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MESSAGE OF POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD DAY OF PEACE ON 1 JANUARY 2012



All you men and women throughout the world, who take to heart the cause of peace: peace is not a blessing already attained, but rather a goal to which each and all of us must aspire. Let us look with greater hope to the future; let us encourage one another on our journey; let us work together to give our world a more humane and fraternal face; and let us feel a common responsibility towards present and future generations, especially in the task of training them to be people of peace and builders of peace. With these thoughts I offer my reflections and I appeal to everyone: let us pool our spiritual, moral and material resources for the great goal of educating young people in justice and peace.

JAIN TEMPLE NEWS

SRI ADINATH SHWETAMBARA TEMPLE IN CHICKPET, BANGALORE REOPENS AFTER RENOVATION



One of the oldest Jain temples - it dates back to the 1920s - and located at Chickpet, Sri Adinath Shwetambar temple was in a dilapidated state. The three-storey temple, which consists of 200 pillars, was built using the world-famous Makarana marbles brought from Ajmer in Rajasthan. It has five sanctum sanctorum in each of the two floors. Though the temple authorities refused to divulge the amount spent in the rebuilding effort, it is said to have cost 150 crore rupees. The amount was raised through donations. According to temple committee only 150 people were involved in the rebuilding effort. In its new form, the temple resembles the famous Dilwara Jain temple of Mount Abu, he said. It took almost ten years of labour and hundreds of trucks of Makarana marble to reconstruct the Sri Adinath Shwetambara Temple in

Chickpet. The Jain community in Bangalore is celebrating the achievement with a nine-day long temple festival at Freedom Park. The Park saw over 8,000 devotees gathering to pray in their newly-renovated temple in Chickpet. The temple, built in the early 1900s, required renovation due to wear and tear. The temple trust has also created a life-size replica of Ayodhya Nagari along with two mandaps spread over two acres. Ayodhya, the birth place of Lord Adinath, is an important pilgrimage centre for Jains. Over the nine-day festivities, a play depicting the various stages of Lord Adinath's life is being performed.

According to the visitors there, this festival will provide an opportunity for members of the Jain community to come together. This is especially important as the community members are now spread across the city. The festivities are set to culminate with the installation of the 2,300-year-old idols of Lords Adinath, Parswanth, Shantinath and Mahaveer. Balagangadhara Swamy from Sri Aadi Chunchanagiri Mutt and the Chief Minister D V Sadananda Gowda also visited temple.

MYSORE JAINS REBUILT SHANTHINATH BHAGWAN TEMPLE



Mysore: The heritage city has a new marvel in Sri Shanthinath Bhagwan temple, a place of worship built in marble that scales up to 72 feet. The temple will be consecrated in the presence of Jain seers.

What started as an initiative to rebuild the temple has gifted the city another wonder some 80 years after Sri Sumathinath temple was constructed in Halladakeri near the Silver Jubilee clock tower. Then Mysore Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar had participated in its inauguration in 1928 and had lauded the contributions of the Jain community. During the inauguration of the Sri Sumathinath temple at what was then called as Doddapet, the Maharaja had said, "No other adequate proof is needed of the fact that the Jain Swethambar community has settled down in large numbers in the State and that the State is most congenial for their trade and commerce than the magnificent temple you have erected in this ever expanding city." The temple was consecrated on May 24, 1928, and the maharaja visited it on May 26.

Shri Sumathinath Jain Shwethambar Association started construction of the Shanthinath Bhagwan temple located in Devaraja Mohalla in 2006, which is now completed. The temple, spread over 4,300 sqft was built using Makrana marble and comprises of two floors. One mantap and three Shikaras are built. The Jain temple was built without using a single piece of iron and the entire Makrana marble had been brought here from Jaipur in Rajasthan. The walls and 10 pillars of temple have 76 eye-catching carvings of different gods, which include Vidya Devi, Sarswathi and some other gods while designs of five rosewood doors reminds one of the doors of heritage structures and the elephant carvings on three silver coated doors of sanctum sanctorum gives an ancient look to the temple. A total of 37 sculptors from Rajasthan carved the idols and interiors. This is the only temple of Shri Shanthinath Bhagwan in South India that is similar to the structure of Dilwara Jain temple situated at Mt Abu. Idols of Sumathinath Bhagwan and Vasupujya Bhagwan are also placed on either sides of the idol of Shri Shanthinath Bhagwan, in the sanctum sanctorum. An idol of Shri Nageshwar Parshwanath is placed on first floor of temple. As part of the opening ceremony of the temple, a 10-day religious programme was organized.

ANCIENT JAIN SVETAMBARA TEMPLE IS LOCATED IN OLD DELHI



Known as Johari, the ancient Jain Svetambara Temple is located at the end of Naughara Gali near Kinari Bazaar Road in Old Delhi. The temple belongs to the period of the Pandavas, the heroes of the Indian epic, the Mahabharat, who were the devoted followers of Lord Neminath Bhagwan. It is believed that the temple predates every other structure in Delhi, though several additions to it were made later. The devotional area of this white marble, double-storeyed temple is on the first floor and here the unique attraction is a remarkably carved black image of Lord Parasnath. This twenty-third tirthankara is made up of a rare kasauti stone, placed on a marble pedestal and covered with an ornately carved golden canopy. The main shrine has images of Lord Sumatinath, the fifth tirthankara, Lord Adinath the first tirthankara and Lord Ajitnath, along with images of other tirthankaras. The interior of the temple has decorative arched entrances and intricate paintings adorned with solid gold filigree work. Other attractions of this splendid house of worship are glass mosaic descriptions of the life of Lord Mahavira and some beautiful mural paintings of dancers and musicians on the second floor. Managed by the Shri Jain Swetamnia Temples and Paushal Charitable Trust, the temple also has a small museum functioning on the ground floor, which houses rare manuscripts, old miniature paintings in gold and several objects made of pure silver.

TEMPLE BURGLED IN THANE

Thane, Dec 23, A Jain temple in the power loom town of Bhiwandi near here was burgled and cash and valuables worth around Rs 1 lakh were looted according to the police. Burglars broke open the doors of the Vastu Pooja Jain Mandir at Kamathghar last night and looted it. Cash and valuables like a crown and a silver-made pot worth Rs 1 lakh were looted. The robbery came to light in the morning when the priest went to open the temple.

THEFT IN GURGAON JAIN TEMPLE, SILVER IDOLS AND OTHER VALUABLES STOLEN



Gurgaon, December 5, 2011 Five silver idols and other other valuables were stolen from a Jain temple near Bilaspur village on national highway 8. Dharam Chand Shastry, chief patron of the temple, said five idols, three chatars, three kalash and one throne were found missing from the temple. All the items, weighing more than five kg, are made of silver. Thieves broke the gate of the temple in the wee hours and made away with the valuables. In his complaint, Shastryji has suspected the involvement of some workers who had come on the same day for construction works currently going on in the temple. The police has taken into the custody several workers and their questioning is on.

