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SAINTS

ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA TO HOLD NEXT CHATURMAS AT NEW DELHI ON REQUEST BY PRESIDENT ABDUL KALAM



Through a notification from Terapanth Dharm Sangh, it has been informed that Acharya Mahapragya is presently engaged in implementing the spiritual declaration made at Surat along-with Mr. Abdul Kalam, President and hence his stay at Delhi becomes essential. In view of the same, he is going to have the next Chaturmas at New Delhi, instead of the previously announced place for Chaturmas during 2005 at Udaipur. The Acharya has further informed that the task of writing on authoritative book on "Science and Spiritualism" is also going to be taken up soon, three parts of which will be written by President Abdul Kalam and the other three parts by himself.

JAIN MUNI MERU BHUSHAN JI GOES ON INDEFINITE FAST in SUPPORT of GIRNAR CASE

Digambar Muni Shri Meru Bhushan Ji maharaj, who is having his chaturmas at Hubli (Dharwar) has gone on indefinite fast from 25th October, 2004 against the illegal occupation of Bhagwan Adinath temple at Girnar Teerth and inaction of Gujarat Government against offenders. He has appealed once again to Gujarat Government to get the illegal occupation removed immediately. He has declared that in case the 4th and 5th peaks are not vacated by the culprits, he would take the vow of Sallekhana samadhi Maran (abstaining from food and water till death). This decision of taking samadhi has perturbed Jain community all over the country.

MARYADA MAHOTSAVA OF TERAPANTH SECT AT LADNU TOWN FROM 13TH TO 15TH FEB. 2005

Acharya Mahapragya of Terapanth sect after completing his chaturmas at Siriyari in Rajasthan will be leaving on vihar on the 26th November, 2004 and after passing through the country-side will arrive at Borawad, a small town about 100 km. from Ladnun, the headquarters of Jain Vishwa Bharati on the 23rd December, 2004. Stopping there for three days, 23rd, 24th and 25th December, he will proceed with his entourage for Ladnu, arriving there on the 6th January, 2005. The Maryada Mahotsava of Terapanth sect, an annual feature, will then be held there in the holy presence of Acharya Mahapragya. All saints and sadhwis as well as devotees of the sect collect there on that day and take a vow to show their complete allegiance to the Acharya and maintain ethical self-restraint and dignity in their conduct.

MASS DIKSHA CEREMONY OF TERAPANTH SECT AT SIRIYARI (RAJASTHAN)

A large gathering numbering more than a lakh followers of Terapanth order of Jain Swetambar sect witnessed a grand diksha ceremony at Siriyari Village on the 4th November, 2004 in the holy presence of Acharya Mahapragya, Yuvacharya Maha Sraman and other saints and Sadhwis.

Twenty aspirants were accepted to Terapanth Jain order through diksha on that day, A) 7 of whom were converted from Saman-Samani to Sadhu- Sadhwi B) 2 from Mumukshu (Sravak - Sravika) to Sadhu-Sadhwi and c) 11 from Mumukshu to Saman-Samani category. Their names are :-

A. Samani to Sadhwi

1. Samani Sthit Pragya Ji, Kotda (Rajasthan)
2. Samani Astha Pragya Ji, Bangalore
3. Samani Mukti Pragya Ji, Charbhuj
4. Samani Kumud Pragya Ji, Dungargarh
5. Samani Matri Pragya Ji, Dungargarh
6. Samani Atma Pragya Ji, Shahda
7. Samani Mayank Pragya Ji, Shahda

B. Mumukshu to Sadhu

1. Sri Rahul Hiran, Gangapur
2. Sri Kapil Kothari, Ratlam

C. Mumukshu to Samani

1. Mumukshu Chitra, Lunkaransar
2. Mumukshu Samta, Lunkaransar
3. Mumukshu Madhu, Asotara
4. Mumukshu Meenakshi, Balotra
5. Mumukshu Preeti, Pachpadra
6. Mumukshu Shweta (1), Pachpadra
7. Mumukshu Shweta (2), Pachpadra

D. Mumukshu to Sadhwi

1. Mumukshu Indu, Kanana
2. Mumukshu Surekha, Titilagarh
3. Mumukshu Manisha, Balotra
4. Mumukshu Mamta, Balotra

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THE UPDATE SCHEDULE OF H.H ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA FOR AHIMSA YATRA 2001-2006

(Fom Siriyari to Ladnun 414 Kms.) Information courtsy: Arham Jain, E-Mail : jvbharti@yahoo.co.in

Ahimsa Yatra (2001-2004)

Schedule of Siriyari to Ladnun

DATE	Schedule	DAY	Town / City	Kms	Kms From Siriyari
November 27, 2004	Morning	Saturday	Bhanda	12.5	12.5
November 28, 2004	Morning	Sunday	Kantaliya	11.8	24.3
November 29, 2004	Morning	Monday	Musaliya	8.5	32.8
"	Evening	"	Sojat Road	6.5	39.3
November 30, 2004	Morning	Tuesday	Sojat City	12	51.3
December 1, 2004	Morning	Wednesday	Sojat Road	12	63.3

