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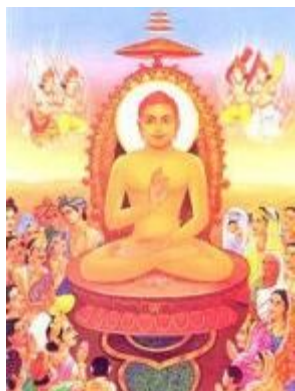
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May the joy, cheer, mirth and merriment
of this divine festival, surround you forever.
may the happiness, that this season brings
brighten your life and hope the year
brings you luck and fulfills all your dearest dreams!

Happy Diwali



DIWALI, THE INDIAN FESTIVAL OF DIFFERENT FAITHS

Diwali is a significant festival in Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Jainism, and an official holiday in India. Adherents of these religions celebrate Diwali as the Festival of Lights. They light diya's cotton string wicks inserted in small clay pots filled with oil to signify victory of good over the evil within an individual.

As per Hindu calendar, the five day festival of Diwali is centered on the new moon day that ends the month of Ashwin and begins the month of Kartika, beginning on the 13th day of the dark half of Ashwin (Ashwin 28th) and ending on the 2nd day of the bright half of Kartika (Kartika 2nd). The main day of celebration varies regionally. In Hinduism, across many parts of India and Nepal, it is the homecoming of Rama after a 14-year exile in the forest and his victory over Ravana. In the legend, the people of Ayodhya (the capital of his kingdom) welcomed Rama by lighting rows (avali) of lamps (dipa), thus its name: dipawali. Over time, this word transformed into Deepavali in Hindi and Dipawali in Nepali, but still retained its original form in South and East Indian Languages. In Dravidian languages it is called as Deepavali and the same is used in Malaysia and Singapore. South Indians never say Diwali as it means "Firebucket". [citation needed]

Diwali is the abbreviation of the Sanskrit word "Deepavali"- Deepa meaning light and Avali, meaning a row. It means a row of lights and indeed illumination forms its main attraction. It symbolises that age-old culture of India which teaches us to vanquish ignorance that subdues humanity and to drive away darkness that engulfs the light of knowledge. Diwali, the festival of lights, even today in this modern world, projects the rich and glorious past and teaches us to uphold the true values of life.

In Jainism, Diwali marks the attainment of nirvana by Mahavira on 15 October, 527 BC.

Diwali has been significant in Sikhism since the illumination of the town of Amritsar commemorating the return of Guru Har Gobind Ji (1595-1644), the sixth Guru of Sikhism, who was imprisoned along with 52 other Hindu kings at Fort Gwalior by Emperor Jahangir. After freeing the other prisoners, he went to the Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in the holy city of Amritsar, where he was welcomed happily by the people who lit candles and divas to greet the Guru. Because of this, Sikhs often refer to Diwali also as Bandi Chhorh Divas - "the day of release of detainees." *To read further please click here.*

JAINISM: SIGNIFICANCE OF DIWALI IN JAIN DHARMA By Mr. Sumanta Paul

Diwali is one of the most popular and colourful festivals in India. Better known as Deepavali or the festival of lights, Diwali is a nocturnal celebration embraced by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains across the country. It unifies every religion, every

home, and every heart and India transcends into a land of myriad lamps. The mode and significance of Diwali celebration is multi faceted, varying according to mythology and scriptures. In Jain Dharma Diwali festival is celebration of the glory and achievement of Lord Mahavira. Diwali is the jubilation to commemorate the salvation or Moksha attained by Lord Mahavira. On the religious occasion of Diwali on Oct. 15, 527 BCE, in Pavapuri, Lord Mahavira received his enlightenment to spirituality. He could conquer his desires and was beyond humanity. On this auspicious day his life was transformed into a spiritual journey of self penance and sacrifice. Jain scriptures also mention that one of the ardent disciples of Mahavira, Gandhara Gautam Swami attained complete knowledge on this day.....*To read further please click here*

TEMPLES

AYODHYA VERDICT: JAINS TO THINK - From: Snehal Shah, E-Mail: sneh777@yahoo.com

The verdict on Ayodhya issue must be categorically analysed in all its aspects specially by the minorities of the country like Jains. I, as a Jain do believe that lord Ram was born in Ayodhya, but how can court decide the exact birthplace of such a figure who was born thousands of yrs back. If there was a religious place found under the demolished structure, was it ruled out that it didn't belonged to Jain or Budhha tradition which were predominant faiths in ancient times. If the courts agree that if a structure was demolished or captured hundreds of yrs back must be given back to the original community, then are they ready to give back various south Indian temples to Jains which were once captured and their forms were changed to other faiths. How can court declare the exact place of birth of lord Ram or Budhha Or Mahavir? Do we expect that court will order removal of the idol of Dattatreya at the site of 5th tonk of girnarji? think yourself.

JAIN TEERTH (SERIES - 1) TARANGAJI JAIN TEERTH - GUJARAT



The Taranga tirth is situated in the midst of the Aravalli hills in the midst of beautiful sceneries of nature, exquisite prosperity of art and architecture. The main temple in the teerth is 150 ft. in the length, 100 feet wide and 142 ft in height. The structure of the temple is like that of Mahameru-palace. The temple has in it and idol of Shri Ajitnath Bhagavan; it is 2075 metres in height, of white complexion and in Padamasana posture. The temple is therefore known as Ajitaprasad or Ajitnath Vihara. On no hill in the country do we have a temple as high as the Taranga tirtha. We would naturally consider and wonder as to how much labour and effort must have been put in the construction of this temple at such a spot, with all its majesty

and supreme art.

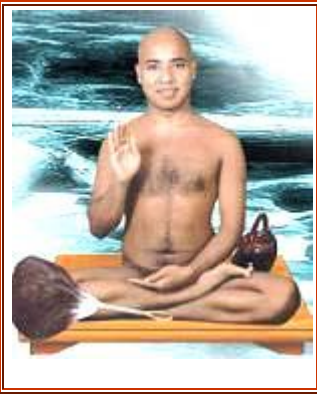
One of the Maha-teerths in the chief five Maha-teerths of the Jainas is the tirth at Taranga. In the first century of the Vikrama era, the Jain king Vatsaraja constructed here a temple of Siddhayika Devi. Thereafter, in V. S. 1221, King Kumarpala constructed this vast temple which is very rich in sculptural art. We also have a reference which states that in V. S. 1284, on the second day of the dark half of Falguna Vastupala-Tejpala installed the idols of Shri Adinath Prabhu in two porticos at the auspicious hands of Shri Vijayasenauriji. We also get records to show that there were ceremonious installations in V. S. 1479. V. . 1642 at the auspicious hands of Acharya Shri Vijayasenauriji. In the vast quarter of the temple we have the temple of Shri Kunthunath Bhagavan as also the Sahasrakuta temple, the Nandishvara dvipa etc. and Kotishila, Moksha window etc. outside.