ANCIENT SCULPTURE DISPLAYED AT EGMORE MUSEUM IN CHENNAI



A rare Jain sculpture, said to date back to the ninth century AD, was put on display at the Government Museum in Egmore for the first time since it was gifted in 1976. The sculpture called Navadevata Chakra, is the earliest evidence of the type of worship popular among members of the Digambara sect of Jainism. Of the 44 stone Jain sculptures in the museum, this one is unique because it contains details like petals of lotus and a cone-shaped crown. It is aimed at highlighting the deep roots of Jainism in South India. Usually, Navadevata chakras (nine deities in a circular format) have eight deities on eight lotus petals and the ninth one on a petal in the centre. The sculpture put on display is slightly different in that the circular portion rises from a banded rectangular base. At the centre, Arhat, one of the nine deities, is in dhyana pose. On his either side are bearers of a chamara (frisk) in a standing position. The deities are Siddha, Arhat, Acharya, Upadhyaya, Sadhu, Chaitya (image), Chaityalaya (shrine), Dharma Chakra (wheel of law) and Sruta (scripture). The order of the arrangement of the deities in the sculpture is similar to the latter period Navadevata bronzes found in south Indian Jain temples. In South India, experts say, Jainism is more than a name with Andhra Pradesh, Karnakata and parts of north Tamil Nadu having remained centres of the religion, especially up to the 12th century when Saivism began to spread.

BIRTH CEREMONY OF TIRTHANKAR SAMBHAV NATH JI CELEBRATED AT SHRAVASTI



Shravasti, November 15, 2011: The birth ceremony of the third proclaimer of Jainism, Lord Sambhavnath was celebrated with great fervour at Shravasti. A huge chariot procession was also taken out from Digambar Jain temple. It was launched by state minister Daddan Mishra by breaking a coconut. Jain devotees and a number of foreign tourists participated in the chariot procession. After starting from the Digambar Jain temple, the chariot reached the original birth place of Lord Sambhavnath at Mahet where the three devotees performed Mahamastikabhishek of the Lord.

SAINTS

पूज्य आचार्यश्री का जन्म शताब्दी महोत्सव

पूज्य गुरुदेव आचार्य भगवन्त श्री जिनकान्तिसागरसूरीश्वरजी म.सा. का जन्म शताब्दी महोत्सव पूज्य आचार्यश्री के समाधि स्थल मांडवला-जहाज मंदिर में मनाया जायेगा। यह समारोह पूज्यश्री के जन्म दिन माघ वदि 11 ता. 19 जनवरी 2012 गुरुवार को मनाया जायेगा। पूज्य गुरुदेव श्री के शिष्य पूज्य उपाध्याय श्री मणिप्रभसागरजी म.सा. पूज्य मुनिराज श्री मनोजसागरजी म. आदि साधु मंडल एवं पूजनीया माताजी म. श्री रतनमालाश्रीजी मपूजनीया बहिन म. डॉ. विद्युत्प्रभाश्रीजी म. तथा पूजनीया साध्वीश्री कल्पलताश्रीजी मआदि साध्वी मंडल इस महोत्सव को अपनी पावन निश्रा प्रदान करेंगे। पूज्य गुरुदेव श्री का जन्म वि. सं. 1968 माघ वदि 11 को राजस्थान के चुरू जिले के रतनगढ गाँ वमें हुआ था। उन्होंने मात्र 9 वर्ष की उम्र में अपने पिताश्री के साथ तेरापंथ के अष्टम आचार्य पू. श्री कालुगणिजी म. के पास संयम ग्रहण किया था। बाद में वैचारिक मतभेद होने से वे मंदिरमार्गी साधु बने। उनकी पुनः दीक्षा

अनूपशहर में वि. सं. 1989 को ज्येष्ठ सुदि 13 के दिन हुई थी। वे खरतरगच्छ के आचार्य श्री जिनहरिसागरसूरीश्वरजी म. सा. के शिष्य मुनि कान्तिसागर के नाम से सुप्रसिद्ध हुए। उन्होंने पूरे भारत में भ्रमण किया। स्थान स्थान पर प्रतिष्ठाएँ, उपधान, पैदल संघ आदि धार्मिक आराधनाओं के विशिष्ट उपक्रमों के साथ साथ समाज के विकास हेतु विद्यालय, उद्योगशालाओं आदि के निर्माण की परेण पदान की। पूज्यश्री वि. 2039 आषाढ वदि 6 को आचार्य पद से विभूषित हुए। उनका स्वर्गवास वि. 2042 मिंगसर वदि 7 के दिन मांडवला में हुआ। उनकी पावन स्मृति में ही उनके समाधि स्थल पर विश्व प्रसिद्ध जहाज मंदिर का निर्माण हुआ है। इस वर्ष ता. 19 जनवरी 2012 को पूज्यश्री का जन्म शताब्दी महोत्सव मनाया जा रहा है। Press Release from : Jahaj Mandir, E-Mail : jahajmandir99@gmail.com

श्रीपुष्पेन्द्र मुनि को जैन दर्शन में आचार्य देवेन्द्र मुनि का अवदान विषय पर पीएच.डी की उपाधि प्रदान की गई



2 दिसम्बर 2011, जैन विश्वभारती विश्वविद्यालय लाडनू से पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि को जैन दर्शन में आचार्य देवेन्द्र मुनि का अवदान विषय पर पीएच. डी की उपाधि प्रदान की गई है। शोध प्रबंध में पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि ने श्रमण संघ के तृतीय आचार्य देवेन्द्र मुनि के आगम एवं दार्शनिक साहित्य परिशीलन तथा नीतिपरक साहित्य का सांगोपांग अध्ययन करते हुए जैन दर्शन में उनके अवदान को रेखांकित किया है। विश्व संत उपाध्याय गुरुदेव श्री पुष्कर मुनि जी म. के पौत्र शिष्य पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि ने यह अध्ययन विक्रम विश्वविद्यालय उज्जैन के दर्शन शास्त्र विभाग के पूर्व आचार्य डॉ. ए.बी. शिवाजी के निर्देशन में किया है। डॉ. पुष्पेन्द्र मुनि विश्व संत उपाध्याय श्री पुष्कर मुनि जी म. के शिष्य परम्परा में 13 वें पीएच. डी संत है। उनसे पूर्व दो मुनिश्री व दस साध्वियां पीएच. डी कर चुकी हैं।

आचार्यश्री महाश्रमण ने बताए जीवन निर्माण के सूत्र भीलवाड़ा 6 दिसम्बर २०११



आचार्यश्री महाश्रमण के प्रवचनों में बह रही जान की गंगा में श्रीमद्भागवत गीता व संबोधि ग्रंथ में छिपे जीवन निर्माण के सूत्र बताए गए। सूत्र, जो स्वाध्याय, सत्संग, निष्काम कर्म, मोह त्याग सहित कई अनुकरणीय बिंदुओं पर आधारित है। जो जीवन में आने वाले संघर्ष का सामना करने की शक्ति व तनाव से मुक्ति देने वाले हैं। सूत्र, जो आत्म विश्वास बढ़ाने वाले और आत्म कल्याण करने वाले हैं, जीवन और जीवन से परे झांककर आत्म साक्षात्कार की ओर बढ़ने की प्रेरणा देने वाले हैं। शास्त्री नगर स्थित अमृत समवसरण में आयोजित इस प्रवचन में बड़ी तादाद में श्रद्धालु मौजूद थे। कार्यक्रम में गीता परिवार के प्रतिनिधि भी शामिल हुए। आरएसएस के पूर्व प्रांत संचालक मूलचंद अजमेरा ने पीपल के पत्तों पर बनाए गए चित्र भेंट किए। वहीं किशोरी मंडल की ओर से आचार्यश्री को तेरापंथ के 11 आचार्यों के रेखाचित्र भेंट किए गए। मंत्री मुनि, सुमेरमल आदि ने भी विचार व्यक्त किए।