December 2, 2004	Morning	Thursday	Bagdi	8	71.3
December 3, 2004	Morning	Friday	Sandiya	9.4	80.7
"	Evening	"	Chandawal	5.5	86.2
December 4, 2004	Morning	Saturday	Pipaliya	9.6	95.8
"	Evening	"	Juttha	5.5	101.3
December 5, 2004	Morning	Sunday	Bar	13.6	114.9
December 6, 2004	Morning	Monday	Sendara	11	125.9
"	Evening	"	Lalpura	5.2	131.1
December 7, 2004	Morning	Tuesday	Beawar (Biawar)	9.5	140.6
December 8, 2004	Morning	Wednesday			
December 9, 2004	Morning	Thursday	Piplaj	10	150.6
"	Evening	"	Kharwa	5	155.6
December 10, 2004	Morning	Friday	Mangaliawas	13	168.6
December 11, 2004	Morning	Saturday	Saradhana	10.7	179.3
"	Evening	"	Taviji Farm	5.2	184.5
December 12, 2004	Morning	Sunday	Ajmer	11	195.5
December 13, 2004	Morning	Monday			
December 14, 2004	Morning	Tuesday			
December 15, 2004	Morning	Wednesday	Gaglana	14	209.5
December 16, 2004	Morning	Thursday	Kishangarh	14	223.5
December 17, 2004	Morning	Friday			
December 18, 2004	Morning	Saturday			
December 19, 2004	Morning	Sunday	Ratlawa	10	233.5
December 20, 2004	Morning	Monday	Rupangarh	14	247.5

December 21, 2004	Morning	Tuesday	Parbatsar	14	261.5
December 22, 2004	Morning	Wednesday	Vidiyad	13	274.5
December 23, 2004	Morning	Thursday			
December 24, 2004	Morning	Friday	Borawad	12	286.5
December 25, 2004	Morning	Saturday			
December 26, 2004	Morning	Sunday	Manana	13	299.5
December 27, 2004	Morning	Monday	Kalyanpura	10	309.5
December 28, 2004	Morning	Tuesday	Indrapura	11.5	321
December 29, 2004	Morning	Wednesday	Khatoo	9	330
December 30, 2004	Morning	Thursday			
December 31, 2004	Morning	Friday	Bichaov	10	340
January 1, 2005	Morning	Saturday	Kerap	13.5	353.5
January 2, 2005	Morning	Sunday	Kolia	12	365.5
January 3, 2005	Morning	Monday	Didwana	10	375.5
January 4, 2005	Morning	Tuesday	Singhana	13	388.5
January 5, 2005	Morning	Wednesday	Bakaliya	11	399.5
"	Evening	"			
January 6, 2005	Morning	Thursday	J.V.B. Ladnun	15	414.5

DIFFERENCES AMONGST SENIOR SHANKWASI SAINTS REMAIN UNRESOLVED

PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY SHRAMAN SANGH ACHARYA, DR. SHIV MUNI



In the interest of the Shraman Sangh and at the request of our saints and keeping in view the feelings of members of Shraman Sangh and to further strengthen the discipline within the Sangh, I, Dr. Shiv Muni, Acharya of Shraman Sangh withdraw the decisions of 27th April 2003. This will place the Sangh in same position as of 27th April 2003. However, all new designations announced and declared by me after 27th April will remain valid. I invite all saints, who had separated themselves and who believe in Shraman Sangh's unity and discipline, to return to Shraman Sangh. If required, a committee of five saints can be constituted to discuss issues relating to positions and designations of saints in Shraman Sangh. All issues can be resolved on the basis of report of this committee. I reiterate that Shraman Sangh is one and shall remain one. We must maintain discipline, sincerity and dedication in the organisation.

- Acharya Shiv Muni ,Shri S. S. Jain Sabha, Sector - 18D, Chandigarh, Dated 3rd October, 2004.

CLARIFICATION ISSUED ON BEHALF OF SH. ROOP CHANDRA JI M. S. (RAJAT)



Shraman Sangh saint and pravartak, Shri Roop Chandra Ji Maharaj hereby clarifies the position of Sangh on press release issued by Acharya, Dr. Shiv Muni dated 3rd October from Chandigarh. The declaration by Acharya is unjustified, because in my letter faxed to him on the 2nd October, 2004, I had mentioned that Shraman Sangh should revert back to the position of 27th April 2003. This is important for the unity and discipline in the organisation. But he has not adhered to the suggestions of the saints. He has also not withdrawn his decisions about new positions created by him. Unless the new positions are not withdrawn, this declaration will not bring any unity. After discussing the declaration of Dr. Shiv Muni with my fellow saints, I am of the opinion that this disclamation is without any substance and we all saints express our solidarity towards Acharya Shri Umesh Muni ji maharaj.

- Pravartak Rajat Muni, Yuvacharya Dr. Vishal Muni, Saubhagya Muni, Suman Kumar Muni, Sahaj Muni.

