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"AHIMSA IS THE ATTRIBUTE OF THE SOUL, AND THEREFORE, TO BE PRACTICED BY EVERYBODY IN ALL AFFAIRS OF LIFE. IF IT CANNOT BE PRACTICED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, IT HAS NO PRACTICAL VALUE." MAHATMA GANDHI

SAINTS

TWO JAIN MONKS KILLED IN A ROAD ACCIDENT NEAR NAKODA TEERTH

In a tragic incident, two Jain monks - Shree Jambu Vijay Ji Maharaj Saben and Shri Namaskar Vijay Ji Maharaj Sabeb, walking towards Jaisalmer were mowed down by a speeding Toyota Qualis car on Nakoda-Jaisalmer road in Rajasthan. Police sources said monks had set out for Jaisalmer after halt in Nakoda teerth. A Toyota Quallis crushed them while they were walking on the roadside. According to sources Shri Dharmaghosh Vijay Ji Maharaj Saheb who was also in a group of monks was injured and hospitalized in critical condition. This is second such tragic incident in just three days. On 10th November four Jain Sadhvis were killed in a road accident on Mehsana-Unjha highway. Majority of Jain monks never use any type of vehicle in their life. They just walk barefoot. In last some years, accidents have killed and injured dozens of Jain monks on highwayside.

Eighty-seven year old Shree Jambu Vijay Ji Maharaj Saheb who died in this road accident was not only a Jain Monk but was Guru of numerous scholars from various universities across the world. Shri Jambu Vijay Ji dedicated his life for preservation of manuscripts, reproduction and protection of ancient treasure of knowledge. He could read 18 languages. Thanks to his efforts, Jain manuscripts in Patan (Gujarat) Gyan Bhandar are very well protected and scanned for further circulation. Whether a Japanese girl from Hiroshima University or an Italian lady from German University, or an author of a book on Jainism from U. S. they all had to come to Shri Jambu Vijay Ji Maharaj Saheb to get the authentic knowledge of Jainism and Buddhism. In 2007, Italian scholar Michel stayed 2 months in a small village near Rann of Kutch to get authentic guidance for her study on Jainism from Shri Jambu Vijay Ji Maharaj who was staying there for Chaturmas. Michel became permanently vegetarian and started chanting Jain Navkar Mantra every day during her stay. Today Michell is in Italy, but she continue her pledge of being vegetarian. Shri Jambu Vijay Ji had visited northern India's Badrinath teerth after 3,000 km walk. Shree Jambu Vijay Ji Maharaj, disciple of Shri Bhuvan Bhanu Ji Maharaj worked almost all their life in the compilation and publication of our ancient Jain Āgam literature. Many learned scholars worked under the leadership of Shri Jambu Vijay Ji Maharaj in the compilation and publication of Jainism's most authentic literary treasure. The partial list of such scholars are Muni Shri Dharmachandvijay, Late Pundit Shri Bechardas Doshi, Late Pundit Shri Amrutlal Bhojak, Late Pundit Shri Dalsukh Malvania, Dr. Sagarmal Jain, Dr. Nagin Shah, Late Dr. Harivallabh Bhayani, Pundit Rupendra Pagariya, Pundit Suresh Sisodiya, Dr. V M Kulkarni, and Dr. Vasudevsharan Agrawal. Scholars not only from Jain community but other communities as well are deeply shocked by sudden demise of such a towering personality.

Thousands of devotees from Gujarat, Rajasthan and other areas gathered at North Gujarat's Shankheshwar, where 87-year-old Jain muni Shri Jambuvijay Maharaj Saheb and his disciple Shri Namaskarvijay Maharaj were cremated. Jain muni Jambu Vijayji Maharaj and his disciple Jain Muni Shri Namaskar Vijayji Maharaj died in road accident on Thursday near Nakoda in Rajasthan while walking barefoot towards Jaisalmer. The Jain Muni's bodies were kept for darshan at Aagam Mandir in Shankheshwar. His cremation took place at 3.00 pm on Sami road, 2 miles from Shankheshwar. An anonymous donor offered Rs. 1.11 crore for construction of a Jain Mandir in the memory of the two monks. Raju Vrujlal Shah from Surat, who originally belongs to Adariyana village in Surendranagar district lit the funeral pyre of the monk after becoming the highest chadhawa taker (bidder) for Rs 87,87,787 during the last darshan ritual. Meanwhile a group of Jain monks blamed Rajasthan based Anup Mandal for series of incidents in which Jain monks were hit by heavy vehicles on road. In last one week, six Jain monks were killed in road accidents in two different incidents. Jain Community in Mulund as well in other parts of Mumbai staged a Rasta Roko in protest against the sad accident.

Expressing deep shock Mr. Pratap Bhogilal, Founder Patron, BLII said, "The news of Swargarohan of Pujya Munishri Jambuvijayji and Pujya Munishri Namaskarvijayji has shocked all of us. Shrutsthavir and Darshan Prabhavak Munishri Jambuvijayji was the brightest jewel of the entire Jain Sadhu Samaj because apart from being a masterly scholar, he was most humble, caring of all life and above all a sparkling and scintillating personality."

BECON LIGHT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS MUNIRAJ SHRI JAMBUVIJAYJI MAHARAJ



In the untimely death of Muniraj Shri Jambuvijayji Maharaj, the nation has lost a polyglot, who was well-versed in Sanskrit, Prakrit, French, German, Japanese, Sinhalese and Tibeti, a researcher par excellence and one who was committed to restoration and preservation of priceless manuscripts of ancient scriptures. The world of Indian literature and culture is poorer today and the loss is almost irreparable. A staunch votary of Indian culture and values, his was a sensitive heart that bled for the poor. At the ripe age of 87, his zeal for research was phenomenal. He delved deep into the ancient scriptures, pored over them with a view to unravelling the treasures buried in them. His father Shravak Shri Bhogilalbai became Muni Bhuvanvijayji and mother became Sadhvi Shri Manoharshriji. Muniraj Shri Jambuvijayji was eternally grateful to his parents and the Supreme Being who had blessed him to no end.

Well-known philosopher Shri Siddhasen Divakarsuri had authored a volume 'Sanmatiprakaran' and Pandit Bechardas Doshi and Pandit Sukhlalji edited it with exhaustive commentary - a labour of love of seven years. When young sadhu Jambuvijayji drew their attention to some of the inaccuracies in the volume, both the scholars were taken aback. Later Pandit Sukhlalji entrusted the task of editing 'Dwadshar Nayachakra' to Muniraj Jambuvijayji.