स्वागत तेरापंथी सभा मंत्री शैलेंद्र बोरदिया ने किया। तेरापंथी सभा के मंत्री बोरदिया ने बताया कि आचार्यश्री का 2012 का चातुर्मास जसोल (बालोतरा), 13 का लाडनू, 14 का दिल्ली, 15 का नेपाल, 16 का गुवाहाटी व 2017 का चातुर्मास कोलकाता में होगा। दिग्गीराजा भी हुए उपस्थित - विभिन्न सामाजिक, राजनैतिक व धार्मिक संगठनों के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्व मुख्य मंत्री व कांग्रेस के राष्ट्रीय महासचिव दिग्विजयसिंह भी उपस्थित हुए। आचार्यश्री ने कहा कि भीलवाड़ा औद्योगिक नगरी के साथ धर्मनगरी भी हैं, इसलिए हम चाहते हैं कि बाजार व दुकान में नैतिकता की देवी बिराजमान रहे। उसकी फोटो भले ही नहीं लगे, बल्कि उसके प्रति भावना रहे। किसी ग्राहक से धोखा न हो। ईमानदारी अपनाएं। उन्होंने कहा कि जनता के व्यवहार में अहिंसा की देवी प्रतिष्ठित हो जाए तो नगर की सुषमा और बढ़ जाएगी।

घर को ही पवित्र मंदिर बनाएं - साध्वी कनकश्री

परिवार वह इकाई है, जहां एक ही छत के नीचे, एक ही दीवार के सहारे, अनेक व्यक्ति आपसी विश्वास के बरगद की छांव और सेवा, सहकार सहानुभूति के घेरे में निश्चिंत सोते हैं। परिवार वह नीड़ है, जो दिनभर से थके-हारे पंछी को विश्राम देता है। परिवार वह रसमयी धरती है, जहां हर बीज को पनपने, पफलने-पूफलने का समान अवकाश है। परिवार एक ऐसी स्वयंभू संस्था है, एक ऐसी स्वयंभू संस्था है, जहां न कोई छोटा होता है, न कोई बड़ा। न कोई अपफसर होता है, न कोई नौकर। न कोई डायरेक्टर या मैनेजर होता है और न कोई दुकानदार। बस, सब परिवार के सदस्य होते हैं। वहां सबका समान दायित्व होता है, समान अधिकार होता है।

परिवार में एक बच्चा भी उतना ही महत्वपूर्ण होता है, जितना कि एक संचालक या बड़ा-बुजुर्ग। वहां किसी का महत्व इसलिए नहीं होता कि वह अधिक पैसा कमाता है, अपितु इसलिए होता है कि वह सब का स्नेह और विश्वास कमाता है। आर्थिक प्रतिस्पर्धा और सुविधावाद के इस युग में स्वस्थ पारिवारिकता पर बहुत बड़ा प्रश्न चिन्ह उभर रहा है। आज संयुक्त परिवार तो टूट ही रहे हैं, एकल परिवार की स्थिति भी चिंतनीय है। ऐसे परिवार टूटने पर भी मुश्किल से मिलते हैं, जो शांति और संतोष के साथ आनंदित जीवन जीते हैं। जीवन के सातवें दशक में भी शांति और संतोष के पायदान पर खड़ी एक महिला ने कहा साध्वीजी! हम लोग धर्मस्थान में कम आते हैं। धार्मिक उपासना भी अपेक्षाकृत कम होती है, फिर भी हम अपने जीवन और व्यवहार से काफी संतुष्ट हैं। घर का वातावरण अच्छा है। संयुक्त परिवार है। बहुएं-बेटे अनुकूल हैं। छोटे-मोटे कोई भी स्नेह-सम्मान की मर्यादा का अतिक्रमण नहीं करते। सब एक-दूसरे का ध्यान रखते हैं। प्रेम से रहते हैं। शांति और आनंद से जीते हैं। मैंने प्रसन्नता के स्वर में कहा ऐसे घर-परिवार क्या किसी धर्मस्थान से कम हैं? हम मंदिर जाएं या न जाएं, पर आज जरूरत है अपने घर को पवित्र मंदिर बनाएं। पुरानी बहिनों की जुबानी जब उन्हीं के अतीत की कहानी सुनते हैं, तब जिज्ञासा के तार एकदम झनझना उठते हैं कि क्या आपसी मेल-मिलाप का वह जमाना फिर से लौट कर आएगा? एक बहन सुना रही थी जब वह शादी कर ससुराल गई थी, तब एक चौंके पर पचास-पचपन लोगों का खाना बनता था। जगह छोटी थी, पर इतनी कि सब हर्ष-हिलोर से रहते थे। घर ऐसा प्रतीत होता था, मानो कोई मंगल बाड़ी हो। आपस में कभी कोई बोलचाल भी हुई हो याद नहीं। एक मध्यम वर्गीय संभ्रांत परिवार की तीन युवतियों से परिचय हुआ। तीन भाइयों का परिवार पिताजी के साथ रहता था। ज्ञात हुआ भाइयों से भी अधिक प्रेम पगा व्यवहार है, तीनों बहुओं का। सास को गुजरे कई वर्ष हो गए। फिर भी तीनों देवरानी-जेठानी सगी बहनों की भांति हिल-मिलकर रहती हैं। सुविधा और स्वतंत्रता से रह सकें इसलिए मुम्बई में तीनों के लिए अलग-अलग फ्लैट्स लिए हुए हैं। फिर भी वे अलग रहने को राजी नहीं हैं। स्वतंत्रता और भयंकर असहिष्णुता के इस युग में वह एक विरल उदाहरण है, आश्चर्यकारी घटना है। पूछने पर उन्होंने बताया साथ-साथ रहने और जीने में जो आनंद है, वह अकेले में नहीं मिल सकता। ये बातें भले ही स्वप्न जैसी या काल्पनिक लगें, पर इस सचाई को अस्वीकार नहीं किया जा सकता कि संयुक्त कुटुम्ब में रहना भी बहुत बड़ी उपलब्धि है। सुख और दुःख दोनों ही वहां मिल-बांट कर भोग लिए जाते हैं। विपदा या बीमारी के समय एक-दूसरे का सहारा मिलता है। बालक, रुग्ण और अपंग अपने को असहाय या असुरक्षित अनुभव नहीं करते। सामूहिक जीवन की प्रयोगशाला है परिवार। उसका प्राण तत्त्व है परस्पर आलम्बन। उसका आधार है एकसूत्रता और सहानुभूति। परिवार में बिखराव का हेतु है समन्वय, सहअस्तित्व, सहिष्णुता, समानता और कर्तव्यनिष्ठा की कमी। इनको साधने के लिए भी तपना पड़ता है, खपना पड़ता है।

