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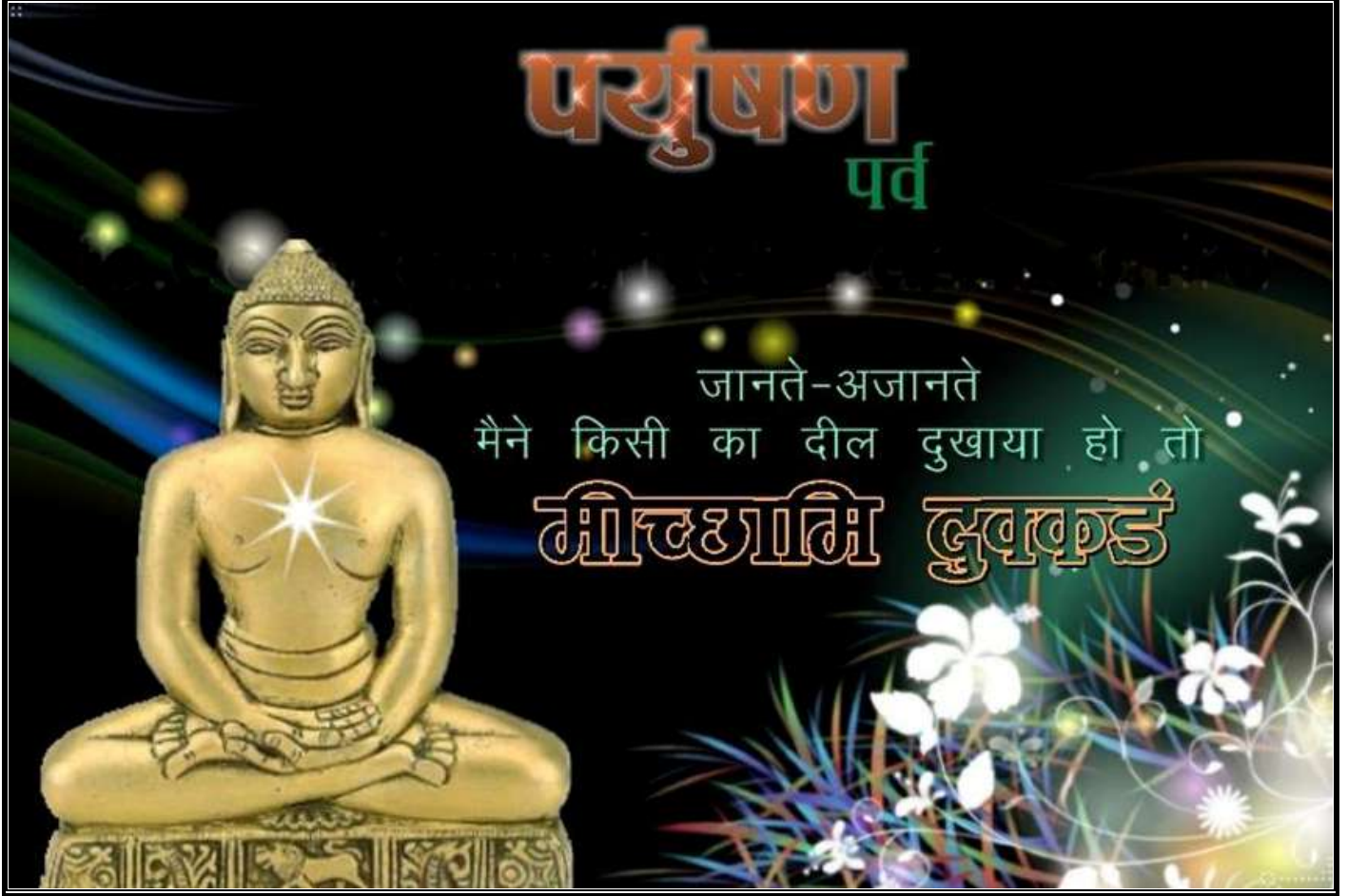
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**I Grant Forgiveness to all Living Beings, I Solicit Forgiveness from all Living Beings,
I am Friends with all Living Beings, I do not have any Animosity towards any Living Beings.
MICCHAMI DUKKADDAM**

THE TEACHINGS OF BHAGAVAN MAHAVIRA : QUOTATIONS FOR PARYUSHANA

****A wise man should not speak such a language that is mixture of truth and untruth. Even while uttering truth, the wise man should use such a language which is sinless, delicate, unambiguous and well thought out.— Dashavaikalika Sutra (7:3)

****A person with self control should speak exactly what he has seen. His speech should be to the point, unambiguous, clear, free from prattle and cause no anxiety to others.— Dashavaikalika Sutra (8:48)

****One should not call one-eyed person as one eyed, impotent person as impotent, a diseased person as diseased, or a thief a thief. — Dashavaikalika Sutra (7:12)

****A person should not give unsolicited advice; he should not interrupt when his seniors are speaking; he should not indulge in backbiting others and he should never tell a lie or hide anything
Such a person is a wise man. — Dashavaikalika Sutra (8:47)

SAINTS

MUNI TARUNSAGARJI CELEBRATES RAKHI FESTIVAL CELEBRATED AS KANYA GAURAV DIVAS



"Vansh ka ansh Paramhans ho ye jaroori nahi, Kans bhi ho sakta hai..." (It is not necessary that your heir will be an enlightened soul, he can be someone like Kans, (the evil uncle of lord Krishna too). — With this Kadve Pravachan, Muni Tarunsagar, who is well-known for his bitter but popular oratory style, inaugurated his Rakshabandhan festival. The Jain monk celebrated the festival day as 'Kanya Gaurav Divas' in the presence of more than 10,000 people at his discourse place. The monk led a rally against female foeticide during his discourse showing a mirror to the society about the evils of female infanticide. Citing an example from Mahabharata and the Ramayana, he said, "Dhritarashtra had 100 sons but none could fetch him the honour of fathering them, whereas Sita brought

much respect and dignity to her father, King Janak by becoming an example of womanhood." Concluding his speech, he said "In the 21st century people discriminating girls, are still living in the 14th century." World's shortest woman Jyoti Amge was the chief guest of the celebration. She tied the first Rakhi to Tarunsagar Maharaj's peacock feather broom. Amge also appealed to the audience to pledge against female foeticide. She said, I am also a girl, but I have brought fame to my parents. Girls can also make their parents proud by their work, so let the girl child be born. As the discourse was dedicated to the issue of female foeticide, 100 girls who didn't have brothers were invited on the dais.



उपाध्याय मणिप्रभासागर, मुंबई- पंचांग में गलती



दूसरादादा मणिधारी श्री जिनचन्द्रसूरीश्वरजी म. सा. की पुण्यतिथि प्रथम भाद्रपद वदि 14 ता. 16 अगस्त को मनाई जायशी, पंचांग में ऐसा प्रकाशित हुआ है। ऐसा गलती सप्रकाशित हुआ है। हकीकत में मणिधारी दादा का स्वर्गवास द्वितीय भाद्रपद वदि 14 को हुआ था। जब भाद्रपद एक होता है, तब भाद्रपद वदि 14 को उनकी पुण्यतिथि मनाई जाती है। इस आदत का अनुसार पंचांग में भी प्रथम मास में पुण्यतिथि का प्रकाशन हो गया। इस वर्ष दो भाद्रपद है तब उनकी पुण्यतिथि दूसराभाद्रपद वदि 14 को ही मनाई जानी चाहिये। सन् 1993 में भी दो भाद्रपद थे उस समय भी पंचांग में गलती सप्रथम भाद्रपद में पुण्यतिथि का प्रकाशन हो गया था। बाद में यह गलती ध्यान में आनापर समाचार पत्रों द्वारा इससुधारा गया था। इस वर्ष भी दो भाद्रपद है। इस अनुसार द्वितीय भाद्रपद वदि 14 शनिवार ता. 15 सितम्बर 2012 को पुण्यतिथि का आयोजन होगा। इस कार्यक्रम अत्यन्त उल्लास व उल्लास का साथ मनाना है। उपाध्याय मणिप्रभासागर, मुंबई, 10 अगस्त 2012, Jain Swe. Kharatargachcha Sangh, C/o Kantimani Nagar, Kapol Wadi, 2nd

JAIN TEMPLES

THIRD JAIN TEMPLE OPEN IN OHIO, USA

The first Jain temple in central Ohio was declared open in Lewis Center with a four-day celebration that included a lamp lighting, procession and blessings from religious leaders. Members of the Jain Center of Central Ohio said the Pratishtha Mahotsav festivities were attended by more than 700 people from Ohio and several other states, Canada and India. More than \$800,000 was collected to support the community. The Ohio group was founded in 1991 and has been focused on building a temple. The steeple-and-dome building is about 7,600 square feet.