TEMPLES

3000TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BHAGAWAN PARSHWANATH TO BE CELEBRATED

Her Holiness 105 Ganani Sri Gyanamatimataji has called for celebration of 3000th birth anniversary of 23rd tirthankar Bhagawan Parshwanath in the year 2005. She has desired that the celebration should be observed by conducting religious and academic activities at rational, regional & social levels. This event will be inaugurated on the 6th of January, 2005 at Bhelpur - Varanasi, the birth place of Shri Parshwanath Bhagwan. The readers are requested to send the details of the historical aspects of the places related to Lord Parshwanath along with the details of the place, documents & illustrations, etc. to our office for forwarding to the organizing committee of the programme. For further information, please contact Sri Ravindrakumar Jain, Nandhyavartha Mahal, Kundalpur Post (Nalanda) - 803101, Bihar.

ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF JAIN TEMPLES AT KHANDGIRI TEERTH



It is highly disappointing to learn that people of other faith have been illegally occupying the ancient temple of twelve-faced Yakshini located in a Khandgiri cave for the last 30 to 35 years and have turned it into Durga Temple. The outside premises of the temple has also been occupied by non- Jain saints. The idols of Tirthankars and Goddesses mounted along the walls of the caves have also been defaced by painting. The Orissa High Court had given its decision in favor of Jain community in the year 2001 but the illegal occupation has not yet been removed. In view of the unconcerned ness of our community, it is quite likely that the entire area covering many Jain Temples will be occupied by unscrupulous people. Such incidents are

happening every day at different place. The case of Girnar Temple has come to limelight but there are many such cases of grabbing. The story of Kesharia Ji temple near Udaipur is one such case, which is under the control of Devasthan department of Rajasthan Government for the last 75 years and Jains have lost all control on the temple.

JAIN SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, ORLANDO CELEBRATES PRATISHTHA MAHOTSAV

REPORT BY: RAJENDRA MEHTA, JSOCF MEMBER, JAINA DIRECTOR AND MEMBER, JAINA-EDUCATION-COMMITTEE

August 20th through August 23rd, 2004 are historical days for the Orlando, Florida Jain Sangh. Those were the days a long - awaited dream - by a small Jain community in Orlando, of having a Jain Temple/Upashray came true, with inspiration of Pujyashri Chitrabhanuji. Four years of hard work, inspiration by Shri Gurudev Chitrabhanuji, Bhatarakji Davendrakirtiji, Late Bhatarakji Charukirtiji and all the Jain scholars from India for last seven years, and the last three weeks of hard planning, in the midst of hurricane made it possible to have Pratishtha Mahotsav and Murti Sthapana of Mulnayak Shree Mahavir Swami (Swetamber), Mulnayak Shree Adinath Swami (Digamber), Shree Simandhar Swami, Navkar Shila, and Gokhlas for Shri Padmavati Devi and Shri Ghantakaran Mahavir. More than 350 to 400 people witnessed the glorious Pratishtha Mahotsav under guidance of Shree Gurudev Chitrabhanuji, and Shreemati Pramodaben. Participants came from all over Florida, Alabama, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, New York, and many other small states. They were hosted by the community of Jain families of Orlando and surrounding suburbs. Inspiring discourses by Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji and Pramodaben added to the blissful joy of the weekend. Vidhicar Narendrabhai Nandu and his group from India performed so well that everybody enjoyed the Devotional Ceremony which opened up the hearts of participants in Gheebolies donations from all over U.S.A.

The layout of the temple/upashray is non-sectarian. In the "Gabhara", looking into Gabhara, there are two idols - on the right side Shree Mahavir Swami and on the left side Shree Adinath Swami. On the side of Shree Adinath Swami, at right angle is installed a Navkar Mantra Shila and on the opposite side is installed an idol of Shree Simandhar Swami. Outside the Gabhara, Gokhals for Shri Padmavati Devi and Shri Ghantakaran Mahavir have been built. The small Jain community of Orlando Sangh is a shining example of what a dedicated President, Dr. Shashikant Shah and his family, and group of people can achieve when they work together. They waited for three years but persevered and have built a beautiful Jain Temple/Upashray. The property consists of six lots with a temple/upashray of 2100 Sq ft. It is located on two plots and the remaining four plots are empty for parking and future expansion purposes. This is a secluded and peaceful location for meditation and temple activities.

A MIRACULOUS JAIN TEMPLE IN AMERICA

This is a true miracle. Does anyone know when the first Jain temple rose in America? No, it was not in 1981. Would you believe, 1904? Imagine a Jain temple sailing overseas to a country that has no Jains and has never been visited by any Jains except one. It travels inland and arrives at a World's Fair. The Temple should have returned back to the Jains in India. Instead it waits for the Jains to arrive in that country! The fair ends and the Temple mysteriously finds itself in the middle of Nevada desert. In the mean time, the Jains arrive in that country, establish themselves. The components of the mysterious two-story teak temple then arrive at a Jain compound, where it is reassembled, and finally it reverberates with mangalik songs of the shravakas. I haven't yet located any pictures of the temple when it was in St Louis World's Fair in 1904-1905. But I was able to find a photograph of it when it was in Las Vegas. I am eagerly waiting to see it re-erected in California. The temple in 1904 was a sign, that one day Jains will arrive in USA and Jainism will flourish and contribute to anekanta in that country. From Mr. Yashwant Malaiya, E-Mail : ymalaiya@yahoo.com