वृक्ष की एक शाखा दूसरी से कभी नहीं कहती कि तू यहां से हट जा। तेरा अस्तित्व मेरे स्वतंत्रा विकास में बाधक है, प्रकृति के अपने नियम हैं। हालांकि उसने अपने नैसर्गिक नियमों को न कभी लिपिब किया है और न ही उनके परिपालन की उसने सौगंध खायी है, फिर भी अपने नियमों का पालन करना वह जानती है। आकाश के तारे आपस में टकराए बिना अपनी स्वतंत्रता को कायम रखना जानते हैं। फूल कांटों में रहते हुए भी अपनी पंखुड़ियों को अक्षत/विकसित रखना जानता है। फिर पता नहीं मनुष्य जैसा बुमान प्राणी छोटी-छोटी बातों में उलझकर क्यों टकराव/बिखराव की स्थिति पैदा कर लेता है। हर व्यक्ति अपने घर को, पहनावे को अपनी दिनचर्या को सव्यवस्थित रखने के लिए कितना जागरूक रहता है? फिर अपने पारिवारिक संबंधों को सुव्यवस्थित रखने में वह क्यों बुरी तरह फेल हो जाता है? समाज विज्ञान कहता है, पांच प्रकार के व्यक्ति समाज या परिवार में समायोजन नहीं कर सकते स्वार्थी, उड़ाऊ-पिफजूल खर्ची करने वाला, बहुभाषी, निष्क्रय-आलसी और घमंडी। शांतिपूर्ण सहअस्तित्व के लिए इन वृत्तियों का परिष्कार अपेक्षित है। वस्तुतः देखा जाए तो समूह में रहना और जीना सरल नहीं है। बहुत जटिलताएं हैं इसमें। बड़े हों या छोटे सब की मानसिकता को समझना, उनकी रुचियों, अपेक्षाओं को महत्व देना, उनके लिए अपनी रुचियों/आकांक्षाओं को गौण करना और इन सबके लिए अपनी क्षुद्रताओं/संकुचितताओं से ऊपर उठना होता है। जो दूसरों की खुशियों के दीयों में अपने स्वार्थी का तेल डालना जानता है, वही सामूहिक जीवन में सफल हो सकता है।

EVERY MAN IS A GOD: ACHARYA ABHAY SEN SURI

Kochi: Every man is a god who can show you the way to righteousness and truth, says Acharya Vijay Abhay Sen Suri, the religious head of Jains in India. Renowned as the sensible monk among Jain ascetics, Acharya Abhay Sen Suri believes that science should not be shunned at any point from the religion. When you deeply analyse the doctrines of this religion, you can see scientific undertones everywhere. So why eschew science from religion? asked Acharya. He said that every religion should be simple and should cater to the needs of the people.

It is a common sense that the doctrines of olden days will not suit this century. The essence of the religion will not reach people, if we stick to the old dogmas. We should not forget the fact that it is for the benefit of humanity that these rules were made, he said. When asked about the controversial custom of Santara, where Jains resort to fasting to death to attain salvation, Acharya Abhay Sen said: It is the blatant denial of Acharyas teaching. How can you take your own life, when the gamut of the religion is Live and let live. The custom is being misinterpreted which is very unfortunate. Acharya opined that despite fasting to death, it should be done all through your life. But, you should only fast as long as your mind is stable, he said. The definition of a Jain is quite simple. Anybody can be a Jain - a Christian can be a Jain, a Hindu can be a Jain. If you follow the truths embodied in Jainism, you are a Jain. There is no need of conversion, he said. Acharya had undertaken many journeys and several of them by foot. When asked why he is not opting for other alternatives for travelling, he said: Walking will always take you to the corners of every remotest village possible, which is very essential to feel the pulse of the place and the people. You hardly come into contact with people while you travel in any other modes of transportation. Acharya was staying so close to Jain sadhus and sadhvis that the desire to become a monk sprouted in him when he was just about twelve years old. When asked why Jain monks endure great hardships, he said: We are enduring hardships to attain spiritual strength which we can use for the benefit of humanity.

AHIMSA & VEGETARIANISM

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AT TEXAS SUPPORT VEGANISM



The University of North Texas in Denton has opened an all-vegan full-service campus cafeteria that may be the first in the nation and is proving immensely popular. University officials are finding many of the students who eat there are not vegans but simply want to eat healthy meals. Inside Mean Greens, quotes from Gandhi and Einstein decorate the walls. Students balance plates of paninis made with fresh focaccia baked at the cafeteria, roasted vegetables, vegetarian sushi, bowls of asparagus soup, glasses of flavored vitamin waters and shot glasses of bananas foster. No animal products are served, including meat, milk or eggs. But almost everyone was leaving with cones of soy-based soft-serve ice cream, a natural choice in the sweltering first week of school. Animal-rights group people for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has given UNT its Compassionate Campus award this month for responding to student requests and supporting veganism. Surveys by food services providers such as Bon Appetit and Aramark have shown rising demand for vegan fare. Huling said Aramark's survey of hundreds of schools indicated one in four students was actively seeking vegan options. And other schools are showing interest. Inquiries have come from as far off as Germany and as close as Dallas. Another innovation at "Mean Greens" is the use of plates instead of standard-issue cafeteria trays. This has cut both waste and water usage by 40 percent. That change is being considered at some of UNT's other four dining halls.

VEGETARIAN : HIDDEN FACTS

Dear Editor, Please print this Youtube web site. It is a must to see. "Why be Vegetarian : Hidden Facts & Cruelty Behind Mass Animal Farming for Slaughter".

www.youtube.com/Sulekh.C.Jain, Houston, Texas, USA.

SIGN THE PETITION TO SAVE THE NUCLEAR LIABILITY ACT



Karuna Raina, Nuclear campaigner, Greenpeace India. - Click here to sign the petition to save the Nuclear Liability Act. Last year over two lakh of us helped create a strong Nuclear Liability Act, which also holds suppliers of the nuclear technology liable in case of a nuclear accident.

[1] Now the government is trying to dilute this Act with a set of Rules.

[2] The Act safeguards the interests of the people, but with the Rules it will cater to foreign nuclear corporations. In case of nuclear accident, foreign nuclear suppliers will get away by paying a small compensation, and the Indian tax payer will bear the bulk of the cost. Our government needs to place national interest before foreign corporations. Last year, pressure from the people and the opposition parties made the government enact a strong Nuclear Liability Act. We can do this again, by asking the heads of political parties in the opposition to challenge the Rules and stop the dilution of the Nuclear Liability Act. You should sign this petition, asking the heads of political parties to stop the dilution of the Nuclear Liability Act because the Act safeguards the interests of the people. www.greenpeace.in

The petition will be delivered to the heads of political parties. Lakhs of signatures will help show the support behind this demand. According to Soli Sorabjee, reputed jurist and former Attorney General and Solicitor General of India, the proposed Rule is not in line with the Act. It is therefore invalid.

[3] Survivors of the Bhopal Gas tragedy are still fighting for justice and Dow - Carbide, the companies responsible, are resisting liability.

[4] Yet, our leaders are taking such a big risk. Ask them to protect the Nuclear Liability Act, now www.greenpeace.in

Its important to get as many people as possible to show their opposition to these Rules. Please forward this mail to 10 or more of your friends and ask them to sign this petition as well.

INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS WOO PASSENGERS WITH SPECIAL MEALS



Mumbai, India - The British Airways flight to London used to be the least preferred by Jain passengers because of the absence of Jain food on board. But a few months ago, the airline reached out to this potent market of flyers by adding Jain cuisine to its long list of special meals. This is not the first time that an airlines has tried to woo passengers' palate. Along with comfort seating and attractive fares, airlines are also dishing out new recipes for flyers, particularly on long-haul flights. Roping in star chefs to design the menu and supervise food preparation, having food managers on board to customize passengers' meals, revising the menu frequently, using designer cutlery and serving regional meals are only few of the attractions. A menu with 19 varieties of special meals is a minimum one would be choosing from. Kanjivaram idli, purdah biryani, Kashmiri rajma and garlic and saffron naan, dilli chat and dahi wadas have found their way into the menu.