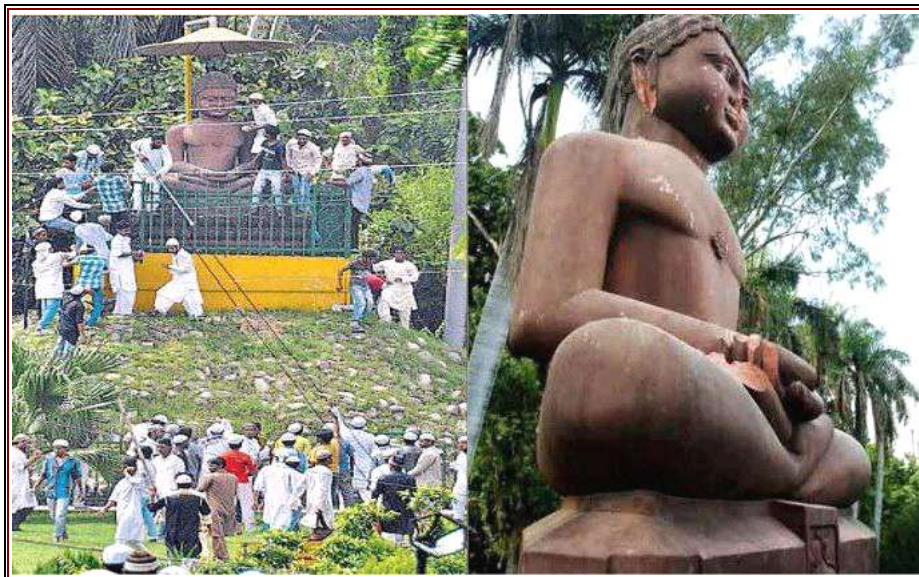


The Pratishtha Mahotsav was attended by H.H. Charukeerthiji Bhattarakji, Amrender Muniji, Dr. Tarlaben Doshi, Girishbhai and Sushilaben Shah, Nareshbhai and Minaben Shah, Narendrabhai Nandu, Narendrabhai Shah, Ashutosh Vyas, and JAINA president Dr. Sushil Jain and many others from India, Canada and USA.

The Ghabharo (inner sanctum) will have the presence of Shvetambar pratimajis of Adinath Bhagwan and Parshwanath Bhagwan, and a Digambar pratimaji of Mahavira Bhagwan. In the rangmandap are Guru Pundarik Swami and Guru Gautam Swami as well as marble patts of Sammetshikhar Maha Tirth and Shratunjay Maha Tirth along with Navkar Mahamantra and Siddha Chakra patts. Chakreshvari Devi, Sarsvati Devi, Shri Manibhadravira, and Shri Ghantakaranveer reside in the rangmandap. There is an upasra where people can perform samayika and meditation, a library, a large multipurpose room and a classroom for adult and children's religious classes.

The \$2.1 million temple is the third in Ohio, with about 50 families who gather regularly and another 50 who worship on major holidays. Others temples are in Cleveland and Cincinnati.

JAIN SAMAJ PROTESTS IDOL DESECRATION ACT OF VANDALISATION OF A JINA IMAGE IN LUCKNOW



Jantar Mantar, New Delhi; August 23, 2012: A rally was organised at Jantan Mantar to protest the defacing of the idol of Lord Mahavira at Bhagawan Mahavir Swamy Park in Lucknow on August 17, 2012. This was well attended by

members of the Jain community from all four sects. Jain Gurus, leaders, politicians and members of the Jain samaj had flowered in to the venue. This was a show of solidarity from the Jain Samaj to the world that Jains cannot be taken for granted and will always stand united to fight it out when it comes to protecting their rights & interests. Sri Sunjay Jain (from Vishwa Jain Sangathan), Sri Chakresh Jain (president, Delhi Jain Samaj), Sri Nirmal Kumar Sethi (president, Digambar Jain Mahasabha) and many other Jain leaders attended the event. Speaking on the occasion Sri Nirmal Kumar Sethi said that, "It is high time we Jains unite to gether and fight out for our rights. I am over whelmed to see the response received to this protest by the members of the Jain Samaj and particularly the youths who have turned out in large numbers". Religious leaders of other communities attended the event to extend their support for the cause. Father Dominick, Sri Pragnanandaji, Sri Paramjit Singhji, Imam Umar Ahman Iliyas (president, All India Imam Organisation) and other religious leaders attended the event. Imam Umar Ahman Iliyas, expressed shock over the incident. He called upon the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government to take stern action against the miscreants failing to which he warned of carrying out an "all religious protest march against the UP government". He further questioned the UP Government as to how more than 500 people with weapons were able to enter the park in the presence of police.

Messages from Jain Gurus - The messages of Acharya 108 Sri Sanmathisagarji Maharaj, Muni 108 Sri Pulak Sagarji Maharaj & Muni 108 Sri Tarunsagarji Maharaj were read out in the rally. Since the chaturmas venues of many Jain gurus were at a very far off place from Jantar Mantar they were unable to attend the event. It is learnt that Acharya 108 Sri Vidyasagarji Maharaj has been briefed about the incident and he has said "Jiyo our Jine Do - Live and Let Live". Jains of all ages and from all walks of life attended the event. Slogans like - Mahavir Smawy Ki Jai, Ahimsa Vishwa Dharma Ki Jai... went on all through out the event. - Inputs from Nipun Jain, Ayush Jain, Gaurav Jain & Jain Heritage Centres News Services.

Hubli Jain Samaj: Members of Digambar Jain Samaj took out a silent procession in Hubli, protesting against the desecration of the idol of the Jain Teerthankar recently. Protestors condemned the destruction of the idol of Bhagwan Shri Aadinath Teerthankar, in front of the Jain Mandir in Allur village of Chitapur taluk of Gulbarga district. Miscreants blasted the idol using a dynamite on July 25, and incident has hurt the feelings of the Jain community, said the protestors. They urged the state government to arrest the miscreants and provide security to all Jain centers in the state. Manish Modi, E-Mail : manishmodi@gmail.com

Ahimsa Sangh : We all are deeply distraught to hear of the dastardly and despicable act of vandalism by a crowd of antisocial elements wherein they attacked a 9 feet tall image of Lord Mahavira situated in Mahaveer Park (alias Hathi Park) in Lucknow on 17th August 2012. It was a crowd of Muslims who went there immediately after Alvida Namaz on Friday and vandalised the Jina image. However, let us refrain from knee jerk reactions and let us not paint all Muslims with the same brush.

What is the way forward for Jains? We need to protest effectively. We need to take appropriate legal steps. We need to set up an appropriate response mechanism. We should involve the media and give them credible information. The fact that our Jain community follows different traditions should not prevent us from creating an effective mechanism to meet all challenges faced by the community in a pro-active manner. We should present a united front and make sure our response to crimes against the community has the full backing of the law and is fully supported by the media. We should ensure that we are all batting for the same side. It is high time we take firm legal action and stand up for our rights. We must ensure that the guilty are punished by the law and we must hold the politicians accountable. We must be sincere and committed in our defense.