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DIG. JAIN MAHASABHA MEMBERS MET HOME MINISTER ON GIRNAR ISSUE

To appraise the Girnar problem, a delegation representing Digambar Jain Mahasabha recently met Home Minister Shri Shiv Raj Patil at his residence. Delegation protested against the illegal construction on 4th and 5th tonk and attempts to deface the old structures. Members of delegation included Shri Nirmal Sethi, Shri Roop Chand Kataria, Shri Chakresh Jain, Shri Paras Das Jain and other senior members of Mahasabha. Home Minister has assured to look into the issue.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

DEPT. OF INDIC RELIGIONS, CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES, UNIVERSITY of london TO ORGANISE STUDY WORKSHOPS IN JAINISM

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Thursday 17.3.2005

Venue: Khalili Lecture Theatre, School of Oriental and African Studies, Russell Square, London, UK., The 5th Annual Lecture on Jainism by Phyllis Granoff. Subject : 'Protecting the Faith: Exploring the Concerns of Jain Monastic Rules'

Friday 18.3.2005

Venue - SOAS, Russell Square, Brunei Gallery Room BG05

M. A. Dhaky (Delhi): 'The Problems of Jaina History'

Olle Qvarnstrom (Lund): 'Haribhadra on Dharma'

Torkel Brekke (Oslo): 'Dharma and Religion in the Constituent Assembly Debates'

Peter Flugel (SOAS): 'Jainism in the Indian Courts'

Bal Patil (Mumbai): 'Jain Minority Rights and Indian Secularism under the Siege of Hindutva'

Werner Menski (SOAS): 'Jaina Law and Custom'

Prakash Jhaveri (Mumbai): 'Recent Court Cases pertaining to the Jain Community in India'

D.K. Jain (Delhi): 'Concept of Public Worship - Legal Rights and Obligations'

Lekhraj Mehta (Jodhpur): 'Jain Jurisprudence with Special Emphasis on Penology'

Andrea Luithle (Heidelberg): 'The Pilgrimage to Shatrunjaya. Cosmology and Salvation in Practice'

Lynn Foulston (Newport): 'The Caves of Khandagiri and Udayagiri: Jainism in Orissa'

Frank van den Bossche (Gent): 'Jaina Atheism'

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SEMINAR ON JAIN ARCHEOLOGY OF TAMILNADU ORGANISED BY UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

For the first time in the country, the Archeology and Ancient History departments of Madras University and Teerth Sanrakshini Maha Sabha of Tamil Nadu jointly organised a one - day national seminar on Jain Archeology of Tamil Nadu. Dr. S. G. Tygarajan, Vice - Chancellor presided over the function and assured to offer full co-operation for research in this field. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Shri S. Sripal Jain, Ex-Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, who gave a detailed account about Jain religion during the last 2000 years. Eleven research papers of great interest, relating to subjects like Jaina caves, Jaina temples, Jaina Sculptural art, Jaina paintings, Jaina inscriptions, Jaina monasteries, Jaina manuscripts and Jaina monuments were presented by scholars.

CONFERENCE FOR UNITY OF RELIGIONS & ENLIGHTENED CITIZENSHIP HELD AT NEW DELHI



The newly constituted Foundation for Unity of Religions and Enlightened Citizenship organised its first national conference recently at Anuvrat Bhawan, New Delhi under the leadership of President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam to discuss its future course of action. Leaders of various religious institutions from different parts of the country attended the conference and deliberated on the main subject of removing social evils from the society and build a strong and unified nation. The leaders on the inspiration from the President accepted their responsibility to fight illiteracy, poverty and communalism. They agreed that social transformation could be brought about and social evils infecting the society could be effectively removed through the medium of religion. It was probably for the first time that such a conference of religious leaders was organised with the task of bringing social reforms through religion. President Kalam in his address appealed to the participants to take necessary steps to connect religious institutions with the task of social development and nation building. His objective was to convert this nation into a developed country by the year 2020 and he depended on the cooperation of religious leaders for this purpose. He further added that a crore of people visited different religious places every day and if these devotees after their worship could take up at least one task of social development, it would be a big step forward. The task could be, discouraging corrupt practices, helping five children in their studies, planting and nurturing five trees, building water tanks in villages, removing animosity among families and getting court cases withdrawn, treating daughters and sons alike, stopping gambling and use of intoxicants and so on.

JAINS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE FROM NOVEMBER 20TH AT BANGALORE

Spearheading a major educational network across the country, the Educational Institutions run by Jain community, will be investing between Rs 5000 to Rs 10,000 crore over the next two years to enhance the educational infrastructure, besides making changes to add value to students. Jain Group of Institutions Chairman Dr R Chenraj Jain, Vice President of the Federation of Jain Educational Institutes (FEJI), told UNI here that more than 1200 heads of Jain Institutions would be converging in the city for the two-day conference that aimed at enhancing the quality of education and in a collective effort draw up the vision for change, leveraging on the new trends and technologies in education.