A recent add-on to the menu of Virgin Atlantic is hot chocolate after repeated requests by women flyers. Singapore Airlines introduced a cook-book with top international chefs dishing out exotic recipes. Austrian Airlines has a chef on board most of its long-haul flights, Etihad has a food and beverage manager to help passengers choose the right meal and drinks for their journey. Most international carriers offer 20 or more special meals, ranging from protein-rich to low-calorie meals, religious meals like Hindu vegetarian meals, kosher meals and Jain food.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND EVENTS JAIN DELEGATION INVITED TO VATICAN



The Vatican and the highest international institution of Jainism met for the second time on 6th December, in Rome to discuss common ground, focusing particularly on the Jain principle of non-violence. The meeting took place at the Vatican between a delegation of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue led by Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran and 14 Jain delegates led by the deputy chairman of the London-based Institute of Jainology, Nemu Chandaria. The Jain delegation comprised of Mr. Nemu Chandaria, Dr. Mehool Sanghrajka, Mr. Jaysukh Mehta, Mr. Tushar Jayantilal Shah, Mr. Ashok Mulchand Shah, Mr Bhupendra Jeychand Shah, Mr. Pius G Mehta, Mr. Jiwan Jain, Mr. Bakul Mehta. The delegation had gone to the Vatican at the invitation of the President of the Pontifical Council, His Eminence, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran. According to a press release from the Pontifical Council, delegates looked for concrete areas of convergence as a basis of

collaboration between the two religions. They focused on the principle of non-violence, comparing it to the Christian notion of charity, finding common ground for further collaboration while highlighting differences between the two principles. In particular, Monsignor Andrew Thanya-anan Vissanu, under-secretary of PCID, said that while Jains extend the principle of non-violence and absolute respect for life to all living beings, including plants and animals, Christians maintain that man is at the centre of creation and thus is called to respect, protect but also use Gods gifts. The meeting recognized the cordial relations and cooperation that exist between both Christian and Jain communities in countries where they live their day-to-day lives in proximity and stressed the need to strengthen ties.

Msgr Vissanu stressed that the Rome meeting was a good starting point to promote mutual understanding in a community where in some cases the distinction between Catholics and other Christian denominations is still unclear. At end of the discussions, a joint communique was agreed upon and issued. All the delegates appreciated the considerable efforts made by Nemu Chandaria in making this meeting possible and assured him of the continued support by their respective organisations for all of the Institutes activities. The first high level Jain-Catholic meeting took place in February 1995. Contact between the Vatican and the Jain community dates back to the first interfaith prayer meeting in Assisi, Italy, in 1986. On November 13 the Pontifical Council organized a seminar on Christian-Jain dialogue in collaboration with the Catholic Church in India and the World Fellowship of Religions at the Acharya Sushil Muni Ashram in Delhi. Source: Jaysukh Mehta, Tele : 07830 294060, E-Mail : jaysukhmehta@googlemail.com

COCA-COLA INDIA AND JAIN IRRIGATION LAUNCH A PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



Project Unnati set to be a key milestone towards the large scale adoption of Ultra High Density farming Practice leveraging drip irrigation. Introduction of Ultra High Density Plantation will double the average mango yields. Project Unnati has the potential to improve the livelihoods of more than 50,000 farmers in the next five years. Farms under Project Unnati will also be used to showcase and train farmers on Ultra High Density Plantation under a joint capability building program led by Jain Irrigation and Coca-Cola University. Coca-Cola India and Jain Irrigation today announced the launch of Project "Unnati", - a unique partnership with farmers to demonstrate and enable adoption of Ultra-High Density Plantation (UHDP) practice for mangoes. The Project will encourage sustainable, modern agricultural practices and help

double mango yields, thereby increasing the income of farmers. UHDP is a farming practice that leads to mango orchards attaining their full potential in 3-4 years and also allows nearly 600 trees to be planted in an acre instead of the conventional method of planting 40 trees in an acre. Mr. Atul Singh, President and CEO, Coca-Cola India and South West Asia and Mr. Atul Jain, Joint Managing Director, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd announced the launch of Project Unnati.

जैन न्याय पर अन्तराष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन



न्यू दिल्ली दिनांक १९-२० अक्टूबर:२०११, श्री लालबहादुर शास्त्री राष्ट्रीय संस्कृत विद्यापीठ के जैनदर्शन विभाग एवं इंटरनेशनल स्कूल फार जैन स्टडीज के संयुक्त तत्त्वावधान में जैन न्याय पर दो दिवसीय अन्तराष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया.परीक्षामुख सूत्र पर आयोजित इस विशिष्ट कार्यशाला में निदेशक डॉ.शुगन जैन ने जैन न्याय के इतिहास पर तथा प्रो. एस. आर. भट्ट जी ने प्रकाश डाला. अध्यक्षता कुलपति प्रो. शशिप्रभा जैन ने की तथा मुख्यातिथि दर्शन संकायाध्यक्ष प्रो.शुद्धानंद पाठक रहे. परीक्षामुख सूत्र का अध्ययन विभागाध्यक्ष प्रो. वीरसागर जैन ने करवाया.संयोजन सहायकाचार्य डॉ. अनेकान्त कुमार जैन तथा डॉ.कुलदीप कुमार ने किया.इस कार्यशाला में देश विदेश के तीस प्रतिभागियों ने भाग लिया. प्रेषक डॉ. अनेकांत कुमार जैन, (प्रेस सचिव- अध्यापक परिषद) सहायक आचार्य- जैन दर्शन विभाग, श्री लालबहादुर शास्त्री राष्ट्रीय संस्कृत विद्यापीठ,(मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालयाधीन मानितविश्वविद्यालय), कुतुबसंस्थानिकक्षेत्र, नईदिल्ली-११००१६,फ़ोन ९७११३९७७१६

HONOUR & AWARD

INTELIUS, CEO NAVEEN JAIN HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Intelius, a leading information technology company, was honored as a Top 100 Global company at this year's prestigious Red Herring Global 2011 Conference. Recognized among the year's most forward-thinking technology companies across the globe, Intelius was chosen from an original group of more than 1,000 companies from more than 40 nations. CEO Naveen Jain was also honored by Red Herring Magazine with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his continued leadership in the technology industry and for his support of other entrepreneurs. In the words of Naveen Jain, "It has been an exciting, fast-paced year for Intelius and the entire team is proud to be recognized by Red Herring Magazine as a Top 100 Global company. It is a distinct honor to be recognized among the most elite companies in the world and I am personally humbled by my Lifetime Achievement Award". Intelius Founder and CEO Naveen Jain is a visionary, philanthropist and serial entrepreneur who has built many successful businesses based on key emerging trends and opportunities.