You can also sms /call to following authorities in UP Govt/ UP Minority Commission and register your protest against vandalism of idol of Lord Mahavira and demand for High level probe and strict action against the culprits. The addresses to contact are

1. Shri Akhilesh Yadav, Chief Miniter of Uttar Pradesh, Office No. 0522- 2215501, E-Mail: cmup@nic.in
2. Shri Azam Khan, Minister for Minority Welfare in U.P. State, Mobile No. 094156-07314
3. Shri Chitranjan Swaroop, Minister of State for Minority Wefare in UP, Office Nos. 0522-2214802

4. Smt. Leena Jauhari, Secretary, Minority welfare, Office No.0522-2237202
5. Shri Shahabuddin Mohammad, Director at Directorate of Minority Welfare, Mobile No.098390-91371

For further information contact : Ahimsa Sangh, e-mail : pashuraksha@gmail.com, www.ahimsasangh.org, Source : Mr. Praveen Jain, e-mail : cs.praveenjain@gmail.com

Ajay K. Jain, Arrah (Bihar) - Jainism has been pious, exclusive and private religion of Jains. It has nothing to do with non-Jains and non-believers. At least this stand was taken by us in Bombay High court during agitation by Hindus on Harijan Pravesh Bill demanding right of entrance in Jain Temple. With the blessings of Pujya Acharya 108 Shanti sagar ji Maharaj, the court ruled in our favour during 1954-56. Afterwards what we have done is to please the political leaders and to gain false popularity? We have put the very pious image of Lord Mahavir and other Tirthankers on road side, parks, Maidan and chouraha forgetting the very essence and sprit of our religion. What has happened in Lucknow is no surprise. If we do not mend our ways and seriously think over it, the worst is not far away. No doubt that the incident of damaging Jina image at Lucknow has put all Jains to shame, and should be strongly protested all levels. But it should be kept in mind that that we are also responsible for it to some extent. As you sow, so you reap. Let us also request the Heads of our all India religious bodies and Muni Sanghs to come forward and strengthen Veer Shasan by stopping and denouncing such anti-religious activities and prevent/stop our fellow brethren in installing Jin images at public places in future to avoid recurrence of such unfortunate incident. Ajay K. Jain, Arrah (Bihar), E-Mail : ajayjainara@yahoo.com

In view of the country wide protest by the community, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has promised to reinstate a new idol of Lord Mahavira at Bhagawan Mahavira park that was defaced by miscreants in Lucknow on August 17, 2012.

भगवान महावीर की नई प्रतिमा लगाना की मांग



लखनऊ । हाथी पार्क में लगी भगवान महावीर की क्षतिग्रस्त प्रतिमा का स्थान पर नई प्रतिमा लगाना और उपद्रवियों को गिरफ्तार करना की मांग को लेकर जैन समाज नलखनऊ में धरना दिया। श्री जैन प्रवर्द्धनी महासभा का अध्यक्ष विनय जैन का नेतृत्व में हाथी पार्क में हुए धरना का दौरान जैन समुदाय का लोग शामिल हुए। प्रदर्शन सा पूर्व डालीगंज स्थित श्री दिगंबर जैन मंदिर में जैन समाज की बैठक हुई। दिगंबर आचार्य रयण सागर महाराज का नेतृत्व में हुई बैठक में भगवान महावीर की नई प्रतिमा लगाना का लिए प्रदक्ष सरकार पर दबाव बनाना का निर्णय लिया गया। बैठक का उपरांत हाथी पार्क पहुंचा जैन अनुयायियों न भगवान महावीर की खंडित प्रतिमा का सामना धरना दिया। कैलाश जैन न कहा कि महापौर का आश्वासन का बावजूद समाज न शासन सा प्रतिमा लगवाना की मांग की है। भगवान महावीर की प्रतिमा क्षतिग्रस्त करना वालों का खिलाफ प्राथमिकी तो दर्ज की गई है, लेकिन अभी तक आरोपियों की गिरफ्तारी नहीं हुई है। शैलेंद्र जैन न सभी प्रतिमाओं की सुरक्षा करना की मांग की है। धरना में प्रदीप पाटनी, लवली जैन, कल्पना जैन, अनंतमती, संजीव जैन, सुभाष जैन व सिद्धार्थ जैन समस्त जैन समुदाय का कई लोग शामिल थे। जैन समाज न जिला प्रशासन का माध्यम सा मुख्यमंत्री को ज्ञापन भी प्रेषित किया।

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२०१२, प्रातः ८ बजे संप्रारंभ, सभास्थल : रामलीला मैदान, मलाड (पूर्व), मुम्बई, पहली रैली श्री दिग. जैन मंदिर, जितेन्द्र रोड, मलाड (पूर्व) संप्रारंभ रामलीला मैदान, मलाड (पूर्व) तक, दूसरी रैली श्री मुनिसुव्रतनाथ स्वामी श्वेताम्बर जिनालय, कांदिवली (प.) संप्रारंभ रामलीला मैदान, मलाड (पूर्व) तक. यादोनों रैलियाँ रामलीला मैदान, मलाड (पूर्व) पहुँचकर ११ बजे संप्रारंभ सभा में परिवर्तित हो जाएँगी. संपर्क सूत्र: ९७०२२-६८४०७, ९७६९६-९६२७१, ८९७६३-५८१४४, ९८१९९-८३७०८.

लखनऊ (उ.प्र.) में भगवान महावीर स्वामी की प्रतिमा पर हमलाका विरोध

प्राणीमात्र का कल्याण की भावना संप्रारंभ भगवान महावीर स्वामी की प्रतिमा पर असामाजिक तत्वों द्वारा हमला किया जाना बहुत ही दुखद एवं शर्मनाक कृत्य है। यह घटना कश्चित् जैन समाज का लिए ही नहीं अपितु समस्त भारतवर्ष का लिए एक खतराकी घंटी है जिससंप्रारंभ सतर्क हो जाना चाहिए। परम शान्त तथा अहिंसक समाज की धार्मिक आस्थाओं को इस प्रकार संप्रारंभ आम आघात पहुँचाना अनुचित है तथा जैन समाज को कायर मान लक्षा एक बहुत बड़ी भूल है। प्रशासन तक अपनी सिसकियों को पहुँचानाका लिए सकल समाज को एकजुट होना पड़ना। उ. प्र. सरकार तथा कश्चित् सरकार को इस विषय पर गंभीरता संप्रारंभ विचार करना चाहिए। - ऐलाचार्य अतिवीर महाराज, शकरपुर (दिल्ली), C-95, Maharana Pratap Enclave, Britania-Ranibagh Road, Pitampura, Delhi - 110034, Phone - 09910033159, E-Mail - ativeermuni@gmail.com, Website - www.shriativeer.blogspot.com

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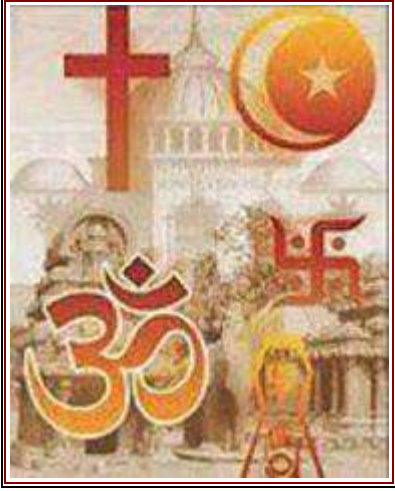
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राजशा जी म०

राजस्थान का अजमेर शहर की रामद्वारा गली पुरानी मंडी स्थित मसूदा की हवल्ली नाम संप्रारंभ्यात जैन स्थानक में आए दिन सुनाई दक्षिणाधर्म प्रवचन का बजाय मंगलवार 14 अगस्त 2012 को दोपहर को एकाएक हाहाकार और चीख-पुकार गूंज उठी जब दशकों पुराना जैन स्थानक भवन धर्मावलंबियों पर कहर बनकर ढहा गया। हादसामें एक जैन मुनि राजशा समस्त नौ श्रावक घायल हो गए। हादसामें समय भवन में पर्युषण पर्व की आराधना चल रही थी। हवल्ली में करीब उस समय 45 संप्रारंभ अधिक धर्मावलंबी मौजूद थे और सायंकाल प्रतिक्रमण की तैयारियां हो रही थी। बताया जा रहा है कि बीती रात मध्य गर्जन और बिजली कड़कनासंप्रारंभ हवल्ली का एक बूढ़ा पिलर कमजोर पड़ कर अपनी जगह छोड़ गया। भवन की पहली मंजिल का भार अन्य पिलर पर बढनासंप्रारंभ हवल्ली का बीच का हिस्सा भरभरा कर ढहा गया।

