOSTED BY ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY



Prof. (Dr.) Sohan Raj Tater, Former Vice Chancellor Singhania University, Rajasthan participated in 9th conference of International Congress of Social Philosophy (ICSP) from 25-27 April 2010 at Annamalai University, Chidambaram (T. N.) and chaired the plenary session and presented his Research paper on on the topic "Promoting the Culture of Peace in the World."

He also inaugurated various Research books of eminent scholars. More than 300 scholars participated in this International Congress and presented their Research papers. Main theme of International Congress was "Post Globalization and the Emerging World Order."

VEGETARIANISM & AHIMSA

CANVAS SHOES WILL REPLACE LEATHER SHOES FOR INDIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN



This week, India's Central Board of School Education and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) approved a proposal by Maneka Gandhi to replace leather shoes with cruelty-free canvas alternatives as the required footwear in Indian schools. The proposal states that black leather shoes were introduced as part of a required school uniform during Britain's colonial rule of India, and that by replacing them with canvas shoes, the country can choose its own, more eco-friendly, option. Representatives of CISCE say that the move will benefit schoolchildren and their families, as leather shoes require routine cleaning, polishing, and maintenance while canvas shoes are more comfortable and durable. By Liz Miller.

By Ravi Pandya - Thanks be to God for Maneka Gandhi for this humane and compassionate act and setting an example at home and abroad. We were privileged when Maneka ji came to Bristol, UK on Ghandiji's birthday anniversary and celebrate his legacy of Ahimsa day, Non-violence and non-aggression day were combined with World Farm Day and St. Francis of Assisi day on 2nd of October. Indeed, Maneka ji's father was in British Military and she was well liked by late House of Commons Speaker, Lord Weatherhill a vegetarian. Hence, it would be a good idea if Maneka ji can establish links with new administration in UK and help them to follow Indians green and humane example in schools with shoes and sachels which are not made of dead flesh of blessed animals and so UK government can establish loud and clear its green and humane credentials to save the world.

DIKSHA PROGRAMMES

As reported in the April issue of Ahimsa Times, the deeksha of the candidates waiting to be accepted in the holy order of Jain sadhvi, were held at the different places. In the All India Jain Hiteshi Shrawak Sangh of Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect. At Balotara, the main deeksha of Jain Sadhwis, Twinkle Salecha and Varsha Salecha, both from same family were held on the 22nd May in the presence of Acharya Shri Hira Chand Ji Maharaj in an austere manner. Prior to Deeksha ceremony, the welcome procession (Varghoda) was taken out through the main streets of the city.

Jain Bhagwati Diksha accepted by Ku. Deepa Jain, delhi



Jain Bhagwati Diksha was accepted by Ku. Deepa Jain (Age 18) under the auspicious presence of Acharya of Sthanakwasi Sect Dr. Shiv Muni Ji M.S. and many other saints, Upadhyay Ramesh Muni, Up Pravartak Dr. Rajendra Muni, Yuva Manishi Shri. Surendera Muni, Dipesh Muni, Shirish Muni, Upendra Muni, Tarak Rishi Muni, Dr. Divya Prabha Ji and many other saints. Diksha ceremony was conducted at Navkar Teerth, Ghevra Mod, Delhi on 23rd May 2010. Kumari Deepa Jain delivered impressive message to the society. She spoke about life, about materialism and spirituality. She expressed her feelings and satisfaction on being accepted in the saint order. She thanked Dr. Divya Prabha ji M.S. and all other saints for giving their blessings and guidance. She is following Jain Saints and Sadhwis for last seven years. She has studied in-depth Jain religion. Her father Sh. Babu Lal ji and Mother Smt. Devika, her brothers and sisters were also present and witnessed the programme.