Jainacharya Mallavadi Kshamashraman, born in the fourth century, had endeavoured to pinpoint the salient features and inherent weaknesses of twelve types of philosophical postulates, and at the end of it he had discussed the philosophy of anekant, which encompasses all the diverse and disparate points of views. The original manuscript of the volume was not available but based on the various commentaries extant, Muniraj Jambuvijayji produced a rare and priceless volume which proved to be a goldmine for the scholars of religion and philosophy. He singlehandedly laboured for twenty years with infinite patience and for the purpose of his research he studied ancient Tibetan language 'Bhoti' and its script. He would study a language required for his research and in the process he learnt French, English, German, Japanese, Sinhalee, Pali and Tibeti. He was constantly in pursuit of knowledge and therefore he preferred to spend his 'chaturmas' (four month of rainy season staying at one place) in a small village so that he could carry on his work undisturbed and live a life of a true recluse. He was always surrounded by old manuscripts and would talk about 'Shrutgyan' with devotees who thronged him wherever he went. He was not an 'ivory-tower' sadhu and the common weal was always at his heart. Compassion for all was at the core of his teaching.

Scholars and researchers from Japan, England and Germany visited him very often and learnt a great deal about Indian scriptures from his illuminating discussions and discourses. His piety and profound scholarship touched them all. For any one who wanted to study or do research in Jain or Buddha religion or know more about Sanskrit or Pali language, Muniraj Jambuvijayji was the proper guide.

Mitchell from Italy studied in a German University and two years ago she met Jambuvijayji in a small village in Kutch and took lesson from him. Everyday she recited Navkar Mantra and gave up meat-eating. Similarly, Hiroko from Japan's Hiroshima University studied Jain and Buddha religions and Sanskrit from the Muni. She also undertook a pilgrimage to Shetrunjay alongwith her parents from Japan. For scholars from Australia, America, Italy, Japan and South Africa, Muniraj Shri Jambuvijayji was an ever willing guide and a beacon light.

Preservation of Jain store-houses of knowledge was his prime consideration, following the traditions established by Munishri Kantivijayji, Muni Shri Chatur Vijayji and Muni Shri Punyavijayji Maharaj. Shri Punyavijayji had gifted valuable volumes of agam (canonical literature) through intensive research and the same tradition was carried forward to its pinnacle by Muniraj Shri Jambuvijayji. 'Anuyogdwar' a volume which was a key to the understanding of agam (canonical literature), was his monumental work and later he also edited Haribhadrasuri's work Dharmabindu.

He presented modern versions of Kanad's vaisheshik sutras against the ancient versions. He had an uncanny insight to capture the essence of the original volumes, besides the researcher's unflinching zeal and patience. The famed disciples of Hemchandracharya were Pujya Ramchandrasuriji and Pujya Gunchandrasuriji who had made significant contribution in the fields of dramatics and philosophy. It was Jambuvijayji who offered commentary by way of producing Dravyalankar. Similarly, he edited Yogshastra which was the last work of Kalikalsarvagna Hemchandracharya's life. All his works were

published by Shri Manavir Jain Vidhyalay of Mumbai and Shri Bhogilal Laherchand Institute of Delhi. His edited works of ancient volumes comprise staggering 25000 pages.

Munishri was an indefatigable researcher who spared no pains for the preservation of the treasure trove of Jainology. The treasure of knowledge of Jaisalmer needed to be restored properly and Munishri spent days in scorching heat on the burning sands of Rajasthan. Similarly, he endeavoured to preserve the manuscripts in Limbadi, Cambay, Patan and Pune with the help of micro-filming and xeroxing.

When the Institute of Jainology catalogued the 1500 valuable manuscripts lying in British Library, the leaders of all sects of Jain religion in one voice opined that the foreward be written by Muniraj Shri Jambuvijayji. He, unhesitatingly, did the job. Status and fame were alien to his nature and would sign simply as Jain Muni Jambuvijayji and steadfastly refused the title of Upadhyay or Acharya. He has been a source of inspiration to one and all and his works are the priceless legacy left behind by him. Nine times he undertook pilgrimage to Sametshikar on foot, covering a distance of two thousand kms. His Jinabhakti was an object lesson for his devotees when he got completely immersed in the bhakti rasa. Such a soul, not born very often, will continue to inspire and hold a beacon light to future generations - From: Dr. Kumarpal Desai ,Institute of Jainology, B/101 Samay Apartments,Near Azad Society, Ambawadi,Ahmedabad-380015,Ph: 091-79-26762082,Fax: 091-79-26761091, E-Mail: kumarpalad1@gmail.com Ahmedabad. Courtesy:Dr. Balaji Ganorkar, Director, B. L. Institute of Indology, E-Mail: director@blinstitute.org

DEMAND FOR PROBE INTO DEATH OF JAIN MONKS

Jain religious leaders have given the state government an ultimatum of 48 hours, demanding that the crime branch probe into the recent death of Jain monks in road mishaps yield concrete results. A Jain seer went so far as to say that Jain monks may have to carry scriptures in one hand, and arms in the other to defend themselves. The religious leaders gave the ultimatum at Palitana where they had gathered for the 'gunanuvad sabha' (condolence meeting) for the monks who recently died in mysterious road mishaps. The Jain community blames the organisation, Anoop Mandal, for their deaths, alleging that the Mandal was committed to spreading hatred against the Jain community. Around 25 Acharyas of various Jain sects, more than 800 Jain monks and thousands of lay Jains attended the condolence meeting at Palitana. Acharya Abhaydevesurisarwarji Maharaj Saheb, who recently received an anonymous letter threatening him with death, said he was deeply worried about the security of Jain monks. "If necessary, Jainacharyas will have to carry shastra (religious scripture) in one hand and shastra (weapon) in the other," he said. "Several Jain monks have died in road accidents in recent years. There seems to be some kind of conspiracy against Jain monks." All Acharyas present at Palitana agreed to Abhaydevesurisarwarji Maharaj Saheb's suggestion that an ultimatum of 48 hours be served on the government, asking it to act fast in the accident cases. In Surat, too, Jains held a meeting to express concern over the threat to Jain sadhus. A short summary of Muni Shri Jambuvijayji's Scholarly Work Muni Shri Jambuvijayaji continued the pioneering research work that was started by late Muni Shri Punyavijayji Both Muni Shri Punyavijayji and Shri Jambuvijayji have worked all their life in the compilation and publication of our ancient Jain Āgam literature and cataloging ancient Jain Jnān Bhandārs Many learned scholars worked under the leadership of these two Munis in compilation and publication of our most authentic literary treasurer. The partial list of such scholars are; Muni Shri Dharmachandvijay, Late Pundit Shri Bechardas Doshi, Late Pundit Shri Amrutlal Bhojak, Late Pundit Shri Dalsukh Malvania, Dr. Sagarmal Jain, Dr. Nagin Shah, Late Dr. Harivallabh Bhayani, Pundit Rupendra Pagariya, Pundit Suresh Sisodiya, Dr. V. M. Kulkarni, and Dr. Vasudevsharan Agrawal. The most of their Scholarly Work (listed below) of these two Munis were published under Jain Āgam Granth Mālā Series by Shri Mahāvīr Jain Vidyālaya - Mumbai, Shri Bhogilal Laherchand Institute-Delhi and other institutes. The Education Committee of Jaina has made all their literature available on Jain library website www.jaineLibrary.org in the form of E-Books. Their literary work consist more than 25,000 pages.