सूझबूझ संप्रारंभची कई जानें... हवल्ली का ठीक सामनासंप्रारंभ हवल्ली जज्जवल सिंह साहनी नसंप्रारंभ बताया कि दोपहर करीब 3. 28 बजे संप्रारंभ घर की बॉलकनी में बैठा था। अचानक तप्त आवाज का साथ मसूदा हवल्ली में धूल-धूसरित हो गई। चीखनसंप्रारंभ चिल्लानासंप्रारंभ आवाजें आनासंप्रारंभगीं। उज्जवल नसंप्रारंभ डोसी आशीष, विशाल जैन, लक्ष्मण, गोविंद शर्मा, गुरमीतसिंह, अर्जुन साहू और बीरा गुर्जर को साथ लिया और हिम्मत कर हवल्ली की भीतर घुस गया। सभी नसंप्रारंभ समझदारी संप्रारंभ वहां मलबामें दबसंप्रारंभ जैन मुनि सहित अन्य धर्मावलंबियों को बाहर निकाला। हादसामें जाटियावास निवासी धर्मीचंद सुराणा (75) की तो मौत हो गई। जबकि जैन महाराज राजशा मुनि हादसामें घायल हो गए। यह रहा कारण: भवन की छत गिरनाका कारण अलग-अलग बताया गया है। निगम अधिकारियों का अनुसार भवन सौ साल पुराना है। - श्री तारक गुरु जैन ग्रन्थालय, उदयपुर, राजस्थान -313001, E-Mail : tguru1966@gmail.com

जैन मंदिर का लिए मुस्लिम नातोड़ा अपना घर

शाबाश जानिसार आपका जज्बाको सलाम' - सांप्रदायिक सदभाव की मिसाल पक्ष करतहुए बिहार का भगलपुर शहर में मुस्लिम भाइयों नपवित्र माह रमजान में एक जैन मंदिर का निर्माण में सहायता कर गुरुवार 9 अगस्त 2012 की रात सौहार्द व भाइचाराकी कहानियों में एक नया अध्याय जोड़ दिया। दरअसल श्री चंपापुर दिगंबर जैन सिद्ध क्षत्र में प्रतिमा निर्माण का लिए 35 फीट लंबा, नौ फीट चौड़ा व पांच फीट ऊंचा एक विशाल ग्रनाइट पत्थर लाया जा रहा था।



पत्थर जिस ट्रॉली पर लोड था वह दिगंबर जैन मंदिर पहुंचनएसपहलचौराहापर मोड़ लग्नसमय बगल की चहारदीवारी सभटक गया. घर का मालिक मोहम्मद जानिसार अख्तर नजब जाना कि इस पत्थर सभगवान वासुपूज्य की प्रतिमा बनणी, तो उन्होंनेमंदिर का पदाधिकारियों को इस बात की इजाजत दादी कि ट्रॉली को आगनिकालनमें जहां तक चहारदीवारी टूटती है तोड़ लीजिए। जानिसार अख्तर का कहना है कि रमजान कापवित्र माह में मुस्लिम को सही व नक काम करनकी सीख दी गई लें। पुष्करवाणी गुप नजानकारी दसाहुए बताया कि चहारदीवारी तोड़ी भी गयी, लेकिन फिर पत्थर उस भवन की छत सभटक गया. मो. अख्तर नबफिर छत तोड़नकी इजाजत दादी, उन्होंनेकहा कि अगर मशी एक छत को बचानसवासुपूज्य की प्रतिमा नहीं बन पायणी तो ऐसी जिंदगी पर लानत होगी। उन्होंनेन कयल छत तोड़नकी इजाजत दी, बल्कि उसतोड़नव ट्रॉली को वहां सआगबढानमें पूरा मोहल्लाका लोगों नभी मदद की. इसमें बूढा बच्चजवान और महिलाओं तक नसाथ निभाया. आखिरकार पत्थर लदाट्रॉली को मंदिर परिसर पहुंचा दिया गया। उल्लखनीय है कि भागलपुर शहर सांप्रदायिक दंगों का पुराना इतिहास रहा है। दश का सबसेभीषण दंगों में शामिल साल 1989 का दंगा भी यहीं हुआ था।

पहलाभी किए प्रयास:- इससपहलभी मुस्लिम समुदाय का द्वारा मंदिरों का निर्माण में सहायता की मिसालें सामनआ चुकी है। इस साल की शुरुआत में गया जिलामें मुस्लिम युवाओं नमाँ दुर्गा का मंदिर बनवानमें मदद की थी। इन्होंनेमंदिर का लिए न सिर्फ धनराशि दी, बल्कि निर्माण कार्य में भी सहयोग दिया था। इसी प्रकार बखूसराय जिलका मुस्लिम बहुल गांव का निवासी मोहम्मद फखरुल इस्लाम नशिव मंदिर का लिए अपनी जमीन दान में दी थी। - Shri Pushpendra Muni, E-Mail : pushpendramuni@gmail.com, श्री तारक गुरु जैन ग्रन्थालय, उदयपुर, राजस्थान -313001

AHMEDABAD DEVOTEES CLEAN 111 JAIN TEMPLES IN A DAY

Aug 27, 2012 :At the initiative of Sadhvi Maitri Ratna Shriji, around 12,000 old Jain idols and 111 temples of the city were recently washed and cleaned in just one day by 10,000 devotees who had volunteered for the job. This is the first time that cleaning of temples on such a scale and with the participation of so many people had taken place. The temples with their idols located in the old city had fallen into a state of neglect. Moved by their condition, Sadhvi Maitri Ratna Shriji resolved to have them cleaned. She announced her wish to have the neglected temples cleaned and restored by youths and Jain devotees of the city.

Four months back, a team conducted a survey to determine how many temples needed to be cleaned and how many devotees would be needed to clean one derasar. A special association, Jinalay Shudhikaran Parivar—Rajnagar (JSPR), was created for the cleaning of the temples and their idols. The 10,000 Jain devotees who joined it were split up into different teams. Around 50 devotees were assigned to one derasar for its cleaning. The 'shudhikaran' (cleaning) of the temples was carried out on August 19. When asked why the temples had fallen into neglect, Nirvan Shan, a member of JSPR, said that, over the years, many Jains living in the walled city had migrated to the western part of Ahmedabad. As a result, the temples of the walled city fell into neglect. Swetambar Murti Poojak Jain devotees washed the stone idols,

cleaned the metal idols (made of brass and copper) and replaced the old ornaments and pooja items with new ones all through the day on August 19. Many of these temples are more than 100 years old and were in a neglected condition. Another member of the JSRP, Bhadresh Shah, said that among the prominent temples that were cleaned are Shambavnath Bhagwan Jinalay of Kalupur and Adishwar bhawan Jinalay, Ajitnath Bhagwan Jinalay of Jhaveriwad. Also, the Shri Chintamani Parswanath Jain derasar in Rajpur area of the city, which is more than 450 years old, was decorated and devotees performed a mahapooja there, said Bhadresh Shah.

MUSLIMS HELP IN JAIN TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION IN RAMADAN IN BIHAR



Patna July 28, In an example of communal harmony in India, Muslims in the holy month of Ramadan have helped in the construction of a Jain temple in Bhagalpur town of Bihar. Mohammad Janeshar Akhtar even demolished a portion of his house to enable the movement of a 70-foot long truck laden with a granite stone block, being carried for making an idol at the temple. Other Muslims helped widen the street so that the vehicle could reach the temple without much difficulty. According to Mohammad Akhtar, in the holy month of Ramadan when a Muslim is supposed to do rightful things, I decided to help my Jain brothers. I thought that if I refuse to demolish the roof of my house, it

will obstruct the construction of the statue. The granite block was 35 feet long, 9 feet wide and 5 feet tall and was loaded on the truck. It could not be negotiated through the narrow and congested street near Akhtar's house. According to the Police, Akhtar along with Mohammad Alam, both residents of Kabirpur, a Muslim locality in Bhagalpur, Bihar then helped members of Champapur Digambar Jain temple to move the truck with the granite block to the temple for constructing the statue of Vaspujya Bhagwan. Not only this, the local Muslim residents also helped in the widening of the road. It was really a great gesture on the part of Muslim community of Bhagalpur. In fact, Bhagalpur town has a history of communal conflict. It witnessed one of the worst riots in the country, in which over 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, were killed in October 1989. Early this year, some Muslims had helped in building a Hindu temple dedicated to goddess Durga in Bihar's Gaya district. Muslims not only donated money but were also involved in the construction of the temple. Earlier, a Muslim had donated his land for a temple dedicated to god Shiva in Begusarai district. Mohammad Fakhrool Islam had given land for it in Muslim-dominated Bachwara village. Over three decades ago, in the same village some Hindus had donated a piece of land for the construction of a mazar (a place where a saint is buried).