Four Bangalore women set to take the path of ascetics - The event is being organised by Shree Jain Ratna Hiteshi Shrawak Sangh at Maratha Hostel and the women will be guided by Mahasati Sri Gyanlataji Sadhvi and her fellow sadhvis. As a 21-year-old when Shilpa Bhagracha speaks of her decision to take deeksha, a vow to renounce worldly pleasures and lead a life of austerity, there's not a flicker of doubt. In fact, with her simple example she brings out the co-relation between pleasure and suffering. For 22-year-old Preeti Kanunga from Hubli, her mother is her pillar of strength.

A self-confessed free-spirited girl, Preeti says she didn't have any knowledge of the religion until she attended a preaching session in Mumbai two years ago. She maintains that she won't miss anything. Vastimal, Shilpa's father, was overwhelmed by his daughter's decision. "I feel blessed to have a daughter who wants to serve the people," he says. The oldest among the four is 50-year-old Manju Daga from Jaipur. "I have always wanted to take deeksha. Now with my son married and well-settled I feel this is the right time to leave this world of pain," she says.

DIKSHA IN TERAPANATH SECT

The following Samanijis of Terapanth will be given Sadhvi Diksha on 25th May 2010 at Sardarshahar

DIKSHA IN DIGAMBAR SECT

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MISCELLANEOUS

RADIATION IN DELHI'S MAYAPURI SCRAP MARKET



One dead and more still in the hospital. All of them were exposed to radiation in Delhi's Mayapuri scrap market. After an initial clean-up, the government declared the area to be safe. But just days ago, a Greenpeace survey exposed this to be untrue. The investigation discovered radiation levels were 5,000 times normal in two hotspots near one of the scrap shops. The risk is to people working in the immediate vicinity of the hotspot. We'll make sure the authorities come back to do a proper clean-up and ensure the safety of the people in Mayapuri. But we'll also have to double our efforts to stop the nuclear liability bill—which would spread the hazard of nuclear risk while allowing companies to get away with a pittance as liability. Can you help expand our ongoing campaign against the nuclear risk by contributing today?

www.greenpeace.in More nuclear reactors will only bring in more hazardous radioactive waste. The

current policy for safety standards and the proposed dubious nuclear liability bill will only worsen the condition. The bill in its current form has to be dropped to ensure that the highest standards of safety are maintained. Support the effort to stop the disastrous liability bill. Click here to contribute: www.greenpeace.in Thanks a billion!, Karuna Raina ,Nuclear Campaigner ,Greenpeace India. hey have to be culturally rich in order to be spiritually rich?

JAIN APPEAL: FOR THE CENSUS 2011 PLEASE WRITE *JAIN* IN THE RELIGION COLUMN

1st April, 2010 marks a historic day for the people of our country, India. Over next 1 year, everything - good or bad, small or big is going to be counted. Are we going to make ourselves count as Jains or....Will India's Jain Population dwindle further or we are going to make our presence felt through sheer Numbers? – Onus is on all the Jains.

Over last few decades, Jain Culture in spite of being the oldest and the richest is shrinking at an alarming pace. This is reflected by our declining Population, Census after Census. Interestingly, our Guru Maharaj ji, Marasahebji, Satiyajji claim that ground reality is that our absolute population is increasing then why is the Census painting a different picture? There has to be a missing link. If we don't let us count now we will never be looked upon by our own government and country, India and will fade away with time.

The best and the easiest way to achieve our goal is by making every Jain count in the Number Game. Let 2011 Census Form be the place where we all unite as Jains and carefully register our religion as Jain – and just as Jain without any prefix like - Swethambar, Digambar, Terapanti, Derawasi, Sthankwasi, Mandirwasi, Oswal, Porwal, Dassa, Vissa etc etc. Mr. Deven Sheth, E-Mail: devensheth@gmail.com

HEAT KILLS FOUR JAIN PILGRIMS IN PALITANA

PALITANA : Shock and panic gripped pilgrim town of Palitana, when four pilgrims reportedly died of a heat stroke on 16th May. The pilgrims were among thousands attending a five-day Jain religion function, Suripat Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav, at the foothills of Shetrunji hills at this Jain pilgrimage in Bhavnagar district. About 50,000 devotees from across the country had gathered for religious event on Akhatrij. "The incident took place when some devotees started ascending the hills for darshan. Due to extreme heat five persons collapsed and were rushed to Mansinghji hospital, where four persons died during treatment". Confirming the incident, Bhavnagar district collector said, "Four persons have died during a Jain religious function near Shetrunji hills." Jhalawadia confirmed that two died of heat stroke, one person died of a cardiac arrest and the cause of death of the fourth person is under probe.

