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*"There is nothing wonderful in my saying
that
Jainism was in existence long before the Vedas were composed."
** Dr. S. Radhakrishnan*

TEMPLES

MONOLITHIC STATUE AT NAVAGRAHA JAIN TEERTH, HUBLI ATTRACTING PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

BANGALORE: In three years, Navagraha Teerth, which is located at Varur, a hamlet just 12 km from Hubli city, has become an important place on the tourism map of the state, drawing huge crowds from all over the country. Navagraha Teertha, which is spread over 45 acres, adjacent to the Pune- Bangalore Road, was set up by the Jain community with the help of people from other communities. It has been established largely through the efforts of Sri Gunadhar Nandi Maharaj. It houses the 61 ft, 185 tonne monolithic statue of Shri Parshwanathji, Teerthankar in the Khadgasana Mudra mounted on a 48-ft pedestal. It also houses the statues of Sri Padmaprabhuji (Sun), Shri Chandraprabhu ji (Moon), Shri Vasupujyaji (Mars), Shri Mallinath ji (Mercury), Shri Mahaveer Swami (Jupiter), Shri Pushpadanta ji (Venus) Shri Munisruvata ji (Saturn) and Shri Neminath ji (Rahu). The monolithic statue of Shri Parshwanthji is not only attractive but also larger than the statue of Gomateshwar or Lord Bahubali in Sharavanbelagola. The statues of the teerthankars in Navagraha Teertha can be seen even 3-4 km away on the national highway while entering Varur on the Pune-Bangalore Road. Jains believe that these teerhankars have the power to keep 'graha-dosh' at bay. In line with this, the statues have been mounted on respective planet-like structures that the teerthankars represent. The tranquility in and around Navagraha Teerth and the striking monolithic statue with the statues of the eight other teerthankars are attracting people from all over the world. Hundreds of tourists from different parts of Karnataka, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, as well as people from abroad, visit this place every day.

With the heavy inflow of tourists, a Yatri Nivas is being constructed here at a cost of Rs 5 crore. There are also plans to set up a musical fountain and garden on the lines of the one in Brindavan. Lodging and boarding facility is available for visitors free of cost here. About 50 rooms have been built to accommodate tourists, who are also served breakfast and lunch every day. Bus services are available to this place from Hubli Old Bus Terminus. Long-distance buses also stop at Navagraha Teerth on request. Auto-rickshaws are also available from the city and charge Rs 150-200 for a trip.

SAINTS

JAIN SAINT KAMAL MUNI KAMLESH ASKS PUNJAB JAIL MINISTER TO START GAUSHALAS IN JAILS



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..... Courtesy: Mr. M.Lodha from Care of Animals & Protection of Environment-India(CAPE-India), E-Mail: capeindia1@gmail.com

AWARDS & HONOURS

SHRI NIRMAL KUMAR JI SETHI ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY PRESIDENT OF JAIN DIGAMBAR MAHASABHA



The executive committees of four constituents units of Digambar Mahasabha, namely Shri Bharatvarshiya Digambar Jain Dharm Sanrakshini, Teerth Sanrakshini, Shrut Sanvardhini and Mahila Mahasabha at a joint convention held at Shri Mahavir Ji on the 6th and 7th March, 2010 for their tri-annual election of the office-bearers. Shri Nirmal Kumar Ji Sethi was unanimously elected as President of Mahasabha. At its first meeting, Mahasabha took decisions about. (i) Spreading Jain education (ii) Protection of archeological materials (iii) Development of women and (iv) playing active role in political circles of the country.