Other Information: Address : Shri Anandji kalyanji Swetambar Murtipujak Jain Pedhi, P. O. Taraanga 384350, Taluko Sat lasna Dist. Mehsana, Taranga, Gujarat, Phone No : 02761-253411, Nearest City : Mehasana-72, Surrounding Places : Ambaji 59 km, Vadnagaar 38 km., Kumbhariaji 61 km, Facilities- Dharmshala & Bhojanshala, Nearest Bus Stop- Kheralu-24, Nearest Railway Station -Mehasana-72, Nearest Air Port : Ahmedabad. Courtesy : Jainsite Pariwar, E-Mail: info@jainsite.com, Telephone: 09219592195 & 09223492234.

LORD ADINATH: AURANGABAD PRATISHTA AT AURANGABAD, MAHARASHTRA (Report in Marathi Language)

पंचकल्याणक प्रतिष्ठान महोत्सव मंगळवारपासून, औरंगाबाद



पाश्र्वनाथ खंडेलवाल दिगंबर जैन मंदिर पंचायततर्फे अरिहंतनगर येथे भगवान आदीनाथ, भगवान महावीर आदींसह चार मंदिरातील २३ मूर्तींचा पंचकल्याणक प्रतिष्ठा महोत्सव मंगळवारपासून आयोजित करण्यात आला. श्रीआदीनाथ धाम कंवरकुटिया सिंधी कॉलनी येथे हा कार्यक्रम होईल. या पंचकल्याणक महोत्सवाला आर्षमार्ग संरक्षक, दिगंबर जैनाचार्य गुप्तीनंदी महाराज, मुनीश्री प्रसन्नसागर, विजयनंदी जिनसेन, सुयशगुप्त, चंद्रगुप्त, आर्यिका क्षमाश्री माता, आस्थाश्रीमाता आदी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत. येत्या ९ मे रोजी सकाळी सहा वाजता अरिहंतनगर येथून वाहन रॅली काढण्यात येणार आहे. हा महोत्सव १६ मे पर्यंत चालणार आहे. या महोत्सवातर्गत मंगळवारी पहाटे पाच वाजता विविध धार्मिक कार्यक्रमांना प्रारंभ होईल. सकाळी सहा वाजता मंदिरापासून प्राचीन मूर्ती प्रतिष्ठानायक भगवान आदीनाथ जिनबिंब यांची रथयात्रा मिरवणूक निघणार आहे.

या महोत्सवात संगीतकार पारस जैन, कलाकार राजेंद्र जैन हे सहभागी होणार आहेत. या महोत्सवाच्या कार्यक्रमात जैन समाजाने सहभागी व्हावे, असे आवाहन माणिकचंद गंगवाल, डी. बी. कासलीवाल, स्वागताध्यक्ष महावीर पाटणी यांनी केले आहे. औरंगाबाद युग प्रवर्तक प्रथम तीर्थंकर भगवान आदीनाथ, भगवान महावीर आदींसह चार मंदिरातील चाळीस मूर्तांचा पंचकल्याणक प्रतिष्ठा महोत्सव रविवारी संपन्न झाला. प्रचंड उत्साहात आणि भगवतांचा जयघोष करीत काढण्यात आलेल्या मिरवणुकीने या मूर्ती अरिहंतनगमधील नवीन मंदिरात नेण्यात आल्या. या मंदिरात भगवान आदीनाथ आणि भगवान महावीरांच्या मूर्तांची विधीत स्थापना करण्यात आली. या मंदिराला यापुढे भक्तांवर भगवान आदीनाथ मंदिर संबोधण्यात येणार आहे. पंचकल्याणक प्रतिष्ठा महोत्सवानिमित्त सिंधी कॉलनीतील कंवर कुटिया येथे उभारण्यात आलेल्या आदीनाथ धाम मंडपात हजारो स्त्री-पुरुष भाविकांच्या उपस्थितीत सहा दिवस चाललेल्या या पंचकल्याणक प्रतिष्ठा महोत्सवाचा आज समारोप झाला. मोक्षकल्याणकाच्या विधींना पहाटे पाचपासून प्रारंभ झाला. याप्रसंगी व्यासपीठावर आचार्य गुप्तीनंदजी यांच्यासह अंतर्मना मुनीश्री प्रसन्नसागरजी ससंध, मुनीश्री विजयानंदीजी, जिनसेनजी, सुयशगुप्तजी, चंद्रगुप्तजी, क्षुल्लक श्री सुधर्मगुप्तजी, क्षुल्लक श्री पश्चिमसागरजी, ग.आर्यिका क्षमाश्री माताजी, आर्यिका आस्थाश्री माताजी, सृष्ट्यमती माताजी, क्षुल्लिका धन्यश्री माताजी आदी उपस्थित होते. या प्रसंगी आचार्यश्रींच्या हस्ते गुरुसंघांचा सन्मान करण्यात आला. हा पंचकल्याणक महोत्सव यशस्वीतेत महत्वाची भूमिका बजावणारे मुनीश्री प्रसन्नसागरजी यांना आचार्यांनी जिनधर्मप्रभावंक अशी पदवी प्रदान केली. प्रतिष्ठाचार्य पंडित प्रदीपकुमार जैन यांचा सत्कार करण्यात येऊन त्यांना प्रतिष्ठा मार्तंड पदवी बहाल करण्यात आली. भगवान महावीर मूर्ती प्रतिष्ठापना सोनाली पाटणी यांच्या हस्ते तर भगवान आदीनाथ खड्ग गायन मूर्तीची प्रतिष्ठापना प्रेमाबाई पहाडिया यांनी केली. मंगल स्थापना गंगवाल परिवार तांडपिंपळगाववाले यांना मिळाला. भाविकांना वात्यल्यभोजन समस्त दिगंबर जैन समाज, वेदांतनगर, आर्यनंदी कॉलनी परिवारातर्फे देण्यात आले. यावेळी सर्व समिती प्रमुखांचा सत्कार करण्यात आला. महोत्सव समितीतर्फे संयोजन समितीचे मुख्य संयोजक पी.डी. गंगवाल, अध्यक्ष सुनील काला, कार्याध्यक्ष संजय पहाडे, महासचिव प्रकाश अजमेरा, स्वागताध्यक्ष महावीर पाटणी, मंदिराचे अध्यक्ष महावीर टोले आणि सचिन अनिल कासलीवाल आदींनी सर्व संबंधितांचे आभार मानले. Source: Mr. Yashwant Malaiya, E-Mail: ymalaiya@yahoo.com