FIRING AT BHILAD JAIN TEMPLE : TWO ARRESTED

Surat: Two rounds of bullets were fired at Jain Derasar at Nandigram village near Bhilad in Valsad district, after a tussle ensued between Jain saints and devotees over placing 'dhwaja' (flag) over temple. Timely arrival of police saved the situation from taking any ugly turn. One Jain sadhu was injured in the incident, while two security guards have been arrested. A function was organised at Simandhar Swami Jain Derasar, also known as Nandigram Derasar, to celebrate its 22nd foundation day. Jain devotees from all across the state and Maharashtra were present in huge numbers to celebrate the function under the blessings of Jain saint Acharya Shivsagar. The situation became tense as soon as Shivsagar asked persons other than Gogalia Parivar to place the 'dhwaja' upon the temple. Members of Gogalia Parivar, who happens to be the trustee of the temple, objected to the move, which resulted in heated argument and later a big fight. Soon, there was pandemonium on the temple campus and to bring the situation under control, two security guards of Acharya Shivsagar fired two rounds. Police rushed to the spot after learning about the incident and resorted to light lathi-charge to control the situation. Cops also arrested two guards for firing and registered a case of rioting.

NHAI MANAGER NITIN JAIN ARRESTED BY THE CBI ON CORRUPTION CHARGES

The NHAI scam comes just a few days after Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said that "corruption needs to be tackled". Even though the Prime Minister has been promising zero tolerance against corruption, the skeletons continue to tumble out. Now the NHAI is under the scanner with Jain arrested on charges of corruption and conspiracy. The Congress has stressed the need for cleansing NHAI. It's a part of anti-corruption drive. Ministry has concluded after preliminary enquiry that there is no scam and that disgruntled competition is only out to malign NHAI and that there is complete transparency in its functioning. But the CBI has charged the two NHAI officers for unduly favouring some companies and passing on privileged information to help them bag contracts for highway construction. CBI says the modus operandi of the two officers was to eliminate all potential contenders on one pretext or the other and favour the accused company ensuring huge financial gains to it. The scandal came to light after anomalies were detected in the tender process of NH 69, connecting Nagpur to Betul.

SHAILESH KUMAR JAIN CHARGED WITH INTERNET FRAUD IN US



Shailesh kumar Jain has been indicted in Chicago on charges that they duped internet users in more than 60 countries into buying fake software products of more than 100 million dollars. According to the 26 count indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury, Shaileshkumar P Jain deceived Internet users into falsely believing that their computers were infected with "malware" or had other critical errors to induce them to purchase "scareware" software products that had limited or no ability to remedy the purported, but nonexistent, defects. He placed fake advertisements about their products on various legitimate companies' websites in a scheme. The international cybercrime scheme caused Internet users in more than 60 countries to purchase more than one million bogus software products, causing victims to lose more than US \$100 million, the federal indictment said. Jain owned and operated Innovative Marketing Inc (IM), a company registered in Belize that purported to sell anti-

virus and computer performance/repair software through the internet and that operated a subsidiary called Innovative Marketing Ukraine, located in Kiev. Jain, 40, who was IM's chief executive officer, is a US citizen and is believed to be living in Ukraine. Each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a US \$250,000 fine. The indictment also seeks forfeiture of approximately US \$100 million and any funds held in a bank account in Kiev.