Amedabad: The death of a number of Jain monks and sadhvis in mysterious road mishaps in the state recently continues to cause concern among Jains. Ashok Jain, a Supreme Court lawyer, suggested during a meeting of the Ahmedabad-based Bharat Jain Mahamandal that the police of the three states - Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra- should work together to nab the culprits. The SC lawyer stated that suspects caught in any of the three states should be put to narco-analysis and a lie detection test. He said Indian law prescribes severe punishment for anyone found fanning religious hatred by any means, including websites. Prayer sessions were held at different places in the state for the peace of the soul of the Jain monks and sadhvis who were recently killed in road mishaps. In Ahmedabad, more than 30 Jain organisations held prayer sessions for the deceased.

CID CRIME BRANCH TO INVESTIGATE JAIN MONKS DEATHS IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

A delegation of prominent Jain community members met the minister of state of Home Amit Shah with demand to ban anti-Bania organization Anoop Mandal and investigate the accidents in which Jain monks died during last several years. The

minister ordered a CID Crime investigation of all cases of accidents in which the Jain monks were hit and killed during last two years. The minister said that whether to ban Anoop Mandal or not would be decided only after completion of investigation by the state police. Three-member CID Crime team will be headed by Additional DGP Shri V.V. Rabari. It should be mentioned here that about 40 Jain Monks/Sadhvis were killed in road accidents in year 2008. The figure is 37 this year so far. Meanwhile, Gunanuvad Sabha of late Jambu Vijayji Maharaj and Namaskar Vijayji Maharaj will be held at Palitana . Minister of state for Home is expected to remain present during this sabha to ensure Jain Munis that proper actions would be taken by the state government in Jain monks accidental death cases.

JAINS DEMAND SAFE PASSAGE FOR MONKS DURING THEIR VIHAR

The Jain community in India has embarked on an aggressive campaign following the death of a Sadhu Maharaj and four Sadhvis in road accidents this month. The community wants mud footpaths along highways and expressways for the Jain monks and devotees to walk in safety. It also wants the Central Bureau of Investigation to probe the mishaps as the Jains believe that an organisation called Anoop Mandal had staged these accidents to kill Jain monks.

ANOOP MANDAL : WE ARE NOT AGAINST JAINS BUT THEIR DOINGS

Ahmedabad: Members of the Jain community suspect 'Anoop Mandal', an organisation accused of anti-Jain activity, of plotting the 'murder' of the Jain monks apparently killed in a series of road accidents in the last two days. While the national leader of Anoop Mandal have denied that the organisation had any role in the death of the Jain monks.

JAIN ACHARYA GETS THREAT MAIL IN PALITANA; COMMUNITY TAKES OUT RALLY IN SURAT - Even as the CID (Crime) is investigating the incidents of road accident deaths of Jain monks and sadhvis, the main Acharya at Palitana in Bhavnagar district and his disciple have received a threat mail, the second in a week's time. The first one, also addressed to acharya Abhaysurishvar ji, was received last week, after the Jains demanded a probe into the deaths of saints killed in road accidents in the state. The Palitana police began investigations on after a letter arrived through post, even as heavy police security cover has been set for the pilgrimage town. The letter is written in Hindi addressing acharya Abhaysurishveraji and his disciple Mokshratna Vijay, the head saint at Vaav Dharmshala. The sender has asked Jains to stop their legal and media campaign against the Mandal or they will be killed. The fresh complaint has been registered by Mokshratna Vijay.

The letter states that Jain saints and the community are responsible for the deterioration of the world. "No matter where you go, be it Rajasthan, Maharashtra or Gujarat, you will not be safe. We will dig up your graves," the threat mail signed in the name of one Kashan Prajapati said. The letter further said that no inquiry by the Gujarat government can harm them. In view of the threat mail, the police have deployed additional security around Vaav Dharmshala in Palitana - considered among the most important pilgrimage place for Jains. Following the outrage by the Jains, state Home Minister Amit Shah has ordered a CID probe into these incidents. Elsewhere in Surat, members of the Jain community took out a silent rally from Katargam Darwaja to Bahumali building outside the collector's office at Nanpura today to protest against the accidental death of four Jain sadhvis and two Jain monks in North Gujarat. Later they handed over a memorandum to the district collector demanding free and fair investigations and strict punishment to the accused. People from 25 different Jain organisations in Surat took part in the rally carrying banners stating the deaths were not accidental, but were killings done intentionally.

TEMPLES

THOUSANDS PARTICIPATE IN PALITANA KARTIK POORNIMA YATRA

BHAVNAGAR: Thousands of Jain pilgrims flocked to the foothills of Shatrunjay hills of Palitana taluka, the day of Kartik Poornima (full moon of the Kartik month of Hindu calendar) to undertake the auspicious yatra. Known as the Shri Shantrunjay Teerth Yatra, this walk is an important religious event in the life of a Jain devotee, who cover rough mountainous terrain by foot to worship the Lord Adinath temple atop the hill. Considered as a very auspicious day for Jains, the day also assumes significance for the walk as the hills, which are closed for public during the four months of monsoon, are thrown open for the devotees on Kartik Poornima. This age-old tradition has been followed down the years. Although similar to the three-day Girnar Parikrama, which ends on this very day in neighbouring Junagadh, the Palitana yatra can be done all around the year except for monsoon months, a district official explained. However, as the day of Kartik Poornima holds significance in Jain religion and devotees are kept away from worshipping their lord for four months of monsoon, the first day attracts the maximum number of devotees. Shatrunjay hills are, next to Sammet Shikhar in Bihar, the most sacred mountain for Jains. Mythology has it that it was Lord Adinath, the first tirthankara, who sanctified the hills by visiting it to deliver his first sermon. Down the years, crores of sadhus and sadhvis have attained salvation on these hills. "It's believed that if we undertake the yatra of the pious hills on this particular day, the three-and-a-half crore sadhus who have already attained salvation over the years also walk with us. This day is also the birth anniversary of our great religious leader Shri Hemchandrachayaji. Considering the rush of pilgrims, the civic administration had set up all facilities to facilitate the yatra.