RELIGIOUS TOURISM ABOUT JAIN TEMPLES IN INDIA RECEIVING WORLD ATTRACTION

Jain temples in India, specially the ancient ones, have of late, been receiving world-wide attraction from tourists. The information about these temples is however not adequately available to foreign tourists. Keeping in view the interest from tourists, the tour operators should be able to provide the necessary information about famous temples, spread all over India.

SAINTS

SHRAVANABELAGOLA SWAMIJI ADVOCATES FOR HOLDING WORLD PRAKRIT CONVENTION



Hassan, Oct 14: Sri Charukeerti Bhattaraka Swamiji of Shravanabelagola in the district, an important seat of Jainism, expressed his wish for organizing a global level convention on Prakrit texts. Prakrit is an ancient language, and a huge treasure of information and other scriptures are found written in this language, particularly relating to Jainism. After holding detailed discussions with scholars who are participating in the three-day seminar on Universal Values of Ancient Prakrit Texts, the Swamiji expressed his desire to organize a committee of global level experts in Prakrit, to finalize details of the proposed convention. The convention is

planned in an effort to give a boost to, and rejuvenate Prakrit.

“Research on Prakrit is on in India and elsewhere in the world. On the occasion of the world Prakrit convention, not less than 100 works in Prakrit should be published in other languages,” he said. He said he is aware that huge funds would be required for this project, and that he would try to get funds from the central and state governments for the same. Experts in Prakrit, like Prof Mattie Adelaide, Prof Robert Jayne Buzz, Jayender Soni, Kamala Hampana, Hampa Nagarajaiah, Nalin Balbir, Padma Shekhar, M R Tilak, D N Berge and others have been participating in the ongoing seminar. Serious discussions about the ways and means to rejuvenate this ancient language are being held by experts on the subject at the said seminar.

BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF UPADHYAY PUSHKAR MUNI MAHARAJ HELD AT VARIOUS PLACES IN THE COUNTRY



The 101st birth anniversary of Upadhyay Pravara Shri Pushkar Muni Ji maharaj belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect was celebrated with great enthusiasm and devotion by the Jain community in various towns, like, Delhi, Mumbai, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Indore, Sadri etc. Shri Pushkar Muni was one of the key figures in the constitution of an amalgamated body of Sthanakawasi saints, called 'Shraman sangh' so as to bring an unity in the entire sect. With the joint effort of several enlightened saints like Shri Pushkar Muni, most of the small groups joined Shraman Sangh and came under the umbrella of one single Acharya. At each of the towns, thousands of devotees joined the celebrations held in the form a dharm sabha called "Gunanuwad sabha". Saints, sadhwi and people from other sects and sampradaya as well as those from other religions participated in these programmes to commemorate the occasion. At Udaipur, the celebrations were held on the 10th October, while at Delhi, on 16th and Jodhpur, these were held on the 21st October.

The programme during the celebrations at each of the places consisted of:

1. Chanting of Navkar Mantra
2. Hoisting of Jain flag followed by lucky draw from amongst the participants participating in navkar mantra chanting.
3. of posters of the past and present acharyas of Shraman sangh.
4. Honouring eminent Jain Shrawaks and Shrawikas with the award of 'Devendra Shrut Sewa Samman' and 'Shrawiks Sewa samman' respectively.
5. Discourses by learned saints/sadhwi about the life of Shri Pushkar Muni.'
6. Announcement about Pushkar Wani, to be made available on mobile phones on request through SMS. (Typing: JOIN PUSHKAR WANI and sending on 09219592195. [photo of Shri Pushkar Muni anniversary samaroh in separate file]

विश्व संत उपाध्याय श्री पुष्कर मुनि

राजस्थान की माटी में कई तपस्वी, शूरवीर, त्यागी, दानी, कर्मवीर एवं संस्कृतिविज्ञ हुए जिन्होंने अपने तप, त्याग, शौर्य, दान, अध्यात्म, औदार्य, कला तथा संस्कृति के माध्यम से पूरे विश्व में इस धरती का गौरव बढ़ाया। यहां संतों और ऋषियों की एक लम्बी परंपरा रही है, जिन्होंने आध्यात्मिक और सामाजिक जीवन में महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया। इस परंपरा ने न केवल धर्म के माध्यम से जनसामान्य के जीवन में जागृति का प्रकाश लाने का कार्य किया बल्कि समाज को भी संवारा।

विश्व संत उपाध्याय पुष्कर मुनि (अम्बालाल) का नाम भी उसी परम्परा में अग्रणी है जिन्होंने मेवाड़ के सेमटाल (वर्तमान में पुष्करनगर) गांव के निवासी ब्राह्मण सूरजमल पालीवाल की धर्मपत्नी वालीबाई की कुक्षी से 17 अक्टूबर 1910 की आश्विन शुक्ला चतुर्दशी वि. सं. 1967 को जन्म लिया। उनमें प्रतिभा के गुण बचपन से ही नजर आने लगे थे। उनकी संघर्षमय जीवन यात्रा का प्रथम पड़ाव माता के स्वर्गवास से शुरू हुआ। अंबालाल के मन में विचार उत्पन्न हुआ कि संसार असार है। मृत्यु को देख मन में वैराग्य का भाव जागृत होने से वे महास्थविर ताराचंद जी म. के श्रीचरणों में पहुंचे और मात्र 14 वर्ष की अल्पायु में 12 जून 1924 की ज्येष्ठ शुक्ला 10 वि. सं. 1981 को गढ़ जालौर में जैन भागवती दीक्षा अंगीकार करली। उपाध्याय पुष्कर मुनि वैदिक एवं श्रमण संस्कृति के