In a keynote speech on Dec. 6 at Red Herring Global 2011 in Los Angeles, Jain highlighted the role of entrepreneurialism and innovation in today's global economy. Throughout Jain's career, the power of entrepreneurialism and innovation has driven him to seek and create solutions for some of the world's biggest challenges. visit www.intelius.com

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR CHAMELI JAIN AWARD 2011-12



The Media Foundation has invited nominations for its annual Chameli Devi Jain Awards for an Outstanding Woman Mediaperson for the year 2011-12. Journalists in print, broadcast and current affairs, documentary films are eligible; and it also extends to photographers, cartoonists and newspaper designers. The criteria for selection will be excellence, analytical skills, social concern, insights, style, innovation, courage and compassion. In a release issued, it was stated that preference would be given to small town/ rural and Indian language journalists. Nominations should be addressed to: BG Verghese, C-11 Dewan Shree Apartments, 30 Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi - 110001. Last date for receiving nominations is February 15, 2012. The award will be announced before the actual presentation ceremony, which will be held at the India International Centre Multipurpose Hall, Delhi on March 16, 2012. The Chameli Devi Jain Award was established in the year 1979 to encourage the freedom and high standards in the media. The initial funding came from the balance of the election funds raised in 1977 by and on behalf of BG Verghese, former Editor of Hindustan Times, to contest from the Mavellikara seat to the Lok Sabha from Kerala on behalf of the combined Opposition against the Congress after the Emergency. He had stood on the platform of freedom of expression of the press. A year later, the late Lakshmi Chand Jain helped the Media Foundation institute an annual award for an outstanding women journalist in the name of his mother, Chameli Jain, a Delhi housewife who joined her husband in the freedom struggle, exemplifying courage and commitment to the Independence movement. Some of India's best known and respected journalists have won this award, which includes a citation and books worth Rs 8,000-10,000. Though modest as prizes go, The Award has gained high prestige for its independent process of selection and the calibre of its jurors and awardees every year. A book of essays on their life and work has been written by almost 40 awardees and will be published by Tranquebar-Westland Press (a Tata imprint) in March 2012 on behalf of Media Foundation. Women journalists have set new media standards, redefined news and have brought a degree of sensitivity, caring and integrity to the profession as will be evident from a reading of the forthcoming Chameli Story. The winner of the Chameli Devi Jain Award last year was Shahina K K of Tehelka, Trivandrum.

ANSHU JAIN TAKE TOP HONOURS AT FN AWARDS



Anshu Jain, who will next year become co-chief executive of Deutsche Bank, was named European investment banker of the year by his peers at Financial News's annual Awards for Excellence in Investment Banking. Financial News hosted a private awards dinner at Boisdale of Belgravia, attended by some of Europe's most senior banking executives. Jain, head of corporate and investment banking at Deutsche Bank, was named investment banker of the year. The Indian-born banker was a clear winner in the voting, holding a bigger lead over the second-ranked nominee than any other winner on the night. The German bank was also named debt capital markets house of the year, with Ivor Dunbar, global head of capital markets, taking to the stage to collect the award.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS CLIPPINGS

NEW JAIN CHANNEL 'JINWANI' GOES ON SEA TV NETWORK



Mumbai, December 10, 2011 A new religious channel, 'Jinwani', which mainly caters to the Digambar sect of Jain community, has been launched. Sea TV Network Ltd launched the channel under the umbrella of Jain Telemedia Services Ltd. The channel is directed at propagating the philosophy of non-violence of Bhagwan Mahaveer. The channel will have several shows that would focus on issues like religion, spirituality, moral values, health, art of living and principles of Jainism in simplest form, and ensure that people, especially the youth, easily understand the preaching and their importance. For the youth, the channel would telecast 2D and 3D movies and serials based on Jain epics and historical and religious events to portray the teachings and beliefs of Jainism.

NEW WEBSITE WWW.JAINPEDIA.ORG LAUNCHED

I am delighted to inform you that IOJ's site www.jainpedia.org is now live in 'beta'. Please take a few moments to look at it and give us your feedback. There is a feedback slot on each page for your comments. I would be grateful if you could use your good offices to circulate details of this website to your friends and families. Best wishes Nemu Chandaria, E-Mail-nemuc@hotmail.com.

AHMEDABAD REALTORS USE JAIN TIRTHANKARS AND HINDU DEITIES AS MARKETING TOOL TO BOOST REALTY SALES

Spirituality not only heals scars of the soul but can also defy sluggish market conditions, it seems. Many a developer is using God as a marketing tool to sell property. Some create a place of worship in their realty scheme, while others launch projects in the vicinity of places of worship of various religions and communities. In both cases, the place of worship becomes a unique selling proposition (USP) of the project which helps attract buyers of a particular faith. Developers believe that in the hustle bustle of modern life, people hardly get time to visit places of worship everyday. However, if they are part of the realty scheme or at walking distance people can easily go there for prayer. Developers never miss an opportunity to capitalise on a Jain temple in the vicinity. Jains are willing to shell out a bit more for a property if there is a derasar nearby. In the city, Vasna, Paldi and Shahibaug have emerged as major Jain localities with several derasars in the area.

In Ahmedabad, Jain customers prefer to have a derasar close to their residence. They do not mind spending 5% to 10% more for this facility. In cities like Mumbai, there are exclusive residential schemes for Jains that are not sold to members of other communities. A derasar is one of the amenities. They charge around 30% to 40% premium for this and people gladly pay it. Not only Jain temples, but Swaminarayan temples, Shiv temples, gurudwaras, churches and other places of worship can boost demand for property in an area.

JAIN PILGRIMS LOOTED BY CRIMINALS IN BIHAR

Patna, Nov 21, According to police, dozens of Jain pilgrims were looted by a group of unidentified criminals in Bihar's Jamui district. A group of armed criminals looted the pilgrims near Lachuar under Sikandara police station in Jamui, about 170 km from Patna. Criminals looted cash, dozens of mobile phones and other valuable items from the Jain pilgrims. The incident took place when over 100 Jain pilgrims, mostly from Rajasthan and Maharashtra, in several vehicles were on their way to a Jain shrine associated with Lord Mahavira, the 24th Jain Tirthankar.

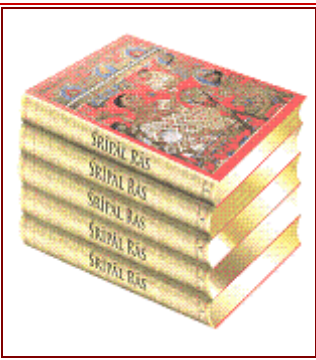
VIEWS OF SENIOR CONGRESS LEADER ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI ABOUT JAIN MINORITY STATUS



Addressing a large gathering of Jain scholars and congress leaders at a conference held at New Delhi recently, he expressed his views frankly on need to obtain minority status by Jain community. Shri Abhishek Manu Singhvi mentioned that Jains should definitely get minority status at national level but having got this status, they should declare that they did not want any special benefits. A video programme about his talk can be viewed at www.youtube.com

BOOKS ON JAINISM

SRIPAL RAS -HAGIOGRAPHY OF KING SRIPAL AND QUEEN MAYA



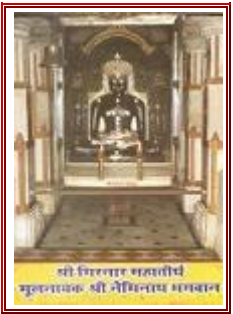
Composed in Marugurjar, By Upadhyaya Vinayavijaya & Mahopadhyaya Yashovijaya, Edited by Premal Kapadia; Available in Gujarati, Hindi and English editions. Many works have been composed in Jain literature, to show the importance of the Navpad (nine padas), and the importance of worshipping them and practicing their teachings in ones day to day life in order to attain liberation from this mundane world. One of these, and indeed one of the best known to the Jain community, is the Śrīpāl Rās, composed about 300 years ago. The work consists of 1252 verses composed in a pre-modern language called Mārūgurjara. The work is a religious saga based on the lives of two lay Jain devotees, King Śrīpāl and his wife, Queen Mayaṇā, who together endure several adventures, continue to worship the nine padas and despite having to face several vicissitudes, will attain liberation. The book states that Gautama Ganadhara, the senior-most disciple of Bhagavan Mahavir gave a religious discourse on the Navapada to the

twelve-fold religious assembly including King Shrenika. To make the audience enthusiastic and eagerly desirous of worshipping Navapada, enlightened them on extraordinary achievements, fulfillment and prosperity attained in this life and lives to come, by its worship. It was during this discourse that he related the story that has become known as the Śrīpāl Rās. This unparalleled work of devotion and spiritual ecstasy is adorned with spiritual knowledge and religious history. The ethos of Jainism and its facets have been lucidly revealed in the form of this tale, making it an easy and pleasant read. Consequently, even though it is a Jain tale, it appeals to a wide audience. Each pada of the Navapada is accompanied by an artistically rich pictorial depiction drawn from the best libraries, institutions, temples and private collections (with their generous consent) in India.