QUARRYING HAS DAMAGED STATUE OF GOMMATGIRI

Quarrying has damaged the left foot and ankle of the statue at Gommatagiri. It is not as celebrated as its illustrious counterpart at Shravanabelagola, the 58-ft statue of Gomateshwara atop the Vindiyagiri hills. But the 13th century statue of Gomateshwara at Gommatagiri, which measures about 16 feet, is no less impressive. Located off Yelwal on Mysore-Hunsur Road about 24 km from Mysore, this is the only statue of Gomateshwara in the country where the anointment ceremony or mastakabhisheka is held every year. Sadly, it has received scant attention from the Government which is lobbying to secure UNESCO's World Heritage Site status for the statue at Shravanabelagola but has not ensured even minimum conservation for the statue at Gommatagiri. Illegal granite quarrying surrounding the hillock has damaged the left foot and ankle of the statue which could crumble if steps are not in place to protect it. While nearly Rs.150 crore was spent for the Mahamastakabhisheka at Shravanabelagola, nothing has been spent for the upkeep of this statue on the 50-metre high hillock at Gommatagiri. An expert committee comprising officials of the Department of Mines and Geology surveyed the area two years ago and cautioned that the statue would collapse if the hillock was not strengthened. Their report suggested that the hillock needs to be strengthened at the base by providing some sort of "abatement". But no measure is in place so far, according to Suresh Kumar Jain, an industrialist who is involved in the mastakabhisheka celebrations. Though the district administration issued a notification banning quarrying activity in the area, blasting continues to be reported from its vicinity and the statue of Gomateshwara or Bahubali remains exposed to its effects. Despite its isolation and relatively small size, local Jain people believe that the statue was created by the same sculptors responsible for the Gomateshwara statue at Shravanabelagola as both have a striking resemblance. However, art historians say the statue is an early Vijayanagar creation and is reckoned to belong to the 12th or the 13th centuries. R. Krishna Kumar, Mysore.

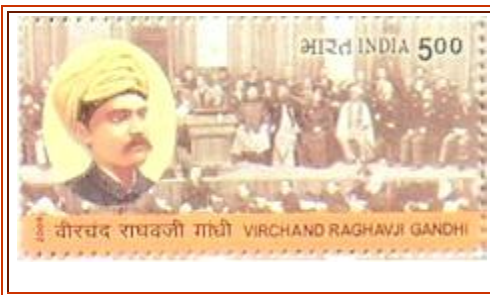
JAIN TEMPLE IN KUMBHALGARH LOOTED

JAIPUR: Silver ornaments and other valuable items were stolen from Jain temple in Kumbhalgarh under Kelwara police station of Rajsamand. Police have registered a case against unidentified miscreants and are investigating the incident. It was second such incident within a month. In October two idols of Mahaveer Swami along with three silver umbrellas, symbolic throne and donation box were stolen from a Jain temple in Jaipur.

According to a report, the caretaker of the temple, Ramesh Chandra closed the temple premises after performing the prayers and went back to his house. When, next morning, Chandra came to the temple, he found the locks broken and three silver umbrellas and the donation made by devotees missing. Shocked with the incident, he informed the local people about the theft and also reported the matter to police. This irked the local residents who demonstrated against the police demanding immediate arrest of the miscreants. Kelwara police said that a case has been registered on the complaints of caretaker, who informed that the locks of entrance were broken and two kg of silver ornaments and other valuables were missing from the temple. Police suspected hand of some locals behind the incident. Efforts are on to arrest the persons on the basis of clues gathered from the spot. Recently, Bagru police had arrested five persons and recovered three ashtadhatu' idols from their possession. The arrested persons have confessed that they had stolen the idols from an ancient Jain temple in Bagru and were trying to sell them off to a Gujarat-based person.

HONOUR / AWARDS

POSTAL STAMP ISSUED ON VIRCHAND RAGHAVJI GANDHI



Indian Postal Department has issued a multicolored stamp, first day cover and a brochure on famous Jain orator, writer and patriot Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi on 8th Nov. 2009. This 5/- stamp depicts his portrait and photo of first World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893. Brochure of this stamp also bears Namokar Mantra. Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi was born on 25 August 1864 at Mahua in Gujarat and died at the young age of 37 on 7 August 1901. His short life was dedicated to the cause of Jainism and service to mankind. Besides mastering as many as fourteen languages, his religious knowledge was not restricted to Jainism alone. He was a student also of Buddhism, Vedanta Philosophy,

Christianity and Western Philosophy. He was appointed the honorary Secretary of the Jain Association of India at the very young age of 21. He was instrumental in getting the slaughter house at the sacred Hills of Sammetshikarji closed down and in getting the poll tax that was levied on Jain pilgrims at Shatrunjaya Tirth by the Thakore Saheb of Palitana abolished.

He was a true patriot. When India was facing a devastating famine in 1897 he was responsible for sending Rs. 40,000/- towards famine relief and a shipload of grains to India from U.S.A. for famine relief. He represented the Jain religion in the

first ever held parliament of World Religions at Chicago in 1893. He spoke on various Indian Philosophical systems. He defended Indian culture setting right several areas of misinformation. He delivered about 535 speeches on Jainism, other religions and cultural and social life in India. He founded several institutions and societies in the west. He wrote books on Jain philosophy, yoga philosophy, the concept of Karma and the six systems of Indian philosophy. He also translated a French book "An Unknown Life of Jesus Christ". Courtesy:- Sudhir Jain, Universal Cables Ltd., Satna (M.P.) E-Mail : mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com

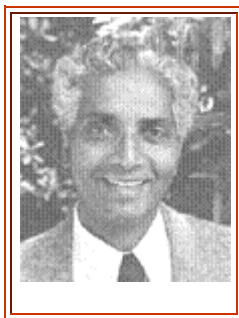
ENVIRONMENTALIST AJAY JAIN AWARDED "WORLD ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE 2009"



Environmentalist Ajay Jain, of "Hoswin Incinerator Pvt. Ltd." Indore has been awarded "World Economic Development Award for Business Excellence 2009". This award was presented to him for his excellent work done in field of environment and Pollution control. Ajay Jain has been working with a vision of Clean, Green and Healthy Environment. His company Eco-Pro Environmental Services , Indore has been providing consultancy to many National, International organizations and various Urban Local Bodies in field of environment and waste management. He has excelled in the field of Biomedical waste management and is active director of Hoswin Incinerator Pvt. Ltd. which is leading company in biomedical waste management in India. Biomedical waste is very infectious and is a cause for spread many life threatening diseases like HIV, Hepatitis Tetanus etc. Mr. Jain has been working actively to destruct the Biomedical waste so as to ensure that such waste is handled without any adverse effect to human health and environment