NEW BOOKS

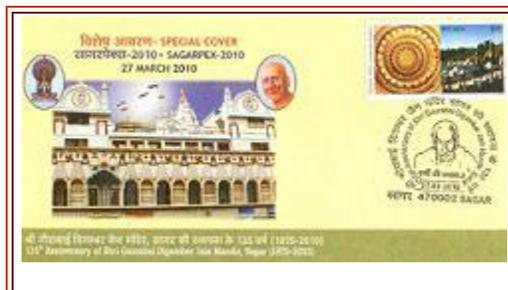
JAINA TEMPLE ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA - By Dr. Julia A. B. Hegewald ,2009 240 x 300 mm 693 pages 966 Colour illustrations + 366 maps and drawings Deluxe hardcover edition Rs. 13000, Jaina temple Architecture in India is the first comprehensive study of the development and uniqueness of Jain sacred structures. The monograph analyses Jain temples in all regions of the Indian subcontinent and outlines clear continuities by covering the period from the early centuries BCE till the present day. It identifies a distinct approach to the shaping of ritual space in Jain temple edifices, which involves often complex spatial layouts on numerous vertical levels as well as conglomerates of interconnected sanctums and building elements on various horizontal levels.

These accommodate a multitude of venerated sacred objects and mirror specific Jain ritual needs, patterns of worship as well as the translation of specific Jain mythological and cosmological concepts into architecture. These aspects of multifaceted spatial planning are shown to be equally common to Jain temples in the Diaspora outside India. The author and her team spent several years in India researching and photographing the country's most outstanding and beautiful Jain temples. The book is lavishly illustrated with 966 colour pictures on glossy art paper. It is a world class production. We hope that several more books on Jainism shall follow this one in production values. The book can be obtained from Hindi Granth Karyalaya, 9, Hirabaug, C. P. Tank, Mumbai 400004, E-Mail : Jainbooks@aol.com

JAIN PATH - By Dr. Aidan Rankin-This is an outstanding thought leadership book, which makes the Jains and their wisdom very critical, and deserves to be widely discussed and promoted, especially among the intellectuals and opinion-makers in society. Aidan Rankin can be reached at: aidanr2001@yahoo.co.uk

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

POSTAL STAMP & COVER ON SHRI GAURABAI DIGAMBER JAIN MANDIR



Central India Philatelic Society has issued a special cover at Sagar (M.P.) on 27th March 2010 on the occasion of 135th Anniversary of Shri Gaurabai Digamber Jain Mandir. India Post has also provided a special cancellation. The special cover depicts colourful images of Shri Gaurabai Digamber Jain Mandir, chief idol of Bhagwan Parshwanath situated in this Temple and Param Pujya Acharya Shantisagar Ji Maharaj.

Special cancellation depicts image of famous Jain Saint Pujya Ganesh Prasadji Varni. Mr. Sudhir Jain, Secretary, Central India Philatelic Society, Sushma Press

Compound, SATNA (M.P.) 485005, E-Mail: centralindphil@yahoo.com designed this special cover and cancellation. This special cover was released in a function on 27th March 2010 by Mr. Bhupendra Singh Thakur M.P., Mr. Shailendra Jain M.L.A., Mr. Vitthal Bhai Patel Ex-Minister & Writer and Mr. Dalchandra Jain Ex-M. P. From: Mr. Sudhir Jain, E-Mail: mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING ACHARYA DR. LOKESH MUNI LAUNCHING BETI BACHAO VARSH (SAVE GIRL CHILD)

From: Avnish Jain, Tel:9250926870, E-Mail: avnish.jain@hotmail.com



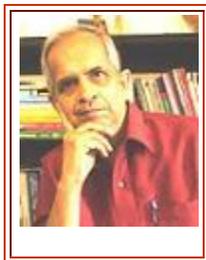
ACHARYA TULSI MEMORIAL LECTURE IN PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA

The Department of Religious Studies, Punjabi University Patiala observed Acharya Tulsi Memorial Lecture on 31 March 2010 in University Senate Hall. Dr. Jai Narayan Sharma Professor in the Department of Gandhian Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh delivered Lecture on the topic "Relative Economics as Propounded by Acharya Mahprjna." In his lecture Dr. Sharma said that welfare of the masses should not be ignored in any institution, organization or industrial setup. More the practice of compassion gives maximum satisfaction to others.