The beautiful margins and borders with which the verses have been decorated have been taken from manuscripts which mainly date back to the 16th century, CE. Some others which are of excellent quality are from the 17th century belonging to the Bundi school of art. Other schools of art are also represented. These magnificent illustrations, some of which are being released to the public for the first time, constitute a rare and extraordinary collection of Jain art, the finest available to date.

The work took almost 5 years to complete. In its compilation, more than 30 manuscripts from various sources were consulted and extensive commentary from old texts was incorporated. The work was further enriched with exceptional contributions from pandits, scholars and prominent Jain acharyas and upadhyayas, and brought to fruition through the tireless efforts of several others. The work has been printed generously in 5 volumes with 1120 pages, extensively layered with illustrations (approximately 750), artwork and content. In order to make this important Jain text available to all, this work has been published in three different languages, viz. Gujarati, Hindi and English. For further information on the contents of the book, prices and mode of payment, please log on to the Website: www.shripalras.com Source : Dr. Sulekh C. Jain, Houston, Texas, USA, E-Mail : scjain@earthlink.net

Bhagavan Mahavira ka Buniyadi Chintan by Dr. Jaykumar Jalaj, First published in 2002, 3rd Edition, 2012, Published by Hindi Granth Karyalay, Mumbai-201224 cm x 18 cm 24 pages, ISBN 978-81-88769-75-9 Paperback Rs. 30. If you wish to read a short book that encapsulates the teachings of Bhagavan Mahavira, this is the book for you. It succinctly describes the self-realisation he attained 2610 years ago. This book is extremely popular as it is a non-sectarian book written in simple language. Complex concepts of the Jain doctrine are explained in a reader-friendly manner, without using jargon. Readers have said that reading this book is akin to entering a palace, with each door opening on its own and inviting you in. The author, Dr Jaykumar Jalaj, has spent a lifetime studying and putting into practice the teachings of Bhagavan Mahavira in his life. This book is a result of the insights he has gained. English, Gujarati, Urdu, Marathi, Kannada, Telugu, Sindhi and Punjabi versions of this book are also available. Over 76000 copies have been sold. The book is available at Hindi Granth Karyalay, Mumbai, E-mail - Jainbooks@aol.com



Chalo Girnar Chale (Hindi and Gujarati versions) Writer: Jain Muni Shri Hem Vallabh Vijay Ji maharaj Publishers: Shri Girnar Mahateerth Vikas Samiti, Jagmal Chowk, Junagarh - 362001 (Gujarat) Price: Rs. 25/- Year of publication: 2010-11 Pages: 120. The author of the book, Muni Shri Hem Vallabh Vijay Ji disciple of Muni Shri Dharm Rakshit Vijay Ji maharaj is a learned and erudite scholar of Jainism. He has attempted to bring out this highly interesting and informative book in order to bring into light various historical facts and information obtained from ancient and contemporary Jain literature about this important centre of pilgrimage for the benefit of entire Jain community, both Shwetambar and Digambar. Lack of detailed information about this pilgrimage centre has so far been responsible for receiving much less number of pilgrims visiting this place as compare to Shetrunjay. This book, it is hoped will go a long way in attracting many more devotees to visit Holy Girnar. Apart from being an important centre of pilgrimage for both Shwetambar and Digambar Jains, it has also been a holy place for worship by other communities, like Vaishnav, Brahmin, Shiv Bhakt, Amba Bhakt and Baudh.

LIFE AND STORIES OF THE JAINA SAVIOUR PARSHVANATHA -An English translation of Acarya Bhavadeva's Parshvanatha Caritra Eng. tr. By Prof Maurice Bloomfield, Pandit Nathuram Premi Research Series Volume 15, First published in 1919, Second Edition 2008 230 x 145 mm 264 pp Deluxe Hardcover edition Rs. 700. Lord Parshvanatha was the penultimate Tirthankara, or fordmaker. He lived about 800 years before Christ. This work is a hagiography on his life as Jina Parshvanatha and nine previous births. Acarya Bhavadeva's Sanskrit kavya, Parshvanatha Caritra, is known for its elegance of language and eloquence of storytelling. He composed this kavya giving enormous details on Jina Parshva's life, including several sub-stories that make for fascinating reading. This text is also a sort of Nitishastra, or book of ethical behaviour. In the early years of the 20th century, Prof Maurice Bloomfield, a leading American Sanskritist, came across this work and translated it brilliantly into contemporary English. The Sanskrit original is a jewel in the crown of Sanskrit literature. The English adaptation is a concise version of the mula patha. It is the first ever English adaptation of Jina Parshva's life.

SAINT DIKSHA

Kshullak Diksha was accorded to Br Aakash ji by Upa Shri Gyansagar ji Maharaj in Mumbai on 27.11.2011. Upa Shri has given new name as Kshullak Shri Naygam Sagar ji Maharaj to Br Aakash ji after Diksha.

CHILD DIKSHA ISSUE CASE ADJOURNED IN MUMBAI HIGH COURT



Mumbai: Right to childhood conflicts with right to religion, observed the Bombay High Court while hearing petitions saying child diksha or renunciation is a practice integral to Jainism. A division bench of Justice P B Majmudar and Justice Mridula Bhatkar was hearing a petition filed by Ashok Bagricha and others challenging the jurisdiction of the Child Welfare Committee. In March 2004, a diksha ceremony in which an eight-year-old girl renounced the material world had created a furor among child rights activists. It was brought to the attention of the CWC by Childline, an NGO. In July 2006, the high court had directed the CWC to find whether she had taken diksha voluntarily or had been forced to do so. The CWC reported that the young girl needed care. Her parents, Santosh and Seema Bagricha challenged the CWC order in the HC, which granted a stay on it. A Bagricha's counsel Srihari Aney said, "The CWC passed the order without considering it is a practice of my religion." The judges asked who takes the decision for a child. Aney said it is not a hasty decision. A child sadhvi is brought to stay for two years with a senior who recommends whether she has to be taken into the fold or not. This further goes through a deliberation process before acceptance into the fold, he added. "The court is concerned only with the legal point and not religious sentiments," said Justice Majmudar. "What if a child is not happy? If he is ill-treated in the mutt?" he asked. Aney said there is not a single such case of ill-treatment. "They are well-supported by the community," he said. Justice Bhatkar said the right to childhood is covered under Article 21 (Right to Life) of the Constitution. "Whether right to childhood will conflict with right to religion (Freedom of Religion, Article 25)? This would include right to laugh, to cry, to play. There is a conflict," said Justice Bhatkar. Aney said the girl is now over 16 and "capable of entering the convent on her own". The judges were told that the minimum age for diksha is eight. "Can a child also be taken from the maternity house immediately after he is born?" asked Justice Majmudar. Aney said it is not that child diksha is rampant in the community. Aney urged the court to decide the issue once and for all. Adjourning the matter, the judges directed that affidavits be filed by two sects of Jainism, including those by experts on the issue.