म्यांमार दक्ष की राजधानी रंगून में जिन मंदिर एवं दादावाडी का जीर्णोद्धार संपन्न

ब्रह्मदक्ष- म्यांमार दक्ष की राजधानी रंगून (यंगून) का जिन मंदिर एवं दादावाडी का आवश्यक जीर्णोद्धार श्री जिनदत्त कुशलसूरि खरतरगच्छ पढी का तत्वावधान में संपन्न हुआ। इस जीर्णोद्धार का संपूर्ण लाभ पढी का अध्यक्ष व मान्यवर फलोदी चम्पनई निवासी श्रद्धिवर्य श्री मोहनचंदजी प्रदीपकुमारजी ढड्डा परिवार द्वारा लिया गया। बिना उत्थापन का हुए इस जीर्णोद्धार का पश्चात् 24 जुलाई 2012 को अठारह अभिषेक का विधांन संपन्न किया गया। अभिषेक का विधान हस्तु समस्त औषधियां व आवश्यक सामग्री का साथ ढड्डा परिवार रंगून पहुँचा। श्री नाकोडा ज्ञानशाला का प्राचार्य शासन रत्न श्री नरसुद्रभाई कोरडिया नऱसारा विधिविधान कराया। दादा गुरुदक्ष की पूजा पढाई गई। रंगून का इस मंदिर का प्रारंभ जयपुर निवासी श्री किशनचंदजी पुंगलिया नऱसंवत् 1930 में किया था। उनका व्यापार बर्मा दक्ष में फैला हुआ था। इस कारण वऱसर्वप्रथम श्री सिद्धचक्रजी का गट्टा अपनाऱसाथ लाकर अपनाऱमकान में स्थापित किया था। इस प्रकार बर्मा में जिन भक्ति का वातावरण प्रारंभ हुआ। कुछ समय का बाद पार्श्वनाथ प्रभु की रजतमय प्रतिमाजी भरवाकर उनका ही घर में बिराजमान की गई। बाद में श्री संघ नऱएकत्र होकर संवत् 1955 में जिन मंदिर हस्तु भूमि क्रय की गई। जिन मंदिर का निर्माण का पश्चात् वि० सं० 1971 वैशाख वदि 5 को महोत्सव का साथ परमात्मा महावीर, पार्श्वनाथ प्रभु, दादा गुरुदक्ष आदि बिंबों व पादुकाओं की प्रतिष्ठा की गई।



EVENTS & CONFERENCES

EIGHTH JAIN DOCTORS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT NEW DELHI



Jain Doctors Federation Delhi under the aegis of National Jain Doctors Federation will organise JDICON 2012, the 8th Jain Doctors International Conference on 13th & 14th Oct 2012 at Adhiyatmak Sadna Kendra, Mehrauli, New Delhi in the Nishra of Ganivarya Nayapadmasagarji Maharaj Saheb. The conference programme will include group discussions, scientific sessions and NHDF Annual General Meeting. Accommodation & Food for all those who register their name for this conference will be free from 12th to 15th Oct. 2012. For details contact JDICON 2012, Sect - O.P. Jain - 09213278739, E-Mail: dromjain@gmail.com or Dr. Kamal Jain, E-Mail : drkamal_jain@yahoo.com

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

D. R. MEHTA HONOURED WITH RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL SADBHAVANA PURSKAR



Jaipur: Dr. D. R. Mehta, the founder and chief patron of the Jaipur based Bhagwan Mahavir Viklang Sahayata Samiti, the makers of the world famous "Jaipur Foot" was presented the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavna award at a special function at Jawahar Bhawan New Delhi.

The award was presented by the chairman of the advisory committee of Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavna Committee, Dr. Karan Singh in the presence of the Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh & UPA Chairperson Mrs. Sonia Gandhi. This award which carries a cash prize of Rs. Five lakh was given to Shri Mehta for his contribution to

communal harmony, peace and goodwill. Late President K. R. Narayanan, Mother Teresa, Lata Mangeshkar, Bismillah Khan, Dilip Kumar. Sunil Dutt are among the persons who were recipients of this award in the past. Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in his address said the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana award has become an important event of our calendar. He said late Rajiv Gandhi worked to build a strong and modern India and communal harmony was always high in his agenda. He worked for the decentralization of power that was aimed to empower the women and reservation to women in the panchayats was his bright idea which has started good and positive results.

Prime Minister said that the role played by the Jaipur based Bhagwan Mahavir Vikland Sahayata Samiti under the leadership of Shri Mehta enabled over a million people overcome their disabilities and they now walk with dignity. He said a sensible and dedicated person like Shri Mehta has led his bunch of dedicated workers to serve the humanity and the BMVSS has done enormous good work not only in India, but in several Asian, African and Latin American countries. It's for this reason that a bureaucrat like Shri Mehta, who set up the BMVSS 37 years ago has grown from strength to strength to become an organisation that is known globally. He truly deserved this coveted award and his role which inspired thousands of disabled only speak about the good work of the BMVSS.

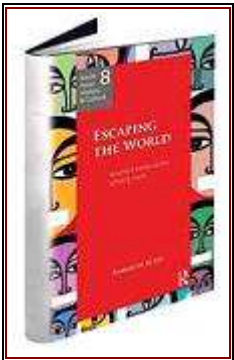
In the award presentation function UPA chairperson Mrs. Sonia Gandhi said that Dr. Mehta has given new dimension to communal harmony by serving the humanity in his own way and choosing to serve and help the disabled. He was an IAS officer, but never forget his social obligations to the society. The BMVSS is a great example of how the humanity could be served by making the disabled walk. Those who suffered disabilities either because of congenital problems or because of suffering injuries find the BMVSS as a true friend that make them stand on their feet once again. This is not a mean achievement by an organization which is so devoted to the cause of the disabled particularly the poor. She said Shri Mehta has not only made Jaipur popular, but has also contributed in earning the country great goodwill. Shri Mehta is working to connect human being with human being that leaves a lasting impression in one's heart and mind.

Shri Mehta, former chairman of the SEBI and a former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India in his acceptance speech said the BMVSS was set up in 1975 at Jaipur to rehabilitate the handicaps by providing them artificial limb. The BMVSS has since developed from strength to strength to emerge as the world's leading organisation for the handicaps having benefited over 1.3 million persons world over with artificial limbs, calipers and other aids and appliances, giving them dignity and mobility. Shri Mehta said the Jaipur Foot has become the most widely used prosthetics in the world. "I asked many industrialists, scientists and government leaders to name at least three industrial or manufactured Indian products, the brands of which are known all over the world. They could name only two, one of which was Jaipur Foot". He said the BMVSS evolved a special patient-centric management system to ensure fast humane personalized service. BMVSS provides aid and appliances free of charge as a large number of patients are below poverty line. "However, he added that it is ensured that the patients get the clear impression that they are getting help and not charity. One of the basic objectives of the BMVSS is to ensure dignity along with mobility.

Shri Mehta ensured that the BMVSS remains a non-political, non-sectarian, pan Indian NGO. The BMVSS is an international organization. It has held on-the-spot limb-fitment camps in over 26 countries of Asia including Pakistan and Afghanistan, Africa and Latin America. The BMVSS has technical tie-ups with prestigious universities of US like Stanford and MIT. Earlier, Dr. Karan Singh lauded the role of Rajiv Gandhi in building a true modern India where there was opportunity for one and all. He said that the advisory committee was honoured to felicitate Dr. Mehta with the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna award. Union Ministers Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, Smt. Ambika Soni, Shri AK Antony, Shri Anand Sharma M. P. Shri Ahmed Patel etc .were among the dignitaries who were present in the function.