One thing is related with other. The lecture was comprehensive to which everyone appreciated. A great scholar Dr. Jaspal Singh Vice Chancellor Punjabi University, Patiala presided the programme and made his beautiful comments on the special lecture and expressed his pleasure for the Department of Religious Studies on organizing such a programme. On this

occasion Shri Purushottam Jain and Ravindra Jain presented copies of books " Bhagvan Mahavir Jiven Charitra" written by themselves to Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jaspal Singh and speaker of the day Professor Jai Narayan Sharma. Dr. Rajinder Kaur Rohi, Head of the Department of Religious Studies delivered welcome address. Dr. Pradyumna Shah Singh Programme coordinator introduced about the memorial lecture and also delivered vote of thanks. From: Ravinder Jain, E-Mail: ravinderjain231049@ymail.com

JAIN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION (JIYO),PUNE TO CONDUCT CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINAR



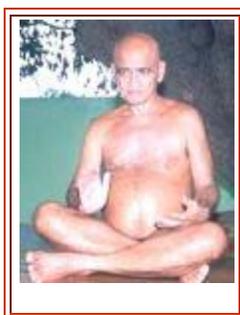
Youth Wing of Jain International Trade Organization (JITO) is formed with the intention of unifying all young Jains under one banner and conducting programs and projects for their improvement. The seminar is being conducted on 17th April 2010 at Mahavir Pratishtan, Opp. Maharshinagar Police Station, Salisbury Park, Pune-411037 by JIYO at Pune for JAIN students of standard 10th, 11th, 12th and all Graduates. The seminar will include several programmes including lecture by Dr. Shriram Geet (www.careergeet.org) an eminent Career Counsellor having an experience more than 15 years, Customized Interest Tests to check your Career Inclination etc. Contact for Registration: SMS Students' Full Name & Class to 9028969020. Source : Mr. Siddharth Parakh, 9420225450, E-Mail: sidparakh@yahoo.co.in

VEGETARIANISM & AHIMSA

KARNATAK GOVERNMENT PASSES BILL TO IMPOSE BAN ON KILLING OF COWS IN THE STATE

For the first time in the country, a bill has been passed by the Government of Karnataka to impose a total ban in the whole state on the killing of cows. Several organisations in the state, both Jain and non-Jain, committed to provide protection of cows and saving them from being sent to butcher-houses had been representing to the Government from time to time. "GAU-VANSH HATYA MUKTA KARNATAK NIRMAN MAHASANGH" as an institution for this purpose had taken a lead to get cow-killing banned in the state and finally they have achieved their objective. It is now hoped that other states in the country will also consider the matter seriously and follow suit. A large group of people from Mahasangh, "GAU-VANSH RAKSHA DAL" and others had joined together to celebrate the occasion at National College ground in Bangalore. Shri Atma Nand Swami, Shri Vishweshteerth Swami of Pejawar Math, Jagadguru Mate Mahadevi tai, Suryateerth swami, Uma Bharati, President of Mahasangh and retired judge Ramajoise and many other important figures working for cow-protection were present on this occasion. A message sent by Jain Acharya Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji maharaj was read out on this occasion. As the bill has been passed now it would take the form of a law.

A MILK-PROCESSING PLANT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SAGAR DISTRICT OF M. P. TO SAVE COWS AND SUPPORT FARMERS WITH INSPIRATION OF ACHARYA SHRI VIDYA SAGAR JI MAHARAJ



A large milk-processing plant is being established in Bina area of Sagar district in Madhya Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 400 crores by a group of young devotees and followers of Jain Digambar saint, Acharya Shri Vidya Sagar Ji maharaj.. The objective of establishing this plant is to save thousands of cows from being killed by the butchers and providing enough earning to local farmers of Bundelkhand region. A piece of land covering an area of 94 acres has been procured by the organisers in Bina-Barah area and the project has been planned on the lines of Amul plant in Gujarat. The project is being envisaged to provide cows to farmers at half the normal price and supplying the milk by the farmers to the processing plant. The milk will be processed and packed in different varieties and sizes. The milk will be marketed and sold to consumers in the name of "Shanti Dhara". Those farmers, who buy cows and

supply milk will become share-holders in the project and would be entitled to a share in the profits earned by the project. Many members of Jain community in Sagar and other adjoining areas, having been inspired by Acharya Shri have joined the scheme and have donated for the purchase of cows. The donation amount fixed for purchase of each cow is Rs. 21,000/- and an amount of Rs. 3 crores has already been reportedly collected. The plant is planned to commence operations by April, 2011. A 'gaushala' or cow-shed has also been planned to keep such cows, which do not give milk or have stopped giving milk, so as to save them from being sent to butchers. The team of young devotees deserve hearty congratulations for the venture they have under-taken to provide protection to thousands of cows and enable poor farmers of Bundelkhand region to earn a living for themselves.