READER'S REVIEWS & NOTES (We do not edit this section - Editor)

JAINS LIVE SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE ?Rakesh Kumar Jain, Member, Settlement Commission (Customs & Central Excise) , Kolkata, West Bengal, E-Mail :rakjan46@yahoo.co.uk -Jains are vegetarian, nonsmoking, nondrinking but still heart disease is quite common. The reasons could be the sedentary lifestyle where most businessmen are busy in the effort to make money but do not do any proper exercise and at the same time consume unhealthy food like oily puris, bhajis, paranthas,full cream milk, makhan, malai, butter, desi ghee and hence quietly cholesterol gets deposited in the arteries leading to blockages angina pains, strokes and heart attacks.

Further many people become passive smokers because of the smoking of other persons and the gases, fumes of the polluted air in the environment. Further many persons in the desire to make more and more money by hook or by crook are resorting to adulteration of various products and hence the people who consume such harmful food products suffer from various diseases. Pollution of the air, water and soil is also causing many diseases. Insanitation, unhygienic conditions, arbage, unclean habits of people throwing all garbage and kachra everywhere is leading to dirty towns and cities and disease causing bacteria, viruses, eggs of worms and fungi are increasing. It is strange to see many bathed and washed jains going barefoot through dirty sewage filled and unhygienic streets, lanes and roads to the many Jain temples in each palce. Why are we all allowing such conditions to go on increasing day by day? I have been given two names Dr. Dean Ornish and Dr. Neal Bernard. I am now seeing their programmes where more emphasis is on vegan or vegetarian diet cutting out milk and dairy products like ghee, butter and bad fats from the diet to reverse heart disease and other diseases. The catch however is in society and its desire to make money. Can we have a pure pollution free environment? Can we get clean hygienic and sanitary streets, roads, towns, villages, cities? Can we expect the unscrupulous people not to adulterate and sell harmful spurious food stuffs?

CORRUPTION A WAY OF LIFE - By : Dhanpal Solanki Jain, E-Mail :dhanpal.jain@gmail.com -Corruption, Corruption, Corruption, everyone in India is sick of this word. Why do we blame the corrupt rather than blaming ourselves. When we give bribe, than only the corrupt takes it. So, who is inducing the corrupt? Who is dishonest? Who throws the money and muscle power? Who the show the political connection to get thing done out of turn? Who tries to utilise Jugaad? These questions must be answered by all of us, who encourages corruption in our daily life by indulging in bribe giving or other influencing tactics. You give bribe because you have either have broken a law or want to get thing done out of turn. So dont blame other, blame the greed in you. As Mahatma Gandhi said we need to be the change we want to see in this world. That will be the true meaning of Satyagraha, a call for a socio-spiritual non-violent movement for establishing Truth and Swaraj.



People who are addicted sometimes feel as though they cant feel the pain. Its the same with thoughts: there are certain thoughts that are not beneficial for us, but we allow them to continue because we dont feel the damage these thoughts bring. Honesty is not just being natural, but giving to ourselves what is good and positive. When a person uses abusive language and irrationally shouts at others, they often feel that they are just being frank. However, this frankness is a form of dishonesty because the person is not only hurting others, but the self as well, thus harming his own health. The power to distinguish is needed to determine which words bring relief and peace to the self and others. This is honesty. Each part of the body is assigned a place. The tongue is supposed to be behind the bars of the teeth. It is said that before you speak, think many times because the wound caused by the sword of the tongue heals very slowly.

Honesty with the self, in our words and in relationships is very important. No one can take what belongs to us and we cannot take what belongs to anyone else out of greed or fear. Mahatma Gandhis clothing was simple and lived a life of austerity because he believed that if it were more than simple he would be guilty of taking someone elses share. What the world needs today is to emulate Gandhis principle of Welfare State, which means equal distribution of resources and opportunities for all. He advocated for radical social, political and economic reforms based on the principles of equality and justice. When we learn to share then we are free from jealousy, insecurity, uncertainty and things seem to come close to us. Before most of us became spiritual seekers or practitioners or decision makers, we experienced disharmony because of breaking certain laws of the universe. Once we learn to adopt honesty not only does disharmony dissolve, but there is never fear of what is going to happen to us. When we lack honesty, we live in fear. Lack of honesty creates sadness, hesitation, ambiguity and insecurity. An honest person will always feel secure and very important will be confident and content.

The most important fundamental principle of Jainism is Anekāntavāda or principle of pluralism and multiplicity of viewpoints, and adoption of compassion and non-violence as a way of life. Nonviolence, Compassion, Anekāntavāda or dialogue with an open mind, & inclusive policies can become an antidote not only to nuclear destruction but also to corruption, communalism, regionalism, naxalism, terrorism and separatist tendency, which will directly empower us in tackling our socio-economic problems like poverty, hunger, health malady, illiteracy, ignorance, lack of development, caste discrimination and gender bias. We witness heaviness because we walk around in title consciousness: I am this, I am that. This makes us feel burdened. If we perform our tasks as trustees, we can be very, very light. Another reason we experience burden is because we do not have enough tolerance or patience, and so we respond negatively in our relationships with others and we dont know how to forgive. Forgiving means for giving. We become so light when we give. Take what is useful, and dont create a file of anyones negativity, animosity and thus burdened yourself.

DEVLOK GAMAN

आचार्य श्री विशुद्ध सागर जी महाराज के संघस्थ मुनि श्री प्रत्यक्ष सागर महाराज का समाधिमरण



सागर, नवंबर 16. 2011 : वर्षी भवन मोराजी में वर्षाकालीन चातुर्मास कर रहे आचार्य श्री विशुद्ध सागर जी महाराज के संघस्थ मुनि श्री प्रत्यक्ष सागर महाराज का समाधिमरण हुआ। आचार्यश्री विशुद्ध सागर जी महाराज के संघ सानिध्य में वर्षी भवन मोराजी से पद्मासन मुद्रा में मुनि श्री को शोभायात्रा के रूप में अतिशय क्षेत्र मंगलगिरी ले जाया गया। शोभायात्रा में हजारों की संख्या में जैन धर्मावलंबियों ने भाग लिया। जैन धर्म के अनुसार उनकी अंतिम क्रियाएं मंत्रोच्चार के साथ संपन्न हुई। अपराहन वर्षी भवन मोराजी में श्रद्धांजलि सभा आयोजित की गई। मुनि श्री के समाधिमरण के चलते धर्मावलंबियों द्वारा अपने अपने प्रतिष्ठान बंद रखे गए। शोभायात्रा में पालकी में पद्मासन मुद्रा में मुनिश्री को मंगलगिरी तक ले जाया गया। शोभायात्रा में शामिल धर्मावलंबियों के नारों से आकाश गुंजायमान हो गया।

धर्मावलंबी णमोकार महामंत्र का उच्चारण कर रहे थे। मंगलगिरी स्थित धर्मशाला के नजदीक मुनिश्री का समाधिमरण संपन्न हुआ। समाधिमरण के पूर्व मंत्रोच्चार कराया गया। जैन धर्म के अनुसार धर्मावलंबियों द्वारा समाधिमरण में श्रीफलनारियल) चढ़ाए गए। समाधिमरण के दौरान मुनिश्री के गृहस्थ जीवन के परिजन उपस्थित रहे।

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