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PROFESSOR PADMANABH JAINI RECEIVES AHIMSA AWARD 2009 FROM INSTITUTE OF JAINOLOGY, LONDON



Professor Jaini has made an outstanding contribution to the world of academia through his publications on the philosophy and practice of Jainism and its concepts including Ahimsa. He has brought to the attention of the wider academic and theological community the richness and depth of Jainism through his rigorous study, research and publication of Jain philosophy. Padmanabh Jaini is currently Professor emeritus of Buddhist Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. In his schooling days, he had received firm grounding in Digambar traditions. He also had the opportunity to meet many of the great Digambar scholars. Whilst studying for his first degree, he had the opportunity to visit several Svetambar institutions and for the first time he became aware of the diversity that existed within Jainism and, that there were other Jain sectarian groups. His familiarity with Svetambar Jainism gave him the opportunity to study under the great Jain scholar, Pundit Sukhlalji Sanghvi. Pundit Sukhlalji encouraged him to study the Pali Cannon to improve his understanding of Jain scriptures. He did research in Sri Lanka and at Banaras Hindu University in Buddhism.

In 1956 Professor Jaini was invited to join the School of Oriental & African Studies, London as a lecturer where he later gained his doctorate. In 1967, he moved to the University of Michigan as Professor of Indic Studies. And finally in 1972, he came to Berkeley, California where he served until his retirement in 1994 as Professor of Buddhist Studies. In the field of Jain Studies, his best known publications are Jain Path of Purification, Gender & Salvation and Jain Sectarian Debates. Some of his major articles have been published under titles: Collected Papers on Jain Studies (2000) Prof. Jaini was honoured in 2003 by a Festschrift for his contributions to Jainism and early Buddhism. He is one of the rare Jain scholars with a firm grounding in both the Digambar and Svetambar traditions and is a towering figure within Jain academia. Through his publications, Professor Jaini has indeed given Jainism and its concepts of Ahimsa and Compassion, a high international profile in the study of world religions. Courtesy : Dr. Harshad N. Sanghrajka, Secretary & Director Institute of Jainology, www.jainology.org

DR. RAJ JAIN TO RECEIVE 2009 CDAC-ACCS FOUNDATION AWARD



SAINT LOUIS, Dr. Raj Jain, a professor at Washington University in Saint Louis, is the co-winner of the prestigious CDAC-ACCS (Advanced Computing and Communications Society) Foundation Award for 2009. The award, which he shares with Dr. Anurag Kumar of Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore recognizes their outstanding dedication and support to the body of science in Networking and Communications. Dr. Jain, a member of Spell.Com's technical advisory board, is well known for his research contributions in the field of traffic management, which have influenced the design of congestion avoidance schemes used on the Internet, as well as for being the author of the award-winning book, "The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis." Dr. Raj Jain will formally accept the award at the plenary session of the annual Advanced Computing and Communications Conference (ADCOM) on December 14, 2009 at the J. N. Tata Auditorium of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Dr. Raj Jain has had a leadership role in influencing the growth and impact of Networking Technology. Dr. Saragur Srinidhi, Secretary of ACCS, explains: "A distinguishing factor of Dr. Jain's research is its relevance to the Industry. As a faculty member, Dr. Jain actively participates in industry forums like WiMAX Forum, IEEE Standards group, ATM Forum and Internet Engineering Task Force and has made over 100 contributions that ensured that his research was implemented and not just published as papers." The CDAC-ACCS Foundation Award is given to those with the outstanding contributions and accomplishments that have had a significant and demonstrable effect on the practice of computing and communications.

About Dr. Raj Jain: Raj Jain is a Fellow of IEEE, a Fellow of ACM, a winner of ACM SIGCOMM Test of Time award, and ranks among the top 50 in Citeseer's list of Most Cited Authors in Computer Science. Dr. Jain is currently a Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis. Previously, he was one of the Co-founders of Nayna Networks, Inc - a next generation telecommunications systems company in San Jose, CA. He was a Senior Consulting Engineer at Digital Equipment Corporation in Littleton, Massachusetts, and then a professor of Computer and Information Sciences at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is the author of "Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis," which won the 1991 "Best-Advanced How-to Book, Systems" award from Computer Press Association. His fourth book, titled "High-Performance TCP/IP: Concepts, Issues, and Solutions," was published by Prentice Hall in November 2003. He is currently co-editing the book, "Quality of Service Architectures for Wireless Networks: Performance Metrics and Management," which is to be published in February 2010. For further information visit Dr. Jain's web site: www.cse.wustl.edu and www.cse.wustl.edu

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PRAVARTINI PARVATI JAIN INTERNATIONAL AWARD 09 TO DR. PRADYUMNA SHAH SINGH



Ludhiana, In the auspicious presence of the most senior Sadhvi Sudha Ji, worthy disciple of Sadhvi Swarn Kanta Ji, the 26th Lord Mahavira's Birth Kalyanank Centenary Committee presented the Pravartini Parvati Jain International Award of honor 2009 to Dr. Pradyumna Shah Singh. Dr. Shah is Sr Lecturer in Jainism in the Department of Religious Studies, Punjabi University Patiala. In the fully packed hall of Parshvanath Aradhna Kendra, in the gracious presence of Sadhvies Dr. Sadhvi Pravin Lata Ji, Sadhvi Prabha Ji and other Sadhvies, Shravakas and Shravikas, Madhur Bhasini Sadhvi Dr. Smriti Ji announced the name of Dr. Shah for the above said prestigious award and introduced about the award and its recipient. Addressing the audience Sadhvi Smriti Ji told that before Dr. Shah the award was given to noted scholars of the National and International repute from America, Germany and India. Addressing the

accommodates the dietary needs of people of various faiths. Ultimately, it's the ideal diet for everyone, regardless of religion, who believes that all sentient beings should be treated with kindness and mercy. Revered spiritual leaders from the Buddha to the Prophet Muhammad to the Dalai Lama have preached peace for all beings. Many prominent Catholic figures believe that animals have souls and should be treated with compassion and respect. Pope John Paul II proclaimed that "the animals possess a soul and men must love and feel solidarity with our smaller brethren." Pope Benedict XVI has spoken out against animal abuse, specifically saying that is wrong to force-feed birds to produce foie gras and to pack hens together in filthy factory farms. Says Pope Benedict, "It is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly."