VEG DAY RESOLUTION AT SAN FRANCISCO, THE FIRST U. S. CITY TO DECLARE MONDAYS AS "VEG DAY."

It was a good mile-stone for vegetarian activist Dixie Mahy, President of the San Francisco Vegetarian Society, to see her efforts come to fruition in a board resolution on April 6, 2010. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted

a resolution declaring Mondays as “Vegetarian Day” to urge all San Francisco restaurants, grocery stores, and schools to offer a variety of plant based options to improve the health of San Francisco residents. Mahy hopes that other cities will be encouraged to use the resolution as a template to get their cities to adopt a similar resolution. The San Francisco Vegetarian Society will be offering recipes, menu suggestions, and even some special classes on vegan-cooking. With this resolution, Mahy now hopes to expand the program with a special list recognizing various participants with as an extra advertising incentive. Following is the full text of the resolution. Those interested in helping with the project should Contact Dixie Mahy, E-Mail dixiemahy@gmail.com

Resolution declaring Mondays as “Vegetarian Day” to urge all restaurants, grocery stores, and schools to offer a variety of plant based options to improve the health of San Francisco residents.

WHEREAS, The Plant based diet is truly a Green Diet that reduces the serious ecological problems involved in livestock production; and whereas, The 2009 report from World Bank environmental advisers, Goodland and Anhang, called “Livestock and Climate Change”, reveals that farmed animals and their byproducts are responsible for at least 32.6 billion tons of carbon dioxide per year, or 51 percent of annual worldwide greenhouse gas emissions. Goodland and Anhang concluded that replacing animal products with soya-based and other alternatives would be the best strategy for reversing climate change; and WHEREAS, The findings from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization report prompted Rajendra Pachauri, head of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, to recommend that individuals reduce their personal carbon impact by decreasing their meat consumption; and WHEREAS, Plant-based diets are good preventive medicine and could help reduce medical costs to individuals and the health care system; and WHEREAS, In July 2009, Ghent, Belgium recognized the relationship between diet and climate change by establishing a Veg Day each week of the year; and WHEREAS, In April 2009, the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, adopted a Mayoral Proclamation designating April 24-30 “Takoma Park Veg Week,” to encourage citizens to choose vegetarian foods as a way to protect the planet, their health, and animals; and WHEREAS, In February 2009, as part of the Green Cincinnati Plan, the City’s Food Task Force recommended that residents replace some of the meat in their diet with fresh fruits and vegetables; and WHEREAS, The American Dietetic Association recognizes that reduced meat consumption decreases the risk of various health problems, stating, Scientific data suggests positive relationships between a vegetarian diet and reduced risk for several chronic degenerative diseases and conditions, including obesity, hypertension, diabetes mellitus and some types of cancer”; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors designates Mondays as “Veg Day” to encourage restaurants, grocery stores, and schools to offer a greater variety of plant based options to improve the health of San Francisco residents and visitors, and to increase the awareness of the impact a GREEN DIET would be on our planet.