NEW BOOKS

ESCAPING THE WORLD: WOMEN RENOUNCERS AMONG JAINS : Publisher: Routledge, Pages: 220, Price: Rs695



Women Diksha Ceremony is the subject around which the whole book moves. Manisha Sethi remarks on this joyous, processional, community send-off, as she describes the diksha (investiture ceremony) in her book about Jain female mendicants. In *Escaping the World*, Sethi writes, "Like a traditional wedding, which is a union not between two individuals but involves a whole array of kin and other social networks, so too does the diksha galvanise a variety of social groups: gacch (a unit of mendicants and their lay followers), sect and even the local Jain community as a whole." Sethi's title has an ironic note to it — Jain nuns may escape the world of matrimony and the responsibilities of a householder, but they exchange one set of conventions for another. By retreating from the social world and abdicating material rights, they go into a network provided for by the Jain laity. This is a well-oiled and community-financed machinery, because the labha (merit) that a sadhvi brings to the community is immense. This is also unique to Jainism, according to Sethi. Indeed, one would be hard pressed to find references in ancient

Indian culture where women are given positive encouragement to work at their own personal salvation, abandoning the social responsibilities of wifehood and motherhood.

In Brahminical traditions, a woman is "an obstruction to renunciation" but Jainism stresses upon the ideas of karma-bandhana, (the ties that arise out of one's karma), nirjara (one of the fundamentals of Jain philosophy which insists upon the shedding of one's temporal responsibilities in order to be ready for moksha) and moksha, (representing the liberation from all karmic ties and a state of infinite bliss). Every individual must cherish these ideals and work towards them and achieve salvation. A Jain sadhvi, as Sethi establishes, is not an aberration but a role model for younger girls, often from within the extended family. Sethi interviews Pragiti sri who recounts that her life was run of the mill, until she encountered the sadhvi, Dr. Manju Sri, when the latter visited Pragiti sri's city while on a chaturma (a four month retreat that itinerant monks and nuns observe). "What is the aim of your life?" asked Dr. Manju sri and seeking the answer to that question led Pragiti sri to become a sadhvi.

Sethi challenges the notion that only destitute or women who are considered somehow damaged — for example, widows — turn to mendicancy. In fact, her data suggests that unmarried girls make up a large percentage of the Jain sadhvis, outstripping any other category, including unmarried males. The choice to become a sadhvi is entirely voluntary. Escaping

the world of marriage doesn't mean escaping the world of chauvinism entirely. Sethi's ethnographic fieldwork in northern India is placed against existing sociological theories about female renunciation and offers a feminist perspective on the order. She cautions against seeing it as 'indigenous feminism' as she demonstrates how sadhvis remain within a rigidly-gendered hierarchy. This book highlights key factors in the lives of the sadhvi, and studies how the implications play out, bringing together information from early monastic codebooks, popular stories, modern cultural theories, and individual case studies with fluency. It opens room for discourse about a fascinating and deep-rooted cultural anomaly within our Indian traditions of asceticism.

THE JAINA PATH OF PURIFICATION - By Prof. J. L. Jaini - In this book, the author talks about initiation of Jain children into darsana-pratima prior to which they are referred to as nominal Jain. He doesn't indicate it as only a Shwetambar practice. I am familiar with Digamber Jain families softly reciting Namokar mantra in a baby's ear on the 6th day after birth (chhathi celebration) and / or taking a baby on the 40th day after birth to the Jain temple and performing the same recitation. Is there a more formal initiation practiced among the Digamber followers in some parts of India? Prof. Jaini goes on to describe the initiation to include the Namokar mantra, the catuh-sarana, the hymns of praise and the eight mulagunas. He lists the following in the hymns of praise:

Sraka stava, Nama-Jina-stava, Sruta-stava indicating that there are both Shwetambar and Digamber versions of each of these. Again, while I am familiar with the practice of reciting names of the 24 tirthankars (similar to nama-jina-stava) among Digamber Jains, I didn't see the other two prominently included in the Jinvaani Sangrah commonly used by Digamber Jains in North India. Are these three (or equivalent) commonly recited by Digamber Jains in some part of India as part of initiation or daily prayers? - Sanjay, E-Mail : sanjay_jain@hotmail.com

JAINISM IN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY - By Dr Dibakar Mohanty, Foreword by Dr BK Dalai, 2006 22 cm x 14 cm 346 pages, Hardcover Edition Rs. 600 Dibakar Mohanty wrote his PhD thesis on references to Jainism in the original sources of Nyaya, Vedanta, Mimamsa and Buddhist texts. His well-researched thesis has been revised and presented in book form. Mohanty has meticulously identified and collected references to Jainism in the vast original literatures of the Nyaya, Vedanta, Mimamsa and Buddhist schools. These are critically examined and recorded in this work. He has placed the Jain doctrine side by side with that of the other schools. It is hoped that this work will attract other scholars to Jain studies. Book is available with Hindi Granth Karyalay, E-Mail : Jainbooks@aol.com

COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

THE FIRST AMBASSADOR OF JAIN PHILOSOPHY SHRI V. R. GANDHI'S MISSION

Virchand Raghavji Gandhi was born on Aug. 25, 1864 at Mahuva, Gujarat, India, hence 2014 will be his 150th Anniversary Year. Shri V.R. Gandhi was a first Jain to come to U.S.A. to attend the first ever-held Parliament of World Religions at Chicago, U.S.A. in 1893 as a Jain Delegate [on behalf of invitee Shri Atmaramji aka Acharya Shri Vijayanandsuri Maharaj Saheb (being Jain monk could not be able to attend sailing seas)] to spread Lord Mahavir's message of non-violence and universal love, his life goals. Swami Vivekanand and others from India represented Hindu and other Religions. Swami Vivekanand and V .R. Gandhi both came to the west at the same time and with the same goal but Swami Vivekanand is well-known. One of the U. S. periodicals wrote while giving tribute to both of them when VRG and Swamiji died in 1901 and 1902 respectively, "The influence of Vivekanand's philosophy has been kept alive, but it is a matter of great pity that no attempt has been made to keep memory of Shri V.R. Gandhi alive". It was unfortunate that all the institutions founded by VRG in U.S.A./ U.K. died along with his premature death in 1901. It is real tragedy that VRG a great Jain scholar, a humanitarian (he was responsible to send ship-load of grains from America to India in worst famine in 1896-97), a reformer (who founded "Society for the Education of Women in India") and a patriot (who talked about freedom of India, at the 1893 Parliament of the World Religions five decades before India's independence) is totally forgotten.



He praised Mogul Indian Emperor Akbar for his being equal to all religions. As a National Figure he had attended the Indian National Congress held in Pune as a representative of then undivided Bombay province. Bombay in 1895 and International Conference of Commerce in London as an All-Asia sole delegate in 1899 where he advocated reforms of post-parcel system. He was the first known Jain graduate, graduating from Bombay (Mumbai) University in 1884 at the age of 20. He was the first elected secretary of Jain Association of India at the age of 21. He was a polyglot who had mastered as many as 14 languages. He was first known Jain to be qualified as Barrister in London. He was a great exponent of Indian culture, a patriot, a humanitarian, a philosopher, a reformer and a Jain scholar made this possible and made us proud by revealing the true nature of religion, love, compassion, tolerance and Ahimsa (non-violence). He corrected the false, twisted and perverse impression of India, being the land of Maharajahs, tigers, cobras, magicians, heathens without any culture or civilization. He spoke as a non-sectarian Jain, but as an Indian first. He had studied Vedanta Philosophy, Buddhism, Christianity, Western philosophy which enabled him to talk on various subjects and present his views with confidence. He had clear vision, unbiased approach and clarity in his explanation. He defended Indian culture, Hindu religion under unjust criticism in the Parliament and elsewhere by elaborating its principles. As a Reformer for promoting Indian philosophy/culture Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi had founded the following 4 Institutions in the West in his 3 long journeys from 1893 to 1901, the year of his death.

1. Gandhi Philosophical Society in Washington
2. Society for the Education of Women in India in Chicago (Under this banner of SEWI, several Indian women came to U.S.A. for studies during and after 1890s).

3. School of the Oriental Philosophy in London

4. Jain Literature Society in London.(Under which Mr. Herbert Warren adopted Jain Religion and wrote a book "Herbert Warren's Jainism".