Other religions are based on similar beliefs. Cruelty to animals is forbidden in Islam—and raising and killing animals for food is inherently cruel. Most animals on factory farms never see the sun, breathe fresh air, or feel grass beneath their feet. They're torn from their loving mothers and mutilated without pain relievers. At the slaughterhouse, they're often dismembered while they're still conscious. Muslims who strive to live according to Islamic teachings can avoid causing such pain and suffering by eating a naturally Halal vegan diet. According to the Holy Prophet Muhammad, there is an estimable reward for kindness to every living being. The Jewish religion also has strict laws and teachings forbidding cruelty to animals. There is an entire code of laws, *Tsa'ar ba'alei hayim*, mandating that all being be treated with kindness and respect. Nothing in the Bible, the Torah, the Koran, or any other religious publication justifies our modern-day farming practices, which desecrate the environment and inflict pain and suffering on billions of animals every year. The vegan meal at Windsor Castle is significant for many reasons, not just because the castle is not normally associated with animal- or environmentally-friendly fare. The lunch was a model of a compassionate, sustainable choice that the delegates can advocate to their constituencies--and that's something everyone can believe in!

WORLD RELIGIONS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT MELBOURNE FROM DECEMBER, 3RD TO 9TH - Melbourne, a cultural and religious city in Australia is going to host the World Religions Conference this year from 3rd to 9th December. Melbourne is a place where citizens following more than 100 religions and speaking more than 180 different languages have settled down. People from various countries are expected to take part in the conference. Representatives from India going to attend the conference include Dr. Karan Singh, Shri Dalai Lama, Shri Ravi Shankar would be important speakers. Jain community will be represented at the gathering by Shri Amrendra Muni Ji, Shri Lokesh Muni Ji, Samani Vinay Pragya Ji, Shri Sukan Jain, Shri Sohan Lal Gandhi, Dr. Kokila Shah, Dr. Narayan Lal Kachhara, Shri Kirit Daftari (USA), Priya Darshana Rakhechaa and Shri Vinod Kapashi (UK).

MISCELLANEOUS

SPREAD AWARENESS FOR CENSUS 2011



Every 10th year, the census commission of India counts the population of India. Census is very important for Government of India and the Governments of various state of India. It gives the details like the total population, population of various states, Literacy rate and male / female ratio in various regions and communities, the number of speakers of various languages, the number of the followers of various religions etc. Governments use this data for planning and other important reasons. According to 2001 census of India, the total population of India was 120 crores. The population of Jains was 48 lakhs, which was just 0.4% of the total population. This number of Jains is absolutely false one. According to many Jain leaders, social activists and social researchers, the number should be at least 2 to 4 crores (20 to 40 millions), comprising 1.66% to 3.32% of total Indian population. Then why it is not seen in the Census data? There are many reasons for it. The most important reasons are ignorance and meanness by the data collectors. While filling the data in the printed forms, the data collectors do not ask the religion to the respondent. (Actually they have to ask it, but they do not follow the rule). Instead, they 'assume' the religion and tick on the religion they want. As most of the surnames of Jains are like their other counterparts in their region, the data collectors 'think' that the family is a Hindu one, and they circle or tick the letter H instead of J. It is happening every time. It is not just ignorance, but many of the data collectors do it purposely. It is happening not in the case of Jains only, but also in the case of Buddhists, Christians, Sikhs and Adivasis.

The only solution to this problem is to be very alert when the data collectors come to you and fill in the form. Be sure that they make a circle around 'J', which is for Jain. We should tell it to every Jain family and person through temple notice boards, by printing posters, in festivals and gatherings, by mouth to mouth, by sending short messages, Emails, through Jain magazines, websites, discussion groups and every way that we know. We should involve every Jain person, activist, institution and organization in this mission. That is the only way to get better results this time. Remember that even if your surname is 'Jain', it doesn't counts. **What is important that you must 'force' the data collectors to circle around 'J'.**

Why Jain? Why should we write our religion as Jain? The answer is very simple. We should write it 'Jain' because we are Jains. When we are Jains, and if someone is converting us to other religion on paper, it is a very sad and bad thing. We should protect our identity. By writing 'Jain' we are going to help our Governments and our community to get the correct population of Jains.

If the correct population of Jains is recorded, Government of India, All State and Union Territory Governments, Various Government Bodies, All Political Parties, Print and Electronic Media, Municipal Corporations, Zilla Parishads, Nagarpalikas, Grampanchayats will stop ignoring Jain community. The members of Jain community itself will become confident, as they will not remain members of a 'Tiny Minority community', but the members of 'Effective Minority community'. I appeal to all the members to spread awareness about this & make it sure that all our known people record it correctly in the census. Rahul Pandiya.

PRAMOD JAIN MAKES HOSTILE TAKEOVER BID FOR DALMIA'S GOLDEN TOBACCO

Golden Tobacco, a company promoted by Delhi-based industrialist Sanjay Dalmia, is facing a hostile takeover attempt by investor Pramod Jain, who does not want the company's assets to be encumbered after Mr Dalmia defaulted on loans to a host of lenders. The company's open offer will commence on December 30 and close on January 18, 2010, subject to the clearance by market regulator Sebi. Mr Jain's J.P. Financial Services said it had advanced Rs. 8.5 crore as inter-corporate deposits against the pledge of various securities that includes 8.9 lakh equity shares of Golden Tobacco. Mr. Jain made the open offer at Rs. 101 a share. The Dalmias are also fighting a legal battle in the Bombay High Court against L&T Finance which sold Dalmia's pledged shares in the open market after the promoters failed to meet the margin calls.

BLACK MAGIC BY JAINS BEHIND GLOBAL WARMING, CLAIMS BOOK JAGATHITKARNI

November 19, 2009, Ahmedabad: It may sound strange but Anoop Mandal members say Jains are responsible for excessive carbon emissions that cause global warming. The members draw their convictions from the book 'Jagathitkarni' written by Anoop Dasji, founder of the cult. On the second day of their national conference at Zundal, Anoop Mandal national president Amrut Prajapati said, "Thousands of Anoop Mandal members have come to participate in the 'Pruthvi Bachao Mahabhiyan'. We talked on saving all the living creatures on earth, identifying mother earth as a living creation, and spreading awareness among people about the secret black magic techniques used by Vanias (Jains). We want to spread the message of 'Jagathitkarni' for the security of our future generations. The book states that some of the Jains have crossed the sea boundaries and gone outside 'Delhi Mandal'. They are in consultation with the Jain Sadhus in India and are causing global warming, earthquakes, floods and droughts." Referring to recent Hollywood movie 2012, Prajapati said: "Talk about the end of mankind in movies, is not a joke. All these natural calamities are happening because of Jains' secret black magic. It should be stopped. Only Jagathitkarni can save us from Jains. We should follow it because if world is saved, we will be saved. Source: Paras K. Jha / DNA.