Union Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh will inaugurate it on November 20. The second such conference will aim at drawing upon the inherent strengths, expertise and experience from within the network of Jain Educational Institutions and spread the benefits to others, he said, adding that success stories would be presented at the conference. There were, in all, 1444 educational institutions of various types run by the Jain community across the country catering to the needs of over four million students. Mr. Chenraj Jain said with hardly one per cent of the students from within the Jain community attached to these institutions, the benefits were enjoyed by various sections of the society, cutting across caste, creed and religion. He said efforts would also be made at the conference to enter into a tie-up with foreign universities and other educational institutions to bring in the best educational practices to the country.

BHATTARAKS CONFERENCE HELD AT AURANGABAD

On the occasion of 41st birth day of Acharya Shri Devanandi Ji Maharaj belonging to digambar sect, a grand conference of Bhattarakas was held on the 14th to 16th August, 2004 at Aurangabad. The Acharya on this occasion called upon the people to sink their differences and bring about unison in the entire Jain community. He emphasized that Jainism has sustained the

ritualistic fervour and stood firmly against onslaught of disharmony from time to time. About 20,000 devotees attended the celebrations.

BOOK REVIEW

PRIMER OF JAIN PRINCIPLES Written by: Dr. Kirit Gosalia, this book is an English version of World Famous publication: "Jain Sidhdhant Praveshika: by one of the most illustrious and celebrated personalities Pundit Gopaldasji Baraiya. Since many years this book available in Hindi, Gujarati and other languages has been acknowledged as reference book and guide for the study of Jain principles and is used in many Jain Pathshalas for self-study in India and elsewhere in the World. There was a popular demand since many years to have authentic English version of such incredible work for the benefit of English-knowing people who are always eager to know more and more about Jainism. Dr. Kirit Gosalia, MD, an eminent scholar and Cardiologist by profession (Phoenix, AZ) has fulfilled this dream. After couple of years' detailed work, he put all the knowledge into an easy to understand English format by keeping the original theme intact.

This hard cover, 256-page, nicely-printed book is divided into five chapters (1) The Substance, Modes and Attributes (2) The Karma (3) Soul's condition due to the association with the Karma (4) Spiritual development stages (5) How to know a substance. These are all covered through 668 questions and their detailed explicit Answers. Besides this, it contains comprehensive Index, Interesting Charts and Tables for easy access to the fundamentals. It can be of great benefit for the Jain Pathshalas, Study-Groups, and Self-Study persons as curriculum, guide, reference book and sort of Jain Encyclopedia. Available from: www.jainworld.com

Jainism-Religion of Compassion and Ecology (\$1.00) The Jainism booklet (Size 5.5"x8.5") consists of 40 pages and provides the basic information of Jainism. It summarizes the basic topics such as Jain philosophy, practice, ethical codes, concept of God, prayers, greetings, symbols, scriptures, and life of Lord Mahavir. This is an excellent book for Paryushan Prabhavanā and for Interfaith related activities. The revised edition of the book is printed in USA in July 2004 and in India November 2004.

Essence of World Religions (EWR) - Unity in Diversity (\$1.50), the booklet (Size 5.5"x8.5") consists of 80 pages and provides the basic information of twelve major faiths of the World. It summarizes the basic information such as Founder, Founded, Major Scriptures, Path of Attainment, Beliefs, Synopsis, Symbols, and Holidays of each religions. The religions which are included are Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity, Islam, and Bahāi. This is an excellent reference book for high school and college age students and for Interfaith activities. The revised edition of the book is printed in June 2004. Courtesy: Pravin K. Shah (Raleigh NC), Jaina Education Committee; 919-859-4994.

JAINA DHARMA (Hindi), By Pt. Kailashchandra Siddhantashastri, Preface by Dr. Sampurnananda.

First published in 1947 at Varanasi, Prachya Sramana Bharati Series, Distributed by Hindi Granth Karyalay, Mumbai; 10th edition, 2003 216 x 140 mm 304 pp, Hardcover: Rs. 80. Pt. Kailashchandra Siddhantashastri, one of the glittering jewels in the tradition of Digambara North Indian lay scholarship, wrote, edited and translated many important Jaina works in his lifetime. He has edited the Digambara Agamas, the 'Mahadhavala' and the 'Kasayapahuda' Siddhanta Granthas. His editing of Somadeva's 'Upasakadhyayana', his 'Jaina Nyaya' and 'Jaina Sahitya ka Itihasa' are all great works. But of all the feathers in his cap, his 'Jaina Dharma' is the one that shall ensure his place in posterity. It is an original work, deeply researched and lucidly written. The book is a concise Bible of Jainism.