NON-VEG BAN IRKS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN AUSTRALIA

Construction Union hits out At Pankaj Oswal and his wife Radhika, who are building a mansion for themselves in Perth. Indian-born Pankaj Oswal and his wife Radhika have told workers, building their \$70 million mansion in the Australian city that they should not consume meat while they are on the construction site, stirring a controversy with a construction union hitting out at the ban. The massive mansion, located in the exclusive suburb of Peppermint Grove here, is expected to be finished at the end of next year. The Western Australian construction union criticized the ban on building workers eating ham sandwiches and meat pies at the building site. The ban was “absolutely wrong”, said Joe McDonald, who is Western Australian assistant secretary of the construction, forestry, mining and energy union. I respect everybody’s right to practice their religion, but I totally disagree with anyone forcing it on others,” he was quoted as saying. Workers said there was one small shed in which they were allowed to eat meat. Pankaj Oswal defended the meat ban, saying: “This is our home.” *Courtesy: Satyesh Kumar Jain, Navi Mumbai.*

DIKSHA PROGRAMMES

JAIN DIKSHA IN SHWETAMBAR STHANAKWASI SECT- Jain Bhagwati Diksha of following five mumukshu will be solemnised at Balotra (Rajasthan) on the 15th May, 2010 in the holy presence of Acharya Shri Hira Chand Ji Maharaj.

1. Sushri Dipika Jain
2. Sushri Komal Kothari
3. Sushri Samta Jain
4. Sushri twinkle salecha and
5. Sushri Varsha Salecha

Jain Bhagwati Diksha of Sushri Vijayshri ji will be solemnised at Bharatpur (Rajasthan) on the 15th May, 2010 with due consent of Acharya Shri Hira Chand Ji Maharaj.

Jain Bhagwati Diksha of Shrimati Manju Ji Daga and Sushri Priti Kanunga will be solemnised at Bangalore on the 15th May, 2010 with due consent of Acharya Shri Hira Chand Ji Maharaj.

Jain Bhagwati Diksha of Sushri Mangla Bahan will be solemnised at Changotola (M. P.) on the 23th May, 2010 with the due consent of Acharya Shri Hira Chand Ji Maharaj.



CHATURMAS NEWS

1. Acharya Pravar Shri Hira Chandra Ji Maharaj, from Jain Hiteshi Ratna Sangh belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect will hold his chaturmas this year at Pali in Rajasthan. Other saints and sadhwi in his group will have chaturmas as shown below:
2. Upadhyay Shri Man Chandra Ji Maharaj at Gotan (Rajasthan)
3. Mahasati Shri Santosh Kunwar Ji Maharaj at Gulabpura (Rajasthan)
4. Mahasati Shri Maina sundari Ji Maharaj at Jodhpur.
5. Mahasati Shri Indubala Ji Maharaj at Nagaur (Rajasthan)
6. Mahasati Shri Vimlavati Ji Maharaj at Merta City (Rajasthan)
7. Mahasati Shri Gyan Lata Ji Maharaj at Mysore.
8. Mahasati Shri Mukti Prabha Ji Maharaj at Pipar City (Rajasthan)
9. Pravartak Shri Roop Muni Ji and Up-Pravartak Shri Sukan Muni Ji Maharaj from Shraman Sangh at Sadri (Ghanerao) in Rajasthan.
10. Mahasati Shri Indu prabha Ji Maharaj at Bhilwara in Rajasthan.

VIEW JAIN VIDEOS FROM YOUTUBE.COM

Video - Bhagwan Mahaveer Jayanthi- Kavi Ko Abdur Rehman lauds the contributions of jains to Tamil literature and culture.
Source: Prof. Kanaka Ajithadoss, E-Mail: ajithadoss@gmail.com
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vElwXzpOnUI
www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMym4AwZN8

A speech about vegetarism and veganism and their benefits - My name is Lubomir Stoyanov, I am studying Bioinformatics in Germany. I have also studied Nutrition Science .I saw your great web site and organisation and decided to write to you. Greetings ! I had the honor to do a speech about the compassionate veggie-way of life, on the Frankfurt Book Fair - the world's largest trade fair for books, on 18.10.2009.