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SUPREME COURT REJECTS PLEA TO BAN IDOL IMMERSION

New Delhi: In a judgment that might come as a dampener to green activists, the Supreme Court rejected a plea to ban idol immersions in rivers, lakes and other water bodies. "Restrictions would militate against the fundamental right of a section of citizens to profess and practice the religion of their choice," a bench comprising chief justice K.G. Balakrishnan and justice J.M.

Panchal observed. The petitioner, Salek Chand Jain, had sought a ban on the practice saying it was contaminating rivers and other water bodies beyond redemption. "The immersion of idols in water bodies contaminates water and makes it unpotable," Jain's lawyer Sugreev Dubey had argued. Jain had also contended that the practice not only flouts his fundamental right to life but also the provisions of the Water Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1974.

EXCESSIVE USE OF MOBILE PHONE MAY LEAD TO BRAIN TUMOUR AND EVEN CANCER

An International Research Programme conducted under the supervision of World Health Organisation (WHO) and supported by 13 countries has shown that excessive use of mobile phones can enhance the chances of cancer and brain tumor and their probability increases with the increasing age of a person. According to Dr. Elizabeth Kardis, Leader of the research project, complete details of the research would be officially released by the end of the year. The results coming out of this research conducted by an accredited body have challenged the tall claims by the mobile companies that the use of mobile phones is completely safe.

THREE WOMEN LOSE VISION AFTER BEING OPERATED IN CAMP BY JAIN SEWA SAMITI - Sonapat, Nov. 7, Three women have allegedly lost their vision after they were operated upon at a free eye operation camp - organised by Jain Sewa Samiti. The women identified as Aisha (50), Anwari (75) and Lado (80), were selected by a team of eye-surgeons for operation at the camp organised by Jain Sewa Samiti and Senior Citizens Parishad, at Jain Mandir School. The surgery was performed two days later. The women now allege they have lost their eyesight after the surgery. J. S. Punia, Civil Surgeon said they received a complaint from these women and they would be re-examined by the eye-surgeons.

DINESH JAIN KILLS WIFE, CHILDREN HANGS SELF

In a shocking incident four members of a family were found dead in their plush apartment . Dinesh Jain (25), was staying with his wife Monica (22) and two daughters Harsha (4) and Toshika (9 months) for last three years at flat no 302 of Jalaram Park in Bhandup (West). The neighbours broke opened the door only to find Jain and his family dead. Jain was found hanging from the ceiling fan in the kitchen, while his wife and two daughters were found dead in the bedroom. Police said, "We have recovered a suicide note written in Hindi by Dinesh, wherein he admits to killing his wife and daughter before committing suicide." Meanwhile, Bhandup police have registered a case under section 174 (Accidental Death) of Criminal Procedure Code and later will book Dinesh under section 302 (murder) of IPC before closing the case, if nothing comes out during the probe.

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MAHAVIR MANDIR TRUST, PATNA GETS RS. 3 CRORE US GIFT HAMPERS

PATNA: Mahavir Mandir Trust has received a gift of medicines and nutritious food and drinks worth Rs. 3 crore from Ameri Care, a philanthropic organization, through Nikhil Bharatiya Teerth Vikas Samiti. The gift included 30,000 bottles of nutritious drinks, 15,600 cans of formula and 1,852 strips of medicines. In a press release issued by Mahavir Sthaan Nyas Samiti, its secretary Kishore Kunal said that all the goods had come on a ship from America to Kolkata port and from there to Patna on a tailor truck. All the goods have been stored at Mahavir Vaatsalya Aspatal and they would be distributed to various places under the supervision of hospital authorities. He said that these materials would be distributed free of cost among the poor and needy by Mahavir Mandir Trust in consultation with principal secretary, disaster management department, Vyasji. The first such distribution would take place on November 15 at Manika under Musahari block in Muzaffarpur.

DENMARK IS A BIG SHAME



Denmark is a big shame. The sea is stained in red and in the meanwhile its not because of the climate effects of nature. It's because of the cruelty that the human beings (civilised human) kill hundreds of the famous and intelligent Calderon dolphins. This happens every year in Feroe iland in Denmark. In this slaughter the main participants are young teens. WHY? To show that they areIn this big celebration, nothing is missing for the fun. Everyone is participating in one way or the other, killing or looking at the cruelty supporting like a spectator. Is it necessary to mention that the dolphin calderon, like all the other species of dolphins, it's near instinction and they get near men to play and interact. They don't die instantly; they are cut 1, 2 or 3 times with thick hocks. And at that time the dolphins produce a grim extremely

compatible with the cry of a new born child. But he suffers and there's no compassion till this sweet being slowly dies in its own blood. Its enough! We will send this mail until this email arrives in any association defending the animals, we won't only read. That would make us accomplices, viewers. Take care of the world, it is your home! From: Naren Bhiku Ram Jain E-Mail: naren.bhiku.ram@gmail.com

MISSING' JAIN SADHVI FOUND AFTER MARRIAGE

Ahmedabad: The Jain sadhvi, Ojaswinibai Maha Satiji, who went missing on November 14, is fine and has got married. The sadhvi, who is now known as Archana Pandya, has married one Ashish Bhavsar, a resident of Viramgam. Sources said the police had found her in Mehsana and that she had married Bhavsar in a court in Rajasthan. She had stayed in Viramgam during the Chaturmas. Meanwhile, in Mehasana, Pandya told media persons that she had returned to worldly life. Ours is a

love marriage. I fell in love with Bhavsar when I was staying in Viramgam and I got married to him in a Pali court in Rajasthan. She further said that her brother, Kiran Pandya, had complained to the police after an altercation with her over her affair. Sources said that Kiran and Ashiash Bhavsar had almost come to blows over the issue.

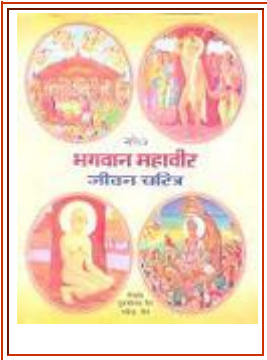
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WE WANT TO ORGANISE A EYE DONATION CAMP BUT THE PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN FEEL & BELIEVE THAT " IF WE DONATE OUR EYES IN THIS LIFE, WE WILL NOT GET EYES IN OUR NEXT LIFE" ? IS THIS CORRECT ? IS THERE ANY MENTION OF EYE DONATION IN JAIN LITERATURE ?