Several U.S. A./ Europe Scholars have praised VRG's writing about Philosophy. V. Glasenapp, a well-known German scholar wrote his doctoral dissertation on the Jain Doctrine of Karma and acknowledged VRG's lectures as the sole influence. Though part of Jain Community opposed every time his travel to the West and wanted him outcast him when he returned but people in Europe and U.S.A. liked him so much that they invited him twice in 1897 and 1899. Every time when he returned from abroad, he was felicitated at a big welcome functions presided by dignitaries like Premchad Raychand and Chief Justice Mahadeo Govind Ranade in 1896 and 1899 respectively. He wrote three books on Philosophies: The Systems of Indian Philosophy, Religion and Philosophy of The Jains and The Yoga Philosophy. He has good relations with Mahatma (M. K.) Gandhi and Mark Twain, the father of American literature. It is said VRG accompanied Mark Twain during later's India visit. His Newspaper Buffalo Express had covered his immense success and on Mark Twain's visit to India. The Ohio Historical Society had given a big bronze plaque to Jain Center of Cincinnati-Dayton in 1994 marking 100 years of VRG's lecture in Cleveland on September 18, 1894 mentioning that VRG brought Jainism to Ohio State.

In 1901 Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi died. With his death many great initiatives were halted and forgotten. But in 1964, at the initiative of Chitrabhanuji VRG centenary was celebrated. (VRG was born 25th Aug. 1864) at Shantinath Upashraya in Fort, Mumbai. The centenary programme was attended by thousands. Government of India on Nov. 8, 2009 issued a collector's philatelic special album with first day cover with Virchand Raghavji Gandhi. Dr. Kumarpal Desai reprinted several books written by VRG more than 100 years ago. Based upon Pritiben Shah's earlier research thesis work on Shri V.R. Gandhi, Dr. Pritiben published "Gandhi Before Gandhi" book. Pankaz C. Hingarh, Mumbai, Dr. Pritiben N. Shah, Ahmedabad and Renukaben Porwal of Mumbai have made some fabulous researches about the life of VRG.

Pravin C. Shah,(ex founding Chair Person, JAINA Shri V. R. Gandhi Scholarship/Memorial Committee) has suggested many programmes to celebrate VRG's 150th centenary. e.g.

1. Pursue for the VRG Chair either in India and / or U.S.A.
2. Pursue with Governments to include about VRG Biography in school curriculum.
3. To erect VRG Statues and naming of roads in name of VRG.
4. Pursue with Kalayanji Anandji Pedhi / or other appropriate authorities to acknowledge VRG's Contribution at Palitana

(who got Pilgrimage Tax removed) and Sammet Shikhar (where he got Slaughter houses removed) by installing a VRG Statues/Busts at both places

5. Revive forgotten VRG and his lost Mission.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

WORLD'S 1ST EVER JAIN RADIO CHANNEL - JINVANI



World's 1st ever Jain Radio Channel - JINVANI (<http://www.jainmedialive.com/>) has been launched on the internet. The channel broadcasts various programs such as Abhishek, Pooja, Lectures, Bhakti, Aarti, Samayik, Pratikraman etc. throughout the day. To learn more about Jain radio channel - JINVANI, please visit the website at www.jainmedialive.com/index. To listen Jain radio station directly, please visit the website at www.jainmedialive.com/jainradio/usplayer.

JAIN COMMUNITY INCLUDED IN MINORITIES IN HARYANA



Aug 24, 2012, Chandigarh : Haryana government has notified the Jain community as the minority community in the state. A notification to this effect has been issued by Haryana Social Justice and Empowerment Department, an official release said. Addressing a gathering of Jain devotees at a function organised to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira at Gannaur near Panipat, Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said "The Jain community will be included in the list of minorities." Now the Jain community is equal to the other

minority communities in the state like Muslims, Sikhs, and are going to be considered separate from the Hindu community. But the government of India includes the Jain community as part of the Hindus. At the 11-day long Panchkalyanak Pratishtha Mahotsav and Mahamastakabhishek organised at Guptisagar Dham Tirath, the Chief Minister announced that the Guptisagar Dham Tirath at Gannaur would be developed as a tourist site. He also said that the government would send its recommendation to National Highway Authority of India to name the flyover at NH No 1 in front of Guptisagar Dham after Jain Saint Shri Guptisagar Ji Maharaj. Now onwards, at least in Haryana, Jains will enjoy all the rights given to Muslims and Sikhs under different government policies to protect their separate identity.

1901 CENSUS DATA ABOUT JAINS

According to the census of 1901 the Jain community included the following:

Kaibarta Jains: 7
Kewat Jains: 1
Bhangi Jains: 33
Chamar Jains: 57
Banjara Jains: 235
Kahar Jains: 6
Chuhra Jains: 41
Dhed Jains: 12
Dhobi Jains: 25
Dom Jains: 4
Kumhar Jains: 328
Lohar Jains: 25
Mochi Jains: 239
Munda Jains: 1

This shows that earlier the Jain community included several Dalit communities. Thus there have been Dalit Jains in the past. Source: Mr. Yashwant Malaiya, E-Mail : ymalaiya@yahoo.com

IDOL STOLEN FROM INDORE JAIN TEMPLE

Aug 23, 2012 Indore: Thieves stole an idol and cash from a Jain temple in the night. Police said thieves targeted Jain

temple in Jain colony and escaped with idol of ashta-dhatu and cash of Rs 25,000. Police have registered the case under the Section 457 and 380 of the IPC.

THIEVES ATTEMPT TO BREAK INTO JAIN TEMPLE IN GUDIBANDE

Aug 16, 2012 : In a unique attempt of theft, thugs broke into the ancient Jain temple of Chandranathaswamy, but neglected to take anything of value. Instead, they replaced the lock of the temple with one of their own and left. After the duplicate lock was cut away, the team found a gunny bag inside the temple, containing a five-metal alloy with inscriptions, two idols and other valuables. Broken glass from where idols were allegedly stolen was also discovered.

The Jain temple, known as Basadi in Kannada, was built in early 16th century and contains antique idols and inscriptions. The temple, a popular pilgrim centre in the State, also contains idols of Chandranatha, Padmawathi, Jwalamalini, Saraswathi, Koshmandini and other goddesses. It is believed that a Jain sage, Nigranta Ratna underwent penance here. Paraswanathaiah, a resident of the town also underwent penance here and obtained nirvana at Penukonda in Andhra Pradesh. Residents said that official neglect has allowed the temple's once-beautiful exteriors to fall into disrepair. The temple's intricately-carved pillars are in poor condition and the temple itself has not been renovated. The area around the temple have become polluted and the location is a den of illegal activity.

ADGP A. K. JAIN DENIED BAIL IN DARA SINGH KILLING

Jaipur, Aug 22 The court rejected the bail application of A.K. Jain, the suspended additional director general of police (ADGP) who was arrested in March for the killing of criminal Dara Singh, in an alleged staged shootout. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) counsel Sarfaraz Haider Khan said that the court of the Jaipur district judge denied bail to Jain. Jain had sought bail on the grounds that Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) legislator Rajendra Singh Rathore, also an accused, had been discharged in the case by a court. Jain surrendered before a court in Rajasthan in March, nine months after he disappeared fearing arrest. The officer was a proclaimed offender in the case. Dara Singh was gunned down by a team of the state police's Special Operations Group (SOG) on the outskirts of Jaipur Oct 23, 2006. The CBI had alleged in its charge sheet that Jain acted at the behest of BJP legislator Rathore.

READER'S VIEWS & NOTES

JAINS IN THE INDIAN ARMED FORCES - Wg Cdr Surendra Kumar Jain - In view of the curiosity my earlier letter evoked, I am sharing some more details about myself and the Jains in the Armed Forces. In my own case, I come from a family of armed forces personnel. My father's two elder brothers and my grandfather served the British Army. Often the British used to call Jains serving in the army as "Jaini" and thus the surname in some cases, got changed to that in official records. There is a military tradition of 6 generations in my family, as known to me. Even earlier they would have been soldiers as the family had the title of "Jung Bahadur" i.e. Brave at War. I visited Saharanpur about 25 years back and met a person belonging to my original family, who still lived there. His name started with Jung Bahadur and if I remember correctly, it was Jung Bahadur Ranveer Singh Jain.