MAHAVIRA'S WORDS (English), By Walther Schubring, Eng. tr. of the original German work 'Worte Mahaviras. Kritische, Übersetzungen', with much added material by W. Bollée & J. Soni, 2004 270 x 270 mm 310 pp, 81 85857 21 0 Hardcover: Rs. 600, strived to be completely faithful to the original text. The English translation of the original work in German, along with much added material by Prof. W. Bollée and Dr. J. Soni exemplifies perfect translation. This is a superlative scholarly work in the field of Jaina studies. (Schubring's German translation).

COLETTE CAILLAT'S BOOK ON JAINISM RE-PUBLISHED FROM PARIS

Mr. Ravi Kumar who hails from Digambar Jain royal family of Ujjain and presently living in Paris has re-published a book on Jain cosmology, first published by a French scholar, Colette Caillat 40 years back. Colette Caillat, one of France's well known scholar on ancient India and Jainism, first wrote the book almost 40 years back when she visited India to undertake research work at the universities of Delhi, Patna, Varanasi, Madras and Kolkata. Ms. Caillat is in India presently to promote

this book. Caillat, has also held chair in the University of Paris on Indian and South Asian civilisation, is considered the guiding spirit of the Centre for Buddhist and Jain Studies. The book contains several ancient sketches and paintings.

VEGETARIANISM

AMERICAN CEO NORM MASON PRACTICES WHAT HE BELIEVES

Hats off to Norm Mason, the telephone company CEO who is a vegan and a lifelong animal-lover. He allows and serves only Vegan Food in his company cafeteria of 200 employees (reported by The Associated Press - New York Times October 31, 2004). One can observe that the following CEOs are also Vegan who have made it easier for employees to eat meat-less and dairy-free food in their cafeteria.

- Steve Jobs of Apple Computers Inc.
- Michael Eisner from Walt Disney Co.
- John Mackey of Whole Foods Market Inc.
- Bill Ford of Ford Motor Co.,

Vegan Food consists of absolutely no animal products. All dairy products such as milk, yoghurt, butter, cheese, Ghee and ice cream are not included in vegan food. If one carefully looks into the current economic environment of production of milk, we would become aware of the cruelty involved in production of milk. For the milk production, cows are continuously kept pregnant and they undergo suffering for 5 years during their milk producing cycle and then killed before their natural death which has life expectancy of 15 years, while for the meat production they are killed immediately. In India most of the cows are killed illegally after 7 years of their age or transported illegally to the state of Kerala or Bengal for slaughtering. (India is the highest leather-exporting country).

As Jains we practice non-violence at a micro-level (not eating root vegetables) but we are not able to eliminate animal products (milk and ghee) from religious practices. There is a lot of resistance to serve vegan food during religious functions, yet the American CEO has set an example by practicing what he believes in the company. In North America, Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji and Pramodaben have made significant effort to educate Jain community towards the elimination of animal products such as milk, ghee, yogurt etc. from Jain rituals and Jain functions and many centers have eliminated these products from the rituals but Jain food is still served with dairy products (yoghurt, ghee, and butter milk etc.) in all Jain functions. Courtesy: Pravin K. Shah (Raleigh, NC), Jaina Education Committee Chairperson.

PROGRAM CONDUCTED TO HELP PEOPLE TRANSIT FROM MEAT-EATERS TO VEGETARIAN



San Francisco (Bay Area) vegetarians have introduced a new mentor program aimed at helping people transition from meat-eating to a plant-based diet. The program is tailored for those who would like to adopt a vegetarian or vegan life-style but don't know exactly how to go about doing so. BAV connects these individuals with a network of other aspiring vegetarians/vegans for support, as well as a core group of experienced vegans who act as mentors, offering advice and encouragement. The mentors chosen for the program draw on their own experience to recognize that most

people make the change to a plant-based diet gradually, and empower program enrollees to determine their own pace as they travel along the path toward veganism. Anyone who wishes to become vegetarian or vegan can sign up for the program for free at www.bayareaveg.org/mentor.htm.

A database for listing of vegetarian foods and services in San Fransico is also prepared. Folks who are new to the San Francisco Bay Area or just visiting for a few days will want to check out "The Ultimate Guide to Vegetarian Living in the San Francisco Bay Area". This database provides the most comprehensive listing of vegetarian foods and services in the SF Bay Area.

FIRST VEGETARIAN CONGRESS IN SPAIN AND ARGENTINA



The first Spanish Vegetarian Congress organised by the Spanish Vegetarian Union (UVE) [IVU Member Society] during a long weekend (9-12th October 2004) in Calpe, Alicante, attracted over one hundred participants and set a timely encouraging precedent for future vegetarian gatherings. Report available at www.ivu.org/congress/national/1st-spanish.html Similarly, the Argentina Vegetarian Union (UVA) [IVU

Member Society] also organized their First National Vegetarian Congress, successfully on October 2nd, 2004, in Buenos Aires.

AWARDS & HONOR

PRESIDENT'S BRAVERY AWARD FOR TUSHAR KANT VIDYARTHI (JAIN) OF M. P.