अनूठे सेतु थे। वे दीक्षा ग्रहण करने के बाद जैन साधना पद्धति पर बढते गये। गीता एवं उपनिषद् के घोषों के बीच आगम की गाथाओं एवं नमोक्कार महामंत्र का निनाद उनके व्यक्तित्व का एक आवश्यक सोपान बन गया। पुष्कर मुनि संस्कृत के साथ-साथ वैदिक, बौद्ध, न्याय आदि दर्शनों तथा गीता, उपनिषद् एवं आगम ग्रन्थों के प्रकाण्ड विद्वान थे। तीस अगस्त 1976 भाद्रपद शुक्ला 6 वि. सं. 2033 संवत्सरी महापर्व के पावन दिवस पर वे उपाध्याय पद से सुषोभित हुए। पुष्कर मुनि हिन्दी, प्राकृत, संस्कृत, पाली, राजस्थानी, गुजराती, मराठी, उर्दू आदि 9 भाषाओं के ज्ञाता होने के साथ-साथ साहित्य-लेखन के धनी थे। आध्यात्मिक और नैतिक विषयों पर उन्होंने 135 पुस्तकों का लेखन किया। उन्होंने जैन कथा के 111 भागों का लेखन कर अपना नाम अमर किया। उनके उपदेश प्रेम, अहिंसा, सहिष्णुता पर आधारित होते थे। उन्होंने अपने प्रवचनों और व्यवहार द्वारा जीवन के उच्चतम नैतिक, मानवीय और आध्यात्मिक मूल्यों को प्रस्तुत किया।

उनकी नजर में सभी व्यक्ति समान थे। हर व्यक्ति को मानव मात्र से सच्चा प्रेम करना चाहिए। उन्होंने समाज की मुख्य आवश्यकताओं को महसूस करते हुए लोगों के जीवन स्तर को सुधारने के लिए नैतिक और सद्विज्ञा एवं महिलाओं की शिक्षा पर विशेष बल दिया। पूना विश्वविद्यालय में 'जैन दर्शन पीठ' की स्थापना करवाकर शिक्षा के लिए कई आयाम स्थापित किये। उदयपुर में श्री तारक गुरु जैन ग्रन्थालय के अलावा कई स्थानों पर उन्होंने शिक्षा, चिकित्सा, साहित्य से जुड़े संस्थान, पुस्तकालय खोले एवं सामाजिक क्षेत्रों में काम करने के लिए अनेकों को प्रेरित किया। अपने जीवनकाल में उन्होंने 75 मुमुक्षुओं को दीक्षा मंत्र प्रदान कर धर्म एवं अध्यात्म के क्षेत्र में अतुलनीय योगदान दिया। सन् 1984 के दिल्ली चातुर्मास के दौरान उनकी हीरक जन्म जयन्ती पर तत्कालीन राष्ट्रपति ज्ञानी जैलसिंह ने उनकी साधुमना साधना से प्रभावित होकर उन्हें 'विश्व संत' की उपाधि से सम्मानित किया। हिमालय जैसी सुदृढ़ प्रलम्ब काया, गम्भीर घोषयुक्त वाणी और बालकों जैसी निर्दोष मुस्कुराहट उनके व्यक्तित्व का प्रमुख आकर्षण था।

उपाध्याय पुष्कर मुनि जैन एकता के सुदृढ़ समर्थक थे। श्रमण संघ के निर्माण में अहम भूमिका निभाने वाले उपाध्याय पुष्कर मुनि ने सन् 1952 में सादड़ी, 1964 में अजमेर में प्रांतीय संत सम्मेलन एवं 1987 में पूना में राष्ट्रीय संत सम्मेलन आयोजित कर सेतु का काम किया। वे एक ओर कबीर जैसे फक्कड़ थे तो दूसरी ओर सूर जैसे भक्त हृदय के धनी भी थे। असहाय, दुःखी और पीड़ित जनमानस के लिए उनका हृदय करुणा से ओतप्रोत रहता था तो अन्याय, अत्याचार आदि के प्रति वे उतने ही कठोर थे। अध्ययन-अध्यापन के साथ-साथ सत्य, अहिंसा, व्यसनमुक्ति, समाज सुधार, आदि के प्रसार के लिए वे सदैव आगे रहे। इसके लिए उन्होंने पदयात्राएं कर यायावर की भांति अंतिम क्षणों तक अथक परिश्रम किया। उन्होंने आदिवासी अंचलों में सामाजिक कुरीतियों को दूर करने तथा पर्यावरण एवं जल संरक्षण के लिए भी उल्लेखनीय कार्य किए। उन्होंने जीवन पर्यन्त खादी धारण की। राष्ट्रीय भाषा के रूप में हिन्दी को बढावा दिया। स्वतंत्रता प्राप्ति के लिए अहिंसात्मक उपायों के प्रबल समर्थक रहे। महात्मा गांधी, जवाहरलाल नेहरू, मोरारजी देसाई, इन्दिरा गांधी जैसे देश के महान् सपूतों और स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के अनन्य सेनानियों सहित कई नेताओं से उनका संपर्क रहा। उपाध्याय पुष्कर मुनि को 'नवकार महामंत्र के महान् आराधक' के नाम से भी जाना जाता है। प्रतिदिन प्रातः मध्याह्न और रात्रि में नवकार महामंत्र का जाप करने के पश्चात् आमजन को नियमबद्ध मंगलपाठ श्रवण कराते। इससे दुखियारों के दुख दूर हो जाते। तीन अप्रैल 1993 को आपश्री ने समाधिमरण को वरण करने के लिए उदयपुर में संथारा ग्रहण किया और अविचल योग स्थिति में 48 घंटे पश्चात् शरीर छोड़ा। ऐसे मनोयोगी युगपुरुष ने समाज, राष्ट्र तथा सम्पूर्ण विश्व को जो अमर और चिर स्थायी देन दी उसका सम्पूर्ण आकलन असम्भव है। -पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि-

17, OCTOBER - GURU PUSHKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATED AT DERAWALA NAGAR, DELHI

On 17th October Guru Pushkar Jayanti was celebrated at Derawala Nagar, Delhi in the auspicious presence of Upadhyay Shri Ramesh Muni, Uppravartak Dr. Rajender Muni, Yuva Manishi Shri Surender Muni, Shri Depesh Muni, Sadhvi Dr. Divaya Prabhaji, Dr Sarita ji, and Jitendr ji. The event was attended in large number by dedicated members of Sthanakvasi and other Jain sects from all over India. On this occasion a blood donation camp was also organised in collaboration with Delhi Rotary Club. A book " Rajgrah Ka Raja" written by Yuva Manishi Shri Surender Muni was also released . Photographs of the programme are placed herein below (Left - Shri Ramesh Muni, Dr. Rajender Muni, Shri Surender Muni with prominent members of community. Right - Shri Surender Muni with members of sthanakvasi sect)