Since the doubts about the nutritional adequacy of the veggie diets (with their positive impact on our nature, health and ethics) are a reason for the smaller distribution of the veggie diets, I think such information should become mainstream:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_eHolzXxwUw Maybe you would use this little speech for your activities. L. Stoyanov, E-Mail: s1oyanov@googlemail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

JAIN APPEAL: FOR THE CENSUS 2011 PLEASE WRITE *JAIN* IN THE RELIGION COLUMN

I was very shocked when I came to know of 1991 census records of Jain population as I thought Jains could not ever be in that so low number. I knew that these numbers were grossly wrong. The reasons being firstly that Jain community itself did not ask for writing of the word *Jain* in the Religion Column in the Census and the enumerators just put Hindu in that column without even bothering to check it, secondly many of the Jains also thought and still think that they are part of Hindu so no problem and thirdly so what if we are counted as Hindus, it makes no difference for us, the heavens will not fall and to put it differently negligence; carelessness; casual approach et al, all very WRONG and I was definitely hurt.

Year 2011 is again the year of reckoning and I request all Jain magazines, journals and newspapers... put it on your website... create new groups/websites for this... ask your friends to do so and ask them to further circulate it amongst all known or even unknown Jains and by any other means and in any which way you think it can be achieved. I appeal to all of you just like I did a decade back, so that every Jain puts = *JAIN * = in the religion column in the census 2011. From Mr. Dilip Surana, E-Mail: suraana@gmail.com

DEUTSCHE BANK BOSS ANSHU JAIN SELLS STAKES IN IPL'S MUMBAI INDIANS

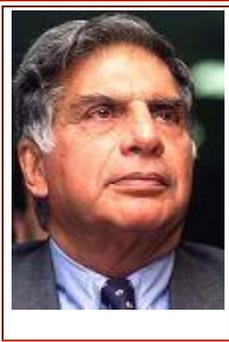


A member of the management team of Deutsche Bank, Anshu Jain has sold his stake in one of the India's most successful cricket teams, as the country's league faces an official investigation into its funding deals. Indian-born Mr. Jain is well known as a cricket fan and has frequently taken clients to international matches at Lords. He is also known to be a keen player and is the captain of Deutsche Bank's cricket team. News of the sale of the stake came as the Indian government announced it was launching a probe into the IPL's funding after Shashi Tharoor, 54, a junior foreign minister, resigned over claims, which he denies, that he had received shares from a friend that headed a successful bid for a team in southern India. The IPL has become one of the world's most lucrative sports leagues with player salaries averaging over £2.5m a year, putting it just behind the US NBA, the world's best-paid sports competition. A spokesman for Deutsche Bank confirmed that Mr Jain, who earned £8.4m in 2009, had last year sold his stake in the team, originally bought in 2008, for the same price that he bought it. The stake was bought by the team's largest shareholder, Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries.

READER'S MAIL

WHAT RATAN TATA DID FOR MUMBAI VICTIMS.....A TRUE EXAMPLE OF AHIMSA IN PRACTICE

From: Satyesh.Bhandari@ril.com - [Forwarded mail. I don't know how far it is true but really commendable.]



Ratan Tata is the chairman of Indian Hotels who own the Taj Mahal Hotel Mumbai, which was the target of the terrorists last year. Hotel President a 5 star property also belongs to Indian Hotels. The following is really touching. SALUTE TO SHRI RATAN TATA.

A. The Tata Gesture : All category of employees including those who had completed even 1 day as casuals were treated on duty during the time the hotel was closed. Relief and assistance to all those who were injured and killed .The relief and assistance was extended to all those who died at the railway station, surroundings including the "Pav- Bha ji" vendor and the pan shop owners. During the time the hotel was closed, the salaries were sent by money order.

A psychiatric cell was established in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences to counsel those who needed such help. The thoughts and anxieties going on people's mind was constantly tracked and where needed psychological help provided. Employee outreach centers were opened where all help, food, water, sanitation, first aid and counseling was provided. 1600 employees were covered by this facility. Every employee was assigned to one mentor and it was that person's responsibility to act as a "single window" clearance for any help that the person required.

Ratan Tata personally visited the families of all the 80 employees who in some manner - either through injury or getting killed - were affected. The dependents of the employees were flown from outside Mumbai to Mumbai and taken care off in terms of ensuring mental assurance and peace. They were all accommodated in Hotel President for 3 weeks. Ratan Tata himself asked the families and dependents - as to what they wanted him to do. In a record time of 20 days, a new trust was created by the Tatas for the purpose of relief of employees. What is unique is that even the other people, the railway employees, the police staff, the pedestrians who had nothing to do with Tatas were covered by compensation. Each one of them was provided subsistence allowance of Rs. 10K per month for all these people for 6 months.