Thirty four years old, Tushar Kant Vidyarthi, belonging to Chhatarpur, M. P., working as Superintendent of Police in Madhya Pradesh Government has been awarded with "Rashrapati Shaurya Padak" for his extraordinary bravery and dutifulness. He is one of the youngest Police officers in Madhya Pradesh and has been honoured with this award for the second time. He is the son of freedom fighter, ex-member of legislative assembly and Jain scholar, Sri Narendra Vidyarthi.

SUALAL BAFNA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SWETAMBAR SHANAKWASI JAIN CONFERENCE



Sri Sualal Bafna a prominent social worker from Dhulia (M.P.) was elected unanimously as President of All India Swetambar Shanakwasi Jain conference on the 31st October, 2004. He had been a devotee of Acharya Anand Rishi Ji and Devendra Muni Ji and Chairman of "Jeevan Prakash Yojna". He has been associated with N.G.O.'s, public societies, religious and social institutions, such as Indian Red Cross Society, Dhule Education Society, Lion's club, Chamber of Commerce, Mahavir Samiti, High-Powered committee of Tourism, Telecom Advisory Committee etc. and has established charitable trust for managing schools. It is hoped that with his having been elected as President of the conference, the currently prevailing tendency of dissidence and factionalism will end and the organisation will regain its strength and unity. Ahimsa Foundation offers him hearty congratulations and good wishes.

MS. NEELAM JAIN HONOURED WITH PHD. BY LUCKNOW UNIVERSITY

Ms. Neelam Jain has been honoured with Ph.D. degree. Her topic was "Vedvyas & Acharya Jinsen" and she was guided by Prof. Krishna Kumar Mishra of Sanskrit & Prakrit Department of Lucknow University. Ms. Jain belongs to respectable "Kagji Jain" family of Lucknow.

VICKY JAIN FROM DIMAPUR, NAGALAND EARNS NAME & FAME AS SINGER

Through his brilliant performance as singer for Door Darshan and other T.V. channels, Vicky Jain an young boy of 25 years age has earned his name as well as fame in a short period of time. He was born at Dimapur, Nagaland and after taking B.Com. degree, he moved to Mumbai, where he has occupied respectable place in the film and T.V. world. He is the son of Sri. Kamal Kumar Jain, President of 'Chandra Prabha Digambar Jain Mandir committee' at Surat. He is presently attached to "Feel Good Music" an institution for encouraging young talent in music.

MISCELLANEOUS

U. P. JAIN MINORITY INSTITUTIONS OFFER PREFERENTIAL ADMISSIONS TO JAINS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN MANAGEMENT AND DENTAL COURSES

Tirthankar Mahavir Institute of Management and Technology and Tirthankar Mahavir Dental College and Research Centre, both located at Muradabad in Uttar Pradesh are the only minority institutions belonging to Jain community. These are approved by A.I.C.T.E., N.C.T.E. & U.G.C. Uttat Pradesh is one of the few states in the country where minority status has been given to Jains. These institutions accordingly are able to give preference to Jain students for admission. Thus, courses, offering degrees of M.B.A., B.Ed., B.B.A., B.C.A. and B.Sc. in the Management and Technology college and B.D.S. degree in Dental College are available to eligible students, possessing requisite qualifications. Both the institutions are possessing excellent facilities for studies, qualified faculty and modern hostels. The students belonging to Jain community can take advantage of these facilities. They may contact Mr. Suresh Jain, Phone: 09837040040.

DIPAK JAIN OF KELLOGG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT FEELS PROUD IN BEING AN INDIAN



October, Dipak C Jain, dean of the Kellogg School of Management, one of the the top business schools in the US, feels proud in being an Indian. Speaking at the annual banquet of the Indo-American Centre a community service centre for South Asian immigrants here, Jain drew upon his personal experience to offer homespun advice to the packed audience. Touching upon the theme of Indianness and "sanskar" or tradition, Jain said: "We Indians have a culture of caring and respect for elders. I have learnt to never be apologetic for being an Indian. "I do not have an MBA and I had never been to a business school in my life,"

Jain added with disarming frankness. The legendary Don Jacobs, who was then dean of the Kellogg School, made Jain his deputy in 1996. "There was not a single year in which I was not nominated for the award of best teacher at Kelloggs," he recalled.

The four lessons, which he had distilled from his 18-year-stint at Kellogg, Jain said, were: "Life is about learning, convert opportunities into real action, believe in your values, and make sure that you are always ethical." E-Mail : d-jain@kellogg.northwestern.edu

PLANS AFOOT TO PROMOTE JAIN TOURISM IN KARNATAKA STATE

State Government of Karnataka is attempting to tread new grounds with an elaborate plan on Jain tourism in the run-up to the Mahamastakabhisheka of Gomateshwara in Shravanabelagola in February 2006. As a distinctive segment, religious tourism has been gaining a lot of ground, so much so that Karnataka tourism has focused some attention in promoting religious or pilgrimage circuits. It is now using the Mahamastakabhisheka to spruce up the Jain circuit. The Mahamastakabhisheka is performed once in 12 years, where the 57-foot idol is anointed with milk, curd, honey, coconut water, vermilion, turmeric paste, sandalwood paste, gold coins and even Jewellery.