PUSHKAR MUNI CENTURY CELEBRATIONS REPORT FROM UDAIPUR

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रक्तदान मानवता का सबसे बड़ा पुण्य : दिनेश मुनि 108 लोगों ने किया रक्तदान

उदयपुर, 3 अक्टूबर। उपाध्याय पुष्कर मुनि जन्म शताब्दी गौरव समारोह के अंतर्गत रविवार को श्री तारक गुरु जैन ग्रंथालय के वर्द्धमान सभागार में विशाल स्वैच्छिक रक्तदान शिविर का आयोजन श्रमणसंघीय सलाहकार दिनेश मुनि, द्वीपेन्द्र मुनि एवं पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि के सान्निध्य में किया गया।

इस अवसर पर दिनेश मुनि ने रक्तदान को मानवता का सबसे बड़ा पुण्य कहा और इसे जनपयोगी बताया। उन्होंने उपाध्याय पुष्कर मुनि का स्मरण करते हुए कहा कि पुष्कर मुनि ने जिस तरह से लोक कल्याण के लिए अपना सर्वाधिक समय व्यतीत किया और जप, तप एवं अध्यात्म से अनगिनत लोगों को स्वस्थ किया उसी तरह हमारा भी दायित्व है कि हम उन गुरु की पवित्र स्मृति में अधिकधिक रक्तदान कर मानवता की सेवा करें।

शिविर संयोजक दिनेश चोर्डिया ने बताया कि शिविर में रसल ब्लड बैंक के डायरेक्टर डॉ. श्याम सिंघवी, डॉ. आर बी किनरा सहित अन्य चिकित्सकों का विशेष सहयोग रहा। शिविर में उपाध्याय श्री के पौत्र शिष्य द्वीपेन्द्र मुनि, पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि, 18 वर्षीय प्रियंका जैन, 20 वर्षीय सोनम जैन सहित कुल 108 लोगों से रक्तदान किया जिनमें जैन समाज के अतिरिक्त हिन्दू, मुस्लिम, सिख, सिंधी समाज के श्रद्धालु शामिल थे। रक्तदाताओं को प्रमाण पत्र प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया। शिविर में सभापति श्रीमती रजनी डांगी, वीरेन्द्र डांगी, भुवाणा सरपंच सीमा चोर्डिया, देवेन्द्र धाम मंत्री गणेशलाल गोखरू, सहमंत्री मानसिंह रांका, ललित चोर्डिया, प्रमोद खाब्या, गणेशलाल चपलोत, अशोक मोदी, चांदमल जैन सहित कई बालिकाओं, महिलाओं, पुरुषों एवं युवाओं ने उत्साह से भाग लिया।

फोटो कैप्शन

- पी...1 तारक गुरु जैन ग्रंथालय में आयोजित रक्तदान शिविर में रक्तदान करती सोनम जैन।
- पी...2 शिविर में रक्तदान करता रक्तदाता।
- पी...3 शिविर में रक्तदान करता रक्तदाता।
- पी...4 शिविर में रक्तदान करता रक्तदाता।
- पी...5 शिविर में रक्तदाताओं की जांच करते चिकित्सक।

(मानसिंह रांका)
सहमंत्री

HONOURS & AWARDS

JAINS PRAISE CATHOLIC PRIEST'S PEACE EFFORTS IN MADHYA PRADESH



The followers of Jainism have honored a Catholic priest for promoting harmony in Madhya Pradesh, a communally-sensitive state. "We recognize Father Anand Muttungal's efforts to build peace in the state," said Ajay Prakash Jain, one of the organizers of an event held on Oct. 13 and attended by 1,500 members of the Jain community. Father Muttungal is the spokesperson of the Catholic Church in Madhya Pradesh state. The function, held in the state capital of Bhopal, also honored one leader each from Islam, Sikhism and Jainism for helping maintain peace in the wake of a recent court verdict on Ayodhya, a disputed religious site in Northern India. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Ajay Prakash Jain said that, Father Muttungal has consistently tried to bring together religious communities and ensure harmony, especially during communal discord. Organizers also commended the priest for setting up a public helpline accepting violent incident reports following the court verdict. Jainism is a religion prescribing a path of non-violence to attain divinity. At present, there are about five million Jains in India. Father Muttungal considers the award an honor for the Church.

AWARDS/PROMOTIONS/HONOURS

Smt. Vimla Jain, District and Sessions Judge at Rajgarh in Madhya Pradesh has been promoted to a Judge in M.P. High Court. She was given the oath of justice by Shri S. Rafat Alam, Chief Justice of M.P. High Court at Jabalpur on the 13th September, 2010. The oath-taking ceremony was attended by all the judges of M.P. High Court, advocates and many other distinguished guests. Mrs. Vimla Jain hails from a tiny village, named Bundwas in Sagar District. After her marriage at the age of 16 years, she passed her B.A., M.A., B.Ed. and LLB examinations, while fulfilling satisfactorily all her domestic, social and religious duties.

R. K. JAIN APPOINTED MEMBER OF SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

Shri R. K. Jain (Rakesh Kumar Jain), IRS (CCE) 1976 batch, presently working as Chief Commissioner, Customs, Central Excise & Service Tax, Nagpur Zone has been appointed as the Member of the Additional Bench of the Settlement Commission at Kolkata, by an order of the President of India dated 4th of October, 2010 and will take charge on the 26th of October. R. K. Jain, E-Mail: rakjan46@yahoo.co.uk

GOVT. APPOINTS SUNIL JAIN AS NEXT AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO TURKMENISTAN

New Delhi, Oct.11: The Government has appointed Sunil Jain as the next Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan. He succeeds Mohammad Afzal. Sunil Jain is presently Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan, in succession to Shri Mohammad Afzal. He is expected to take up his assignment shortly.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL JAIN CONFERENCE HELD AT MYSORE



Mysore - A three-day international conference "Yuga Yatri Jainism through the ages, a historical perceptive" held at the Exhibition Grounds under the auspices of Directorate of Archaeology and Museums and Bharathavarshiya Digambar Jain Theerth Kshetra Committee. Dharmasthala Dharmadikari Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade inaugurated the meet. Litterateur Prof. Hampa Nagarajaiah presided. Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra

Swamiji, Sri Bhuvanakeerthi Bhattarkaka Swamiji of Sharavanabelagola and Davalakeerthi Swamiji graced the occasion. MLCs Thontadarya, Siddaraju and Prof. K. R. Mallikarjunappa were also present. Seven books were released on the occasion. A total of 150 delegates including 25 foreign delegates attended the conference.