Some people think that Jains cannot handle weapons or are not good at combat. This is far from truth. No doubt Jains avoid street brawl and abusive language, just like a Vir Chakra awardee never gets into a street brawl. A soldier holding a Param Vir Chakra medal, will avoid a street brawl, not because he is scared of the goonda, but because it is below his dignity to engage in a street brawl. The only fear he will have is that if he was to hit the goon, the goon may die and then he will be hauled up by the police. Also that it will bring him a bad name.

From personal knowledge I can say that in many districts of UP, Jains were Zamindars owning villages. Generally they lived in a common neighborhood. They ruled over the villages and held regular court and awarded sentences in civil and criminal cases, pertaining to their villages. Many Jain families wrote Singh as a surname or added Jain after Singh e.g. Sultan Singh Jain. Even today one can find many names in Delhi's telephone directory as XXX Singh Jain.

The Military tradition of Jains is as old as the Tirthankars, as at least 13 of them are accepted to have been the Kings. Kings had to be of a warrior class. I could talk of Bharat and Bahubali, but that will be too old a period. Similarly some

people may not know that Ashoka the great, who commanded the biggest ever empire built on earth, both in area and population, was also a Jain. Chandraguta Maurya is said to have converted to Jainism in his later years, though many others say that he was a Jain all along. The Jain Kharvel dynasty of Kalinga had a succession of warrior kings. Nanda attacked Kalinga and took away a Jain statue, still available at Bhubhaneshwar. Nanda would not wage a war for the statue of a different religion and therefore would have been a Jain. Then Kharvel attacked Pataliputra and recovered the statue. So, there were Jain warriors on both sides of the famous Kalinga-Pataliputra wars.

Till such time Jain rulers were present in today's Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, UP, Orissa etc, the invaders from the middle east, central asian republics and Mongolia dared not attack India. It is interesting to note that the attacks on India by the barbarians happened only after the decline of Jainism. Coming to the modern times, the old military tradition amongst Jains continued during the British period and after Independence. My personal experience of the Indian Air Force is that about 4% of the officers are Jains in the IAF. Consider it in the light of the fact that the population of Jains in India is about 48 lakhs out of a total of 120 crores. Their percentage population is only 0.4%, but they contribute 10 times that to the armed forces officers cadre. Similar is the situation in the Army and the Navy. Amongst other ranks, their percentage is less but still far above their population percentage.

Interestingly, I was never asked in the services as to how a Jain had joined the Air Force. It was accepted as something very normal. However, outside the armed forces I was once or twice asked as to how did I join the Air Force being a Jain. Besides Jains, there are any number of Agrawals, Guptas, and various gotras of Agrawals like Mittal, Jindal, Garg, Goyal etc, (all considered by some to be the trading class), in the Armed Forces. Nobody in the Army, Air Force or Navy thinks of them in derogatory terms. If ever anybody called us Bania, we used to tell them that there are two types of people in this world. Those who are recognised as somebody in the society :(Jo kucch ban jate hain, wo bania kahlate hain) are called Banias. The rest are Bigadias (Jo bigad jaate hain), i.e. those who are non achievers, are the bigadias or the spoilt ones. It was upto them to decide what they wished to do with their lives.

Amongst Jains of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, UP, Rajasthan, MP and Karnataka, I can definitely say that a very big percentage are not into trading. An equal number are professionals. Another problem faced by non-jains is that they often do not know that the majority of Jains do not write Jain as their surname. So in Rajasthan you may meet a Modi, Mehta, Bhandari, Kothari, Soni, Singhvi, Sogani and not realise that he may be a Jain. Similar situation exists in Gujarat. The Kannadigas of Jain following rarely write Jain as a surname.

The professions Jains are commonly found in are : Chartered Accountants, Advocates, IT Industry, Armed Forces, Medicine, Science, Teaching at various levels, Management, Civil Services, Engineers, Literature and Philosophy and Journalism. But there is hardly any profession where Jains are totally absent. A substantial number lives abroad in many countries of the world, mostly as professionals. About half of them are in business, trade and allied activities. Their literacy level is 100%, even amongst the women. - Wg Cdr Surendra Kumar Jain, New Delhi, 15.08.2012, Courtesy : Manish Modi, E-Mail : manishymodi@gmail.com

JAINISM TODAY - THE VIEWS OF MR. MAHAVIR SANGLIKAR - It is a very bad thing that Jain temples have become places for senseless rituals. People donate huge amounts to the temples instead of donating it for social and educational causes. This is happening in idol worshipper Digambar and Shwetambar Murtipujaks. On the other hand, the donations by followers of non idol worshipping sects like Sthanakwasis, Shwetambar Terapanthis and Taranpanthis are going mostly to educational institutions and social causes. I have observed that the followers of these non idol worshipping sects are becoming dominant in Jain community. They have become strong in religious activities, business, education and even in politics. They have proved that Jainism can be followed without building temples and without going to the temples every day. In Maharashtra, there are 14 Jain MLAs/MLCs, out of which 10 belong to Sthanakwasi sect. There is one Cabinet Minister in Government of Maharashtra, who also belongs to Sthanakwasi sect. 2 of the 3 Members of Parliament belonging to Jain community from Maharashtra are Sthanakwasis. On the other hand, many of the Jain monks are deviating from the Jain tenets. Many monks have account with banks. Many Jain monks like to publicize themselves. Finding a true Jain monk has become difficult. The Jains belonging to Kanaji sect do not believe much in today's Jain monks. Without having monks, they are following Jainism very well. This sect has become strongest one in Digambar fold. So, if there are

Jains without temples and Jains without monks, I think that Jainism without temples and without monks is possible. This will help us to stay away from the rituals and corrupt monks. If Jainism is for self realization, we do not need temples and monks. Rituals can not help us in self realization and the monks walking on wrong paths can not show us the right path.

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महिलाएं काण्मोकार जाप काबीच साध्वी की चिता को उनकासांसारिक भाई प्रहचंद व कऱरीचंद बांठिया नऱमुखाग्नि दी। अंतिम यात्रा में जैन मित्र मंडल, जैन दीवाकर संघ, तऱपंथ संघ, मूर्तिपूजक संघ, तपागच्छ व खतरगच्छ, वीर संघ, प्रज्ञ संघ सहित विभिन्न समाज का लोग उपस्थित थऱ वहीं बंगलूरु, आसींद, बीकानऱ, चित्तौडगढ व उदयपुर सहित आसपास काक्षर्षों सऱसमाज का लोग शामिल हुए।

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3. Bahubali Gane, Digambar, Belgaum, Karnataka, Student
4. Darshna Patel, Digambar, Surat, Gujarat, Student
5. Sudhanshu Jain, Swetambar, Kailash Nagar, Delhi, Engineer
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7. Parul Jain, Swetambar, Gurgaon, Haryana, Engineer

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10. Vibhor Kumar Jain, Digambar, Bilaspur, Chattisgarh, Academics
11. Rajendra Kumar Jain, Swetambar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, Medical
12. Mahesh Badani, Swetambar, Rajkot, Gujarat, Business
13. Prakash Chand Jain, Swetambar, Chennai, Tamilnadu, Business
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15. Rakesh Kumar Jain, Swetambar, Rupbas, Rajasthan, Business
16. Parth Parekh, Swetambar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Student
17. Navdeep Jain, Swetambar, Ludhiana, Punjab, Student
18. Rakhi Jain, Swetambar, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, Business
19. Pawan Kumar Burad, Swetambar, Bhilwara, Rajasthan, Arts
20. Sunil Kumar Jain, Digambar, Alwar, Rajasthan, Consultancy
21. Sanjay Jain, Swetambar, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Finance
22. Dheeraj Kumar Jain, Digambar, Moga, Punjab, Business
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24. Surendra Kumar Rakhecha, Swetambar, Bikaner, Rajasthan, Consultancy
25. Ugam Gadhiya, Digambar, Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu, Law
26. Jayant Jain, Swetambar, Sk, Canada, I. T
27. Punit Kamal Pichholia, Swetambar, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, Student
28. Prakash Chand Jain, Digambar, Bhadravathi, Karnataka, Business
29. Piyush Mehta, Swetambar, Pune, Maharashtra, Finance

30. Amit Sanghavi, Swetambar, Bijapur, Karnataka, Business
31. Amar Bafna, Swetambar, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Arts
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