ANSWER BY DR. RAJENDRA MUNI, (STHANAKWASI SECT), DELHI. Donation is an important way to express our gratitude towards God for his blessings. We, who are blessed with good personality, material wealth and other comforts have definite responsibility towards all others who are not so lucky in the society. By sharing some of our resources with others, voluntarily we can thank divinity for his blessings to us. Most important is what we share is useful to others. It can be just any thing. It is helping others and making others life better. In all religions and philosophies including Jainism and Hinduism contributions and donations in what ever way have been recognised as symbol of kindness and humility. We do not find any specific reference of donation of human body components including eyes in our religious literature. But, in today's time it can be definitely considered to be the best form of donation or expression of gratitude towards the almighty. May be this subject has not been dealt in our agams or other literature due to scientific ignorance or the need of the time. Human body is made five perishable materials and one day it is going to mix again in its basic elements. Persons giving blood donation during their life time and eye donation after their death receive the best acclamation from devout powers. If any part of our human body can be used by any other person after our death it will be best accomplishment of human life. So, I suggest that not only we should come forward and pledge our eyes and other useful body components for others but also encourage and educate our fellow friends to do so. Infact, eye donation is much superior as compared to financial donations as this gives a new life to the recipient.

NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS



SACHITRA BHAGWAN MAHAVIR JEEVAN CHRITRA (HINDI): Authored by Puroshottam Jain & Ravindar Jain, Mahavir Street , Old Bus Stand, Maler Kotla - 948023, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab. Telephone - 098158-05555. (Price Rs. 500/-) The second edition of this compilation is released on the occasion of Sadhvi Sudha Ji's, birth anniversary. The authors of this book are renowned Punjabi Jain Scholars. They have been writing for a very long time on Jainism in Punjabi. The book has been edited excellently by Sadhvi Sudhaji's disciple Dr. Smritiji. The book presents both Swetambar and Digambar approaches on Bhagwan Mahavir. The details are highly organised and researched. The book was first published in July 2000 on the occasion of 26th Mahavirs birth centenary.

JAINISM: A CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA : By N. N. Bhattacharya, 300 pages. It is a concise encyclopedia of Jain religion. Compiled and edited by N. N. Bhattacharya, a renowned Indologist. It attempts to present Jain ideas and concepts, key Jain terms and important historical personages and events in a clear and precise manner. In its nearly 2500 entries, Dr. Bhattacharya has attempted to cover the Jain religion as comprehensively and as interestingly as possible. There is also a 12 page glossary and an historically accurate introduction. The encyclopedia is attractively produced and printed in a clear type face. All in all, a very useful book. It is available from: Hindi Granth Karyalaya, 9, Hirabaug C. P. Tank, Mumbai 400004, E-Mail : manishymodi@gmail.com

DEVLOK GAMAN

1. Muni Shri Jambuvijayji Passed away - A Great Loss to the entire Jain Community. Agam Prabhavak, an eminent research scholar, most respected Jain monk by all sects of Jainism and by the scholars of South Asian regions, Muni Shri Jambu Vijayji passed away on November 12, 2009. A great loss not only to the entire Jain community but also to the entire South Asian Religion Research Scholars. Short summary of Muni Shri Jambuvijayji's Scholarly Work- Muni Shri Jambuvijayaji continued the pioneering research work that was started by late Muni Shri Punyavijayji. Both Muni Shri Punyavijayji and Shri Jambuvijayji have worked all their life in the compilation and publication of our ancient Jain Āgam literature and cataloging

ancient Jain Jnān Bhandārs. Many learned scholars worked under the leadership of these two Munis in compilation and publication of our most authentic literary treasurer. The partial list of such scholars are; Muni Shri Dharmachandvijay, Late Pundit Shri Bechardas Doshi, Late Pundit Shri Amrutlal Bhojak, Late Pundit Shri Dalsukh Malvania, Dr. Sagarmal Jain, Dr. Nagin Shah, Late Dr. Harivallabh Bhayani, Pundit Rupendra Pagariya, Pundit Suresh Sisodiya, Dr. V. M. Kulkarni, and Dr. Vasudevsharan Agrawal. The most of their Scholarly Work of these two Munis were published under Jain Āgam Granth Mālā Series by Shri Mahāvīr Jain Vidyālaya - Mumbai, Shri Bhogilal Laherchand Institute-Delhi and other institutes. The Education Committee of Jaina has made all their literature available on Jain eLibrary website (www.jainelibrary.org) in the form of E-Books. Their literary work consist more than 25,000 pages. Pravin K. Shah, Jaina Education Committee, E-Mail: education@jaina.org

2. Four Jain Sadhwi, belonging to Shwetambar Murtipujak sect from amongst a group of nine, lost their lives in an accident on the spot near Sonepara Village in north Gujarat in the morning of 8th November, '09. The Sadhwis were disciples of Acharya Shri Gunratna Surishwar Ji Maharaj. They were proceeding from Mehsana for Pooran Village in Jalore district of Rajasthan. A fast-moving truck ran over them from behind and crushed them while moving on a bridge along the edge of the road. The names of four Sadhwi are: (1) Hemrekha, (2) Harshrekha, (3) Paramrekha and (4) Kalyanrekha. The driver of the truck ran away with the truck after the accident. The Sadhwi had earlier left Ahmedabad after completing their Chaturmas at Sabarmati and had stopped over at Mehsana for a night. Condolence meetings (Gunanuwad Sabha) were held in various towns of Gujarat and Rajasthan. It is believed that the accident was pre-planned by some anti-Jain group operating in south Rajasthan and north Gujarat. Gujarat police is carrying out investigations about the sad incident.

The truck driver, who ran over his vehicle over four Jain sadhvis on Mehsana-Unjha highway on November 9, confessed during narco test at the Forensic Science Laboratory in Gandhinagar, that he had dozed off when the accident occurred. I was drained out after driving for long hours and had fallen asleep. I woke only after the truck collided with the railing of the road. Then I realised that I had ran over the sadhvis," Manoj Kumar Bishnoi, the errant driver, was quoted as saying during the test. The cops investigating the case are trying to find out the places where the errant driver had halted and if he had consumed liquor. Sources said the police were also investigating if it was a case of accident or the sadhvis were ran over deliberately. Eight sadhvis were on their way to Unjha from Mehsana on foot on the fateful day. Split into two groups of four each, they were walking on either side of the highway since there was no pavement. A speeding truck ran over four of them near Sonpur Patia. Sadhvi Hemrekha (33), Sadhvi Harshrekha (33), Sadhvi Padmarekha (79) and Sadhvi Kanyarekha (30) died on the spot.

3. Shri Samyaktva Bhushan Ji Maharaj, disciple of Acharya Shri Dharm Bhushan Ji Maharaj belonging to Jain Digambar sect left for his heavenly abode at the age of 76 years on the 8th November, 09 at Khairali Village near Alwar in Rajasthan. He had accepted Muni Diksha on the 10th March, 2000 at Meerut.

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