7TH JAIN HISTORY CONFERENCE ON 21-23RD JANUARY, 2011 AT WALCHANDNAGAR

7th Jain History Conference will be held on 21, 22 and 23 January 2010 at Walchandnagar, District Pune of Maharashtra. Scholars of Jain History from everywhere will present their research papers in the conference. Renowned scholar of Jainology Dr. Bhagchand Jain Bhaskar has been selected as the President of the conference. For more details, visit:

BANGALORE TO HOST A MEET ON VEGETARIANISM



The International Vegetarian Union (IVU) is hosting its regional conference in Bangalore on October 30 and 31 at Hotel E-Inn. This event is being organized to spread the message of ahimsa and also to bring together all likeminded people.

The International Vegetarian Union (IVU) will host its regional conference in the city at the end of this month. The event — IVU India, South West Asia Vegetarian Congress — will be held at Hotel E-Inn from October 30 to 31. Addressing presspersons here on Friday, Shankar Narayan, president, Indian Vegan Society, said there will be lectures and workshops by speakers from India, Brazil, U.S.A., U.K., Iran, U.A.E., Malaysia, Singapore and New Zealand.

The keynote address will be delivered by renowned physician B.M. Hegde and U.K. Veg historian John Davis. The theme of the conference is 'Practicing Ahimsa: The Core of our Values' and the aim is to incorporate ahimsa in our diet and bring together like-minded people. Also part of the conference is sampling vegan food.

The International Vegetarian Union was founded in 1908 when the first World Vegetarian Congress was held in Dresden, Germany. The idea for IVU came from the French Vegetarian Society, the first Congress was organized internationally by the British Society and locally by the Dresden Society with support from the Deutsche Vegetarier-Bund. Since then a series of World Congresses have been held all around the world, and in 2008 IVU returned to Dresden for the Centenary 38th Congress.

The aim of the IVU is to promote vegetarianism throughout the world. In order to achieve this aim the main objectives are: To encourage the formation of local, national and regional vegetarian organizations, and co-operation between them, to promote both World and Regional Vegetarian Congresses to publicize and develop interest in the vegetarian cause and to give opportunities for vegetarians to meet together and to represent the vegetarian cause on appropriate international bodies and to speak on behalf of the global cause when appropriate. The affairs of IVU are governed by its members through General Meetings held at each World Vegetarian Congress and by email ballots. Between General Meetings the affairs of IVU are managed by the International Council, the members of which are elected at each Congress and appointed by Regional Organizations. Website: www.vegansociety.in E-Mail: indianvegansociety@rediffmail.com Source: Shankar Narayan E-Mail: indianvegansociety@rediffmail.com

MODERN SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY FOR SOCIAL WELLNESS (SEMINAR SERIES) - ISJS is organizing a series of seminars during Dec 2010-March 2011 in Delhi, Jaipur and Varanasi on the subject of science and spirituality. A number of papers have already been received from eminent scientist, engineers, philosophers and religious teachers. It is likely that eminent and top scientist plus spiritual leader will join these seminars to share their views. ISJS expects to launch some collaborative research projects on some of the papers presented.

SEMINAR ON SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND JAINISM AT UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA CANADA - The first ever international seminar on Social Consciousness and Jainism was organized by ISJS in association with University of Ottawa. Prof Anne Valley of the university and a front ranking active member of ISJS supported by ISJS alumni and UoO faculty Dr Stefan Quinn organized this seminar very successfully. Here is a brief report by Prof Anne Valley.

'Friday's conference "Social Consciousness and Jainism" at the University of Ottawa was a tremendous success. It began with my opening statement (in which I spoke about the activities and successes of the ISJS), and then proceeded with a series of academic papers. We had a coffee break where the audience (which included members of the local Jain community) had an opportunity to interact with the speakers. This was followed by several more papers and concluded with a presentation by Dr Jagmohan Humar on the Bhaktamar Stotra and the meaning of Aarti, and followed by a lovely Jain aarti dance performance. We adjourned for lunch at the local Govindas restaurant near campus and at 2pm resumed our academic programme which lasted until 4pm. At that point, we had a stimulating "round table" discussion between the speakers and the audience about the relevance of Jain values in the contemporary period.

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BAN THE SLAUGHTERING OF COWS AND OXES IN KARNATAKA



From: Sajjanraj Mehta E-Mail sajjanrajmehta@gmail.com To info@jainheritagecentres.com - The Bhartiya Janta Party contested for election in Karnataka with a manifesto that if chosen to power, they will ban the slaughtering of cows and oxes. Very well aware of this, the people of Karnataka choose the BJP government into power, and we must commend the BJP government for living up to their end of the bargain.

After introducing and getting the Prevention of Cow Slaughter bill cleared from the assembly, it was supposed to be signed by the governor and enacted as a law, who instead of signing it reverted it to the President of India. The president too is sitting on the bill and technically she can do this forever or till the next elections.



The government is suppose to be 'by the people' and 'for the people' and the President and the Governor are suppose to be the servants of the Republic of India. But instead of acting upon the compassionate will of the people, they have perpetrated a fraud on the people of Karnataka and have hurt their sentiments and played with their emotions. The people of India and especially Karnataka are loosing their patience and are waiting for an answer.

Let us not forget that Chapter IV-A, Article 51A(g) of The Constitution of India stated that, "it shall be the fundamental duty of every citizen of India ... to have compassion for all living creatures." It should be noted that even the former Prime Minister, the late Indira Gandhi, had written to all State governments in 1982 suggesting a total ban on slaughter of cattle. Severe penalties have been incorporated in the legislation only to ensure an effective enforcement. All the founding fathers of our great nation echoed similar sentiments. Mahatma Gandhi, the father of our nation rightly said that the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

When we take something from someone, we must return the favor. The Cow had fed and nourished us with the same milk that she feeds and nourishes her baby with. This goes to say a lot. We have fed on her breast milk and now we must return the favor. It's a shame on our conscious to go to bed every night while innocent and noble creatures like cows are brutally and mercilessly slaughtered and hacked apart to death. Creatures who have never wronged or harmed us but only served - only to be slaughtered for their service and love.