A 4 year old granddaughter of a vendor got 4 bullets in her and only one was removed in the Government hospital. She was taken to Bombay hospital and several lacs were spent by the Tatas on her to fully recover her. New hand carts were provided to several vendors who lost their carts. Tata will take responsibility of life education of 46 children of the victims of the terror. This was the most trying period in the life of the organisation. Senior managers including Ratan Tata were visiting funeral to funeral over the 3 days that were most horrible.

The settlement for every deceased member ranged from Rs. 36 to 85 lacs [One lakh rupees translates to approx 2200 US \$] in addition to the following benefits:

- Full last salary for life for the family and dependents;
- Complete responsibility of education of children and dependents - anywhere in the world.
- Full Medical facility for the whole family and dependents for rest of their life.
- All loans and advances were waived off - irrespective of the amount.
- Counselor for life for each person

B. Epilogue : How was such passion created among the employees? How and why did they behave the way they did? The organisation is clear that it is not something that someone can take credit for. It is not some training and development that created such behaviour. If someone suggests that - everyone laughs. It has to do with the DNA of the organisation, with the way Tata culture exists and above all with the situation that prevailed that time. The organisation has always been telling that customers and guests are #1 priority.

The hotel business was started by Jamshedji Tata when he was insulted in one of the British hotels and not allowed to stay there. He created several institutions which later became icons of progress, culture and modernity. IISc is one such institute. He was told by the rulers that time that he can acquire land for IISc to the extent he could fence the same. He could afford fencing only 400 acres. When the HR function hesitatingly made a very rich proposal to Ratan - he said - do you think we are doing enough? The whole approach was that the organisation would spend several hundred crore in re-building the property - why not spend equally on the employees who gave their life?

CONVERSION OF CHATURTH JAIN COMMUNITY TO OTHER RELIGIONS - From: Mr. Mahavir Sanglikar, E-Mail: msanglikar@yahoo.com Chaturth is the largest caste (endogamous group) in respect of population in Digambar Jain community, and the second largest one in entire Jain community. They overtake Agarwal Jains and Khandelwal Jains in numbers in Digambara and follow Oswals in entire Jain community. In the period of the known history of last 1000 years, many Chaturth families were converted to other faiths. One of the major conversions of Chaturths was to Veershaivism. Veershaivism got a firm support from people of all creeds in North Karnataka. Many Chaturth families adopted this new faith. We can see many Chaturth families in North Karnataka and southern parts of Kolhapur district of Maharashtra are followers of Veershaivism and are known as Chaturth Lingayats. It is a well-known fact that many Chaturth Jain families and Chaturth Lingayat families are descendents of same forefathers. The records kept by the Helavis confirm this fact. It is said that the Jain Bhattaraks of the medieval age were collecting huge money from Jain families in villages. Many Jain families denied paying money. These Bhattaraks expelled such families from Jain community and forced them to become Veershaiv Lingayats. In Portuguese period, almost all the Chardos (Chaturths) in Goa were converted to Christianity. In the reign of Adilshah of Bijapur Saltanat, many Chaturth families were forcefully converted to Islam. Some Chaturths adopted Islam for political benefits. All this happened mainly in Bijapur, the Capital of the saltanat. Some genealogical records show that some Chaturth families got converted to Maratha caste of Hindus. To know more about this community, please read my article 'The Origin and Culture of Chaturth Jains at: www.jainology.blogspot.com/2009/10/origin-and-culture-of-chaturth-jains.html

JAIN FESTIVALS - MAY 2010, COURTESY DR. RAJENDRA MUNI, NEW DELHI



S.No	Date	Parv
1.	22, 27, 28	Auspicious Days
2.	4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 26	Not So Auspicious Days
5.	06th May, 2010 to 11th May, 2010	Panchak
3.	11, 15, 23	Amrit Siddhi Yog
7.	13th May 2010, 27th May, 2010	Pakshik Parva
6.	14th May, 2010	Sankranti
8.	16th May, 2010	Akshay Tritiya Parva