INTERVIEW

PRAKASH LALL JAIN INTERVIEWED BY JAINSANSAR.COM



Professor Prakash Lall Jain received B.E. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Birla College of Engineering, Pilani and then M.Tech. degree in Production Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Subsequently, specializing in metal-working and metallurgical processes, production systems and management, total quality management and computer applications. He has a track record of 40 Years in industry, teaching, research and consultancy organisations. Prof. Jain has been an active member of several professional bodies and is the author of few text books for Engineering courses. He visited Japan and USA under an UNESCO Fellowship programme for a period of nine months in 1961-62, apart from visiting Singapore and Malaysia on business missions.



With a Long history of him as a technical person with invariable contributions, he has still been actively involved with religious and social work for the last ten years. Prof. Prakash Lall Jain, has been the Founder Chairman of Ahimsa Foundation, which promoted web portal www.jainsamaj.org. This portal has done a fabulous work in representing all Jain sects and presenting a wide collection of religious literature, a directory of Jains around the world, a large database on Jain temples, saints, institutions and many other interesting and useful features, without any distinctive inclination towards any sect. A monthly newsletter, 'Ahimsa Times' is also being regularly brought out since August, 2000 and sent to over 70,000 members of Jain community, free of charge, by e-mail. A monthly newsletter, 'Ahimsa Times' is also being regularly brought out since August, 2000 and sent to over 70,000 members of Jain community, free of charge, by e-mail. He has also given a lot to the Jain Literature, Shri Jain is the author of several articles on topics connected with Jainism, such as Theory of Karma, anekantwad, ahimsa, vegetarianism, health etc. which have been published in Jain Spirit (U.K.), Proceedings of International Jain Conference organised at Nairobi (Kenya) in 2005, Jinwani. Many of which can be read at and www.jainsamaj.org. Shri Jain is also past Vice-President of Mahavir International, Jodhpur and past President of Anuvrat samiti, Jodhpur. Its a great opportunity to interact with a person with dual power, a person who carved his niche in every field he entered. Here is the extract from the interaction.

JainSansar: Jai Jinendra, Prakashji. Welcome to the JainSansar.com "Gems In Jains" Program.

Prakash Lall Jain: Efforts to restart web site www.jainsansar.com by You are appreciated. The main objective of this site, as that of other Jain sites, is to spread the concepts of Jain religion all over the world. Presently, Jainism is little known in other countries. Some of the people abroad have very faint ideas or even ridiculous ideas about this religion. This holds true even for many people from non-Jain families in India itself. With the advent of Internet, it has now become much easier to spread the concepts in their true form. My best wishes are with You and your team.

JainSansar: Thank you.

JainSansar: Its well know that You are the founder chairman of the "Ahimsa Foundation". Can you shed some light on what's all about "Ahimsa Foundation" and your role in it?

Prakash Lall Jain: Ahimsa Foundation was established in the year 2000 with the main objective of presenting the entire Jain community in the world on one platform through the web portal, www.jainsamaj.org promoted by it and thus striving to create a united Jain society, irrespective of caste, sect, gachha or marg followed by individual members of the society. The society has to present itself before the world as one large family, the members of which, wherever they are located, follow the concept of ahimsa along-with truthfulness, non-stealing, non-possessiveness and abstinence, to whatever extent possible, within their means. Thus, this web portal has been a sincere effort towards globalizing the philosophy of non-violence and peaceful co-existence amongst people of all sects.

With the same objective, Ahimsa times, is being brought out since August, 2000 as an Internet news bulletin. Sent free of cost to more than 75,000 readers all over the world, every month regularly. It covers news and views about Jain religion

and Jain society without any distinction, particularly, Jain saints, temples, institutions and important events. Ahimsa It has been providing a forum for discussion on topics of current interest to members through its views and feedback of members column Foundation has also been taking active part in holding seminars, organizing educational programs, giving award in schools to promote Jainism, publishing short books on Jainism, helping members of Jain society in arranging matrimonial relations, promoting sale of materials, like display books, statues of Jain gods and goddesses, music cassettes.

JainSansar: You have a very “Metallic” Experience, Still how did you find your interests in the great work you are doing for the jain society as a whole?