We hereby call for action. *On 10th of October*, we wish to demand answers from the Government. We want all the people who care about humane and compassionate values to ATTEND a peaceful march starting from the *statue of Mahatma Gandhi on M.G. Road at 10 am* to let the Government know about our indignation. Please turn up in large numbers to make this event as successful as possible.

This is not a publicity stunt or a political rally. Its a statement by the people of Karnataka that we are well aware of our fundamental duties to this great nation and to her earthlings and to her just and fair constitution that has set a shining example of democracy for the world to follow. This is a cry for mercy and a stepping stone for complete nonhuman emancipation. We have sent memorandums to the President of India. This inhumane and shameful mockery of democracy shall not be tolerated any longer. She was there when you needed her. Now she needs you. - Sajjan Raj Mehta, President Jain Yuva Sangathan, Bangalore, Telephone: 9845501150.

GLOBAL TIGER FORUM TO SEEK GLOBAL FOCUS

SARISKA: Breaking away from the notion of a India-centric body, the Global Tiger Forum will soon seek more responsibility by helping out tiger range countries (TRCs) in tiger recovery and conservation plans. As a first step, the GTF will approach the Centre for financial and other support to be enable its tiger range members to form national core groups. It will also lobby for a group of people with representation from its members for a Tiger Mission to the various TRCs. "The support from the Indian government would enable us to aid these members to help the TRCs to form their national core groups. The mission would help us also to study the conservation efforts in them," said Rajesh Gopal, officiating secretary-general of GTF and the member secretary of the NTCA. He was speaking after the GTF meet on the second day. The forum would try and form a standard protocol for all these countries for effective tiger monitoring and conservation. It will also formulate steps to sort out trans-border migration of the tiger. The need for it was felt after nine countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal and India, shared their revised national action plan for

tiger conservation in the morning session on the second day of the recent meet. Union minister Jairam Ramesh failed to attend the workshop due to other engagements. The issue of the Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) coming into a formal partnership with the GTF was much debated. Officials were torn between the need for the GTF to set up a fund with GTI help and the apprehension of the GTI dictating terms for tiger conservation to individual countries. While the GTI has shown interest in eventually drafting an MoU for the same, Rajesh Gopal was not enthusiastic.

"The GTI is committed but GTF has to assume a more global role. As of now it has a very India-centric role, the GTF will have to prepare some action plan as to what it can do then an MoU could be drafted," said Anand Seth, consultant for the World Bank.

"As in many other cases this might result in the GTI saying what needs to be done in Ranthambore or some other reserve," he said. But attempts would be made for the duo to get engaged in some understanding to help each other, he clarified. Most member countries in their presentation of the national action plan sought help from the GTF for capacity building and for monitoring tiger straying from one country to the other. Attending the workshop, P R Sinha, director, Wildlife Institute of India (WII), felt the time has come for real time monitoring of the tiger. "The time has come when we need to institutionalise the management of parks and sanctuaries for effectively reducing the biotic pressure on the tiger. We need an agency that can talk to the people for the same, else the small population will get destroyed," he said. On a more local level, H M Bhatia, chief wildlife warden, Rajasthan, felt the communication channels between Indian states need to be strengthened so as to be able to monitor the tiger when it goes from one state to the other to reduce its chances of being poached. "It is this time hat the states take to inform the other that poachers use to kill the animal. There has to be a more effective communication channel so that this time gap is reduced," he said.

ANIMAL PROTECTION

EU REVISES LAWS TO BETTER PROTECT ANIMALS USED IN SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS.

Brussels, 9 September 2010 The European Parliament has voted to revise legislation on animals used for scientific purposes. The revised legislation, first proposed by the European Commission in 2008, will strengthen the protection of animals still needed for research and safety testing. The new directive will also play a significant role in minimizing the number of animals used in experiments, and require alternatives to be used where possible, whilst ensuring a level playing field for EU industry and enhancing the quality of research conducted in the EU. European Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik said: "Today's vote ends a long negotiation process, which has shown how sensitive and important the issues at stake are. However, everyone agreed that it is vital to improve the situation for animals still needed in scientific research and safety testing, whilst maintaining a high standard of research and improving the focus on finding alternative methods to animal testing. The European Union will soon have the highest standards of experimental animal welfare in the world." www.evana.org

MINORITY STATUS

THE JAINA AND THE BRITISH : JAIN MINORITY ISSUE - BAL PATIL SPEECH : TUEBINGEN UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL JAIN WORKSHOP - 19 & 20TH FEB.2010



At the outset , I extend my grateful thanks to the very kind invitation extended by Dr. Andrea Luithle-Hardenberg and her very concerned efforts to persuade me to attend this distinguished International Tuebingen Workshop on a very important topic The Jaina and the British. However I would not be able to make the trip to the University of Tuebingen to participate in this important Conference as medically advised. Therefore, I extend my heartfelt apologies to the organizers of the workshop. I have great pleasure in extending my greetings to the distinguished scholars participating in this Conference.....Please click [here](#) to read full text of the speech

LATEST LEGAL POSITION JAIN MINORITY ISSUE - The standing council of Union of India has requested to the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi to submit an affidavit in national religious minority to Jains matter since 1993. The Hon'ble court accepted it and adjourned the matter for 18th Jan 2011. We organized only protest at Raj Ghat, New Delhi on 21st Oct 2010 instead of fast unto death as our case is open now. Please read press release & see photos of VJS protest. Sunjay Jain, VJS.

NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS

HISTORY OF JAINISM by Dr. Kailash Chand Jain - Set of 3 books, 2010 23 cm x 15 cm 1400 pages (approx.), Hardcover Edition Rs. 3500 for the set. This is a well researched, academically sound history of Jainism. It is useful for the scholar and the general reader as well. It has been divided into three parts. Book 1 - Jainism Before and in the Age of Mahavira, Book 2 -

HEALING POWER OF NAMOKAR MAHAMANTRA By Praveen Jain Kochar



In this book entitled 'Healing Power of Namokar Mahamantra' Mr. Praveen Kochar begins by alluding to the practice of mantra in major oriental religions and then analyzes each line of Namokar Mantra and its healing impact on human life. Most people believe that it is the grahas (planets) which are responsible for good or bad influence for good or bad influence on human life. Mr. Kochar has also explained how a particular line of Namokar Mantra can remove the evil planetary impact. The author has carried an indepth study into the Jaina system of mantras and particularly Namokar mantra. What he has written is based on his practical experiences. He is a witness to many miracles associated with those who recited specific lines of Namokar Mantra recommend by him and were able to get rid of diseases, hardships and obstacles. The world in which we live today is full of difficulties. If Namokar Mantra is recited in a state of equanimity by a practitioner one will discover its amazing power of healing.