4. 18th May, 2010

Pusp Nakshtra

9. 18th May, 2010

Gyan Panchmi

LATE NEWS - MAHAVIR JAYANTI

MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATED IN WASHINGTON



The 2609th birthday of Lord Mahavir, was celebrated gracefully by Jain Community of Washington Metro area at high point high school in Beltsville Maryland on March 28th . Counselor of Indian Embassy Mr.Rajiv Ranjan was the chief guest. More than 600 members of community in colorful Indian dresses were present to witness this grand occasion and 85 children performed cultural program based on Mahavir's life, principles and Jainism. Which included skits, play, dances, songs and Ras- Garba? The program was started with Deep lighting lamp by President Ashok Shah. Chief guest Rajiv Ranjan highlighted Mahavir principles such as brotherhood, Non violence, forgiveness and live and let live are universal and the essence of peace, happiness and harmony. On this auspicious occasion A check of \$3000.00 and one thousand dollars donation were given to DC Kitchens and Human Society by the President. Prakash Mehta did a presentation about future temple expansion. Bachubhai presented trustees report. Arvind Shah talked about senior citizens activities.

The program was ended with Swami Vatsalya Bhoj (dinner). Courtesy: Jay Bhandari, Public Relation Chair, 301-254-4679, E-Mail : jay_bhandari@hotmail.com, Jain Society of Metro Washington.

MAHAVIR JAYANTI CELEBRATED IN NEPAL

KATHMANDU: Nepal Jain Parishad (NJP) celebrated the 2609th birth anniversary of Mahavir as a welfare festival. Yoga Guru Swami Ram Dev, the chief guest, said that teachings of Mahavir were guidance for life, peace and non-violence. Vice President of Nepal Mr. Paramanand Jha, special guest in the programme, said that Nepal born Buddha and India born Mahavir were the towers of undefeatable principles of peace and non-violence. At the programme chaired by Kishan Lal Dugar, president of NJP, Ayurved Acharya Balkrishna, Dr. Kusum Pragya, and Manibhadra Muniji, founder of Jain Saint Nepal, underlined the teachings of Mahavir as a form of love, kindness and superhuman, treating all beings equally. Courtesy: Mr. Sulekh C. Jain, Houston, Texas, USA, E-Mail: scjain@earthlink.net

BAN ON SALE OF MEAT IN LUDHIANA ON MAHAVEER JAYANTI FLOUTED; 2 BOOKED

Although police had banned the sale of non-vegetarian food on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti, the sale of the same went unabated in the city. Leading eateries, hotels, restaurants and food joints were found selling non-vegetarian food despite the ban. Dr. Sandeep Jain and Rakesh Jain, city residents in order to check if the orders were being followed in the true spirit, went to various eating joints in the city and found that chicken, meat and meat products were being openly sold in the city. "All leading restaurants and eating joints on the Ferozepur Road and Sarabha Nagar were openly flouting the rules and selling non-vegetarian food," said Dr. Jain. "We ordered non-vegetarian food and were shocked to know that despite the ban, it was being sold openly," they said. A meat-seller at Civil Lines added that he was unaware of the fact that shops were to remain closed on this day. "As usual, I was selling meat from my shop. I have no knowledge that it was illegal to sell meat today," he said. Interestingly, people had a divided opinion over the ban on the sale of meat on a particular day. Keshav Chand, commenting on the issue, said the ban should not be imposed on the selling of food. "If anyone does not want to eat non-vegetarian food on a particular day, it should be entirely his/her own decision. Others should not be compelled forcefully to follow the pattern," he added. Meanwhile, Abdul Sattar from Daresi and Jasbir Singh from Shimlapuri were booked by the police for selling meat on Mahavir Jayanti. Courtesy: CAPE INDIA, E-Mail: capeindia1@gmail.com

MAHAVIR JAYANTI PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON 27 MARCH 2010 AT DELHI CM RESIDENCE



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