Prakash Lall Jain : I have always felt in the past that Jainism needs to be promoted across the world. When there are departments teaching Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism in USA, UK, Germany etc., why Jainism is being ignored when it is probably the oldest religion in the world. People of Jain community living abroad have been expressing the necessity of promoting this religion much more seriously and vigorously. A few Jain saints have gone to USA and Sramanis and Sramans have been visiting and lecturing on Jainism in USA and UK but that is rather a meager effort. Their activities are limited mostly to Jain community only. Apart from overseas population, obscurity exists amongst Indian masses also to a large extent. Hence, this effort was taken up by my son, Anil Jain and myself with full cooperation of other trustees and members of advisory committee with the sole motto of Promoting Jain religion and uniting Jain samaj.

JainSansar : Your efforts are noteworthy, How did you find the encouragement in this process.

Prakash Lall Jain : I have always been inspired by my religious gurus, my parents and by many dedicated people. The blessings of my parents have always been with me. The religious traditions in the house-hold always affect your thoughts and actions. Positive thinking towards life also is a great contributing factor.

JainSansar : What are your basic idea of Jainism as a Religion. Our readers will be interested in knowing about your basic idea of Jainism as a life style! way of life!.

Prakash Lall Jain : Jainism as a religion and Jainism as a life-style can not be separated from one another. First thing is that one must have full and unstinted faith in religion. Our theory of Karma is such an instrument that it can make anyone believe in life after death and the action of your deeds in the present life on your next life. It is more scientific than merely hypothetical. Once your belief in religion is developed and strengthened, you automatically start working in the right direction. As mentioned in the answer to first question, the guidance of religious gurus and parents has gone a long way in strengthening the faith.

JainSansar : How will you put your views about the various sects in Jainism.

Prakash Lall Jain : The biggest challenge in front of Jain community is to get united and spread the principles of Jainism in masses. Instead of making pomp and show at Community places like Temples and Sthanaks, and spending crores of rupees on that account, if we focus on core principles and unite all the sub communities for a common cause, it would be a great beginning. It is a wrong to believe that all the Jains belong to rich families. There are many who are needy. Many of the Jains belong to low income group and need financial support. They cannot impart high education to their children; they can not afford to send their sons and daughters to professional courses, even if they are bright and promising. Increasing expenditure involved in marriages causes too much of a financial burden for them. It is therefore desired that such people are supported; expenditure on education, health and well-being is met with. Our institution, Ahimsa Foundation was established mainly with the objectives of spreading Jainism and uniting Jain Samaj.

I fully agree with the suggestion given by Mr. Sanjay Khimesara recently in one of the discussion groups: "If all forums and communities amongst Jains merge into one common minimum program like governance of today, then Jainism will come on top. We could have a Common Acharya, who could redefine principles under common minimum program. All the disputes could be brought before a Working Committee and could be resolved. Half of the problems would automatically get resolved, if Digambaras and Shwetambaras come together".

JainSansar: What do you consider the most important factor for the delusions of the Jainism.

Prakash Lall Jain: Most important factor in the delusions of Jainism in my view is: Increasing commercialization and greed, diminishing value concept and adopting the wrong side of western culture. The responsibility lies broadly with our elders.

JainSansar: Its true that many have become more money-minded, and also in the name of modernization they are actually loosing the main path, What according to you must be the solution to put a stop to such a diversion and how can we work to control the betterment of our future generation?

Prakash Lall Jain: It is indeed a difficult task. Greed is the biggest enemy. But, our youngsters hold the key. Some of our revered saints can possibly take up this task to inspire the younger generation to take a lead in fighting this enemy. Acharya Tulsi of Swetambar Terapanth sect had started Anuvrat movement many years ago but it could not achieve the desired amount of success. However, the idea was laudable and practicable. This idea can be taken up again by all the Jains sects with full sincerity, enthusiasm, faith and mutual understanding under the guidance and direction of our saints. The entire scheme has to be implemented in a planned and organized manner. May be, as I see, it could be a step in the right direction.

JainSansar: Will you like to share some of your experiences you must have encountered during your working in this direction?