The Government has prepared a master plan to improve facilities in many other Jain temples. Shravanabelagola itself is quite a popular spot throughout the year with non-Jain tourists climbing the hill to gaze on the monolithic statues. And so the place has comparatively good facilities. However, the department plans to establish facilities in certain other places, considered equally important by Jains. While Shravanabelagola, Dharmasthala and Karkala are among the noted ones, many small towns in north Karnataka have little known Jain 'basadis' and other destinations which are popular with Jains, including the troika of Badami-Aihole-Pattadakal.

The state tourism department is also developing specific circuits for Jains. The last time the Mahamastakabhisheka was held, an estimated five lakh Jain pilgrims participated in the religious event. This time around, it is expected that over seven lakhs visitors will come. News courtesy Mr. Prakash Mody, E-Mail : mody@sympatico.ca

3RD INTERNATIONAL PREKSHA MEDITATION CAMP TO BE HELD FROM 15TH TO 22ND JAN. 2005

This 8-day residential camp is being organized in the land of peace, penance & peacock at Jain Vishva Bharti, Ladnun, India. Sages & seers have done meditation over the centuries at the campus of Jain Vishva Bharti. This is the very place where Acharya Mahapragya meditated for many years to rediscover Preksha Meditation.

Preksha Meditation is the combination of knowledge from our ancient religious books, modern Science and our experience. Preksha Meditation is the practice of purifying our emotions and our Conscious (Chitta) and realizing our own self. Preksha Meditation is a technique of mediation for attitudinal change, behavioral modification and integrated development of personality. See articles on Preksha Dhyana in portal www.jainsamaj.org. For details of the camp, contact: E-Mail: prekshacamp@yahoo.com

PRIVATE AIRCRAFT CRASHES WHILE SHOWERING PETALS ON JAIN PROCESSION NEAR KOTA

A private aircraft showering petals on a Jain procession today crashed after hitting an electric pole near Kota injuring seven persons, including the pilot. The single engine six-seater aircraft turned turtle after hitting a pole and crashed on Rawatbhatta Road, six kms from Kota. The pilot suffered multiple fractures, and a technical assistant, two men, two women and a girl on board the aircraft were also injured in the crash. The aircraft broke into pieces as it crashed on the grounds of the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary. The 'Cesha' model aircraft had been hired by the Jain community from the Rajputana Aviation Academy for the 'pushpavarsha' (showering of flowers) during the week-long 'Sammosharan' in the city.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET TEAM VISITS BHAGWAN MAHAVEER CANCER HOSPITAL AT JAIPUR

The visiting South African cricket team have a benevolent heart and they proved this when the entire team along with their manager, Gulam spent an evening with cancer patients at the Bhagwan Mahaveer Cancer Hospital and Research Centre. The team members distributed fruits, chatted with the patients and boosted their morale by holding their hands during the visit after the end of the day's play. A visibly moved Gulam later disclosed that some years ago his brother had died of throat cancer. Medium pacer Shaun Pollock said the team had been involved in such activities earlier too.

ALL U.S. JAIN CENTERS GIFTED TEERTHDARSHAN ENCYCLOPEDIAS BY CHENNAI TRUST

Shree Jain Prathna Mandir Trust of Chennai India has decided to present each of the 67 Jain Centers in USA and Canada a

three volume 700+ pages encyclopedia of Theerthdhams of India. This colorful work scholarly work has more than 400 photographs.

MNIT, JAIPUR STAFF DEMANDS REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR A. K. JAIN

The staff unions of Malviya National Institute of Technology, which has been temporarily closed following protests by staff members, today jointly demanded the removal of its director A. K. Jain, accusing him of rampant corruption. The prestigious institute has been ordered to be closed by the Central government in the wake of the discontent among staff members against director Jain, leaders of a joint coordination committee comprising representatives of teachers and non-teaching staff. As per reports, the director has been abetting students against teachers, functioning with malafied intentions and indulging in rampant corrupt practices. The teachers, employees and students all are extremely upset with the working of A. K. Jain, Director of the institute.

DEVLOK GAMAN

1. Muni Shri Milap Chand Ji Maharaj, belonging to Swetambar Jain, Sthanakwasi sect and disciple of Gyan Gacchadhipati Tapasviraj Sri Champalalji Maharaj, left for his heavenly abode after having taken the vow of "Santhara- Sanlekhna" at Jodhpur. He had been suffering from Cancer and had been recently initiated to sainthood. He was a scholar of Jain epics and other literature and was highly revered by Jain followers.



2. Muni Shri Vairagya Sagar Ji Maharaj, belonging to Digambar Jain sect, disciple of Acharya Sri Ajit Sagar ji Maharaj breathed his last at Kuchaman city (Rajasthan) at the age of 83 years. He had joined the sangh of

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Acharya Shri Bharat Sagar ji Maharaj quite recently. His body was taken in a Baikunthi (Palanquin) and more than 10,000 persons who had arrived from all over joined the funeral procession.