Mr. Praveen Kochar has worked hard to explain the healing power of each line of Namokara Mantra. Each cannot only ward off evil planetary influence but can also heal the pain caused by it. We hope the publication of this book will help common people not only to solve their material problems but also strengthen their belief in spirituality. Book available at Patrika Publication (A Unit of Rajasthan Patrika Pvt. Ltd) , 409, Laxmi Complex M. I. Road, Jaipur, 302001 (India), Phone - 0141-3005974, E- Mail - patrikapublication@epatrika.com, Website - www.patrika.com

Paving The Way For Peace - Living Philosophies of Bishnois and Jains - By Herma Brockmann, Renato Pichler. Mahatma Gandhi said "The greatness of a society is shown by the way it treats its animals". Compassion not excluding animals can lead to more peace because someone protecting animals will also respect the lives of fellow humans. The global meat industry is expected to grow considerably in 2005 leading to ever more animals losing the only possession they have: their lives. Even under the best conditions (which are very rarely met), slaughter involves extreme cruelty. Reducing the demand for meat implies reducing cruelty. This book has been written with the aim of showing that a life without meat is not only possible but brings about considerable benefits for humans, animals and nature alike: Every person stemming the meat-tide is giving precious support to a better and more peaceful world.

Renato Pichler, one of the authors of the book has refused to eat meat since he was 16. From that early age, his compassion for animals led him into the vegetarian community where, after finishing his studies in computer science, he got involved in founding the Swiss Union for Vegetarianism, an organisation of which he is now the President. In the year 2002 he was also elected Vice President of the European Vegetarian Union where he initiated a number of successful projects. Renato Pichler strongly believes that a world without slaughter will also be a more peaceful world - an aim to which he dedicates all his efforts.

Herma Brockmann has been a vegetarian for 20 years. She has created the vegetarian organization Vegi-Info Belgium and is Honorary Secretary General of the European Vegetarian Union. Because the fate of animals is of the utmost importance to her, she is actively involved in many international projects, which aim at ameliorating the living conditions of animals.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW TV CHANNEL (ARIHANT TV & PARAS TV) DEDICATED TO JAINISM LAUNCHED



Recently two new television (Paros T. V and Arihant T. V.) channels have been launched and both of them intend to focus their programmes on Jain Religion. The community should take advantage of this wonderful medium to disseminate information and news about the Jain culture, philosophy and its programmes. Arihant TV, is world's first free to air, digital satellite TV channel, dedicated to JAINISM exclusively, launched in the month of August 2010.

The channel Include programs like Mantra and stotra chanting, Bhajans, Chalisas, Vyakhyanmalas recited by various Respected Maharaj Sahebs, Documentaries, Pran Pratishthas in India and abroad, Special Telecasts and Prominent events of all Jain Sects. Source: Mr. Chirag Dave, Coordinator. E-Mail: chirag912@yahoo.com, Phone: +919821577123.

SPECIAL COVER OF BATON RELAY RELATES TO JAINISM



During Baton relay, some Special Covers have been issued at various Philatelic Bureaus. I have seen scanned image of Special cover issued at Patna on 14-07-2010. This cover seems to be included in our JAINISM theme as the cover depicts image of idol of Yakshi Didarganj. According to Jain Mythology each TIRTHANKAR have their own YAKSHA & YAKSHANI to promote and safeguard the religion and religious people. The concept of Chamardharini Yakshi only been found in the Jain mythology. Thus it is considered that this Didarganj Yakshi, unique piece of art engraved in pink sand stone with extra ordinary

polish of 3rd - 2nd Century B.C. (Mauryan period) found near Patna might be a part of Jain Temple of that period as Jainism was on peak during Mauryan period. Now it is preserved in Patna Museum.. From: Mr. Sudhir Jain, E-Mail: mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com

ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTEN AND B.H.U.

Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Campus - A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed a few months back by the University of Houston in Texas (USA) and the Institute of Technology at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi. They have signed this memorandum for cooperation in academic instruction and exchange. The new relationship will consist of the collaboration of faculty at many levels, exchange visits of scholars to and from the universities to instruct in classrooms or give lectures as well as education programs at the graduate level. Collaboration in research in technology will be the main focus of this understanding. The MOU agreement which has been signed for five years will include collaborative programs in the two universities which will allow students to take dual degree programs in which courses and degrees can be granted by both parties. Rajan Zed, acclaimed Indo-American statesman, welcomed this collaboration between the two universities in USA and India. In a statement in Nevada USA Today, he said that other leading universities in both countries should also form partnerships so that faculty and students can benefit from the strengths each party brings, resulting in a higher form of education. Zed, the chairperson of the Indo-American Leadership Confederation added that learning only brings more light to mankind.

LITERARY CONTRIBUTION OF JAINS TO ESTABLISH FIRST EVER WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

BIJAPUR: The credit of establishing the first ever women's university in the world goes to the Jain community, said literary figure Ham Pa Nagarajaiah. Inaugurating the two-day state level seminar on Kannada Jain Literature and Women, organised jointly by Karnataka State Women's University and Shrut Samvardhan Samsthan, Meerat (UP). It was in 860 AD at Vedal in Tamil Nadu that the first women's university was established, during the regime of Rashtrakutas, in which more than 900 students studied. Contribution of Jains to Kannada literature is immense. Jain poets gave language diversity to Kannada, he said. Participating as chief guest, Hampi Kannada University former vice chancellor M M Kalburgi lamented that despite the state having a rich treasure of Jain scripts and presence of a number of Basadis, the Jain community is reduced to a minority in Karnataka. Basadis are neglected and Jain literature is not accorded the status it deserves, he noted. Evaluation registrar Mahesh Chintamani, Kannada department head Vijayashri Sabarad, S S Vijaydevi and M Nagaraj were present.

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