Prakash Lall Jain: Experiences are always both pleasant and bitter and one has to be prepared for both of these. It depends more on your own perspective about the people around you and the nature of work. Sometimes, one may feel disheartened due to lack of positive responses from others and at other times, one may feel very happy and motivated when the Responses are favorable and you receive what you feel is due and justified to you. In any case, one must always maintain his balance and be optimistic about future. That is how I have been looking at life, as a whole.

JainSansar: You have been a man in the field of Metal, there is a common thought in Jains that industry line is not in relation good in aspect of Jains, what do you think?

Prakash Lall Jain: For laymen (shrawaks), any professional work, which does not involve direct hinsa (hurting, killing etc.) carried out for the purpose of livelihood is permitted. This may include agriculture, manufacturing essential items required for living, etc. Working of metals in order to produce article of house-hold or industrial use is covered there. What is required of a Jain is that he should be able to follow five 'anuvrats', where he can set his own limits and work within those limits. I do not think, you need any further elaboration.

JainSansar: True, I think this is indeed an important thing to know, If one accepts this line of thought we Jains can expand our self in various fields, and get stronger in all aspects.

JainSansar: Now knowing a bit about the past about you, we find you have dedicated much for the religion and similarly you have also done a marvelous job in your profession. What's the secret behind this?

Prakash Lall Jain: Really, I have not done any extra-ordinary or marvelous job in any field whatsoever. I have just been performing my duties without worrying about results. That is the only secret, if you consider it that way. What is necessary is that one must have full faith in what he is doing and he must first be honest to himself and then to others.

JainSansar: Great! with that note of simplicity which is of course visible in your works we will take the day out. Thanks for giving your precious time to us. Jai Jinendra. Prakash Lall Jain Jai Jinendra.

READER'S MAIL

Siddharth Parakh, Phone : 9420225450, E-Mail : sidparakh@yahoo.co.in -Everyone must have received many mails regarding declaring the RELIGION as Jain for ongoing Census 2011. But a shocking thing has happened. Recently some people had visited my house to collect the data for Census 2011. But after filling the entire form, i was shocked to know that there was no column for mentioning your RELIGION !!!!. I scanned the document for 3 times, but there was no such column. In such circumstances, our real population would never be known & another census would only take after 10 years. This would deprive us of many benefits.. Could we do something?

HELP CENTER FOR JAIN STUDENTS ALL OVER INDIA

A Social Organization from Pune has just started a help center for Jain Students all over India. This center will help Jain students by providing information about following subjects:

1. Jain Minority Educational Institutions offering higher education in Engineering, IT, Management, Medical and other branches, where about 50% seats are reserved for Jain students;
2. Concession given in fees to Jain students for higher education in various states of India under minority status;

3. Scholarships offered by State Governments for Jain Students;
4. Scholarships offered by Charitable Trusts and Social Organizations;
5. Educational Loans offered by various Banks;
6. Hostels for Jain Students in various cities; and
7. Special concessions offered by states to Jain Students belonging to OBC.

For more information, please write to E-Mail : jainway@gmail.com or send a self addressed and stamped (Rs.5/-) envelope to: Jain Friends, Post Box No. 58, Jagannath Complex, 199 Mumbai, Pune Road, Chinchwad East, Pune 411019.

MINORITY STATUS

CENTRAL GOVT. EXPRESSES INABILITY TO ACCORD MINORITY STATUS TO JAINS



Mr. Salman Khursheed announced in Lok Sabha recently that the Government was tied up with the decision of the eleven member bench of Supreme Court for not being in a position to accord minority status to Jain Community at the national level. He said that presently, five communities have been accorded minority status and different sects of Jain community have been representing for the same. He mentioned that this

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according to Supreme Court decision, minority status can be allowed only at the state level. The National Minorities Commission have also given reference only to the Supreme Court decision. Shri Ratan Jain, General Secretary of Jain Mahasabha made this announcement at a meeting at New Delhi.

WE HEARTILY WELCOME FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED WWW.JAINSAMAJ.ORG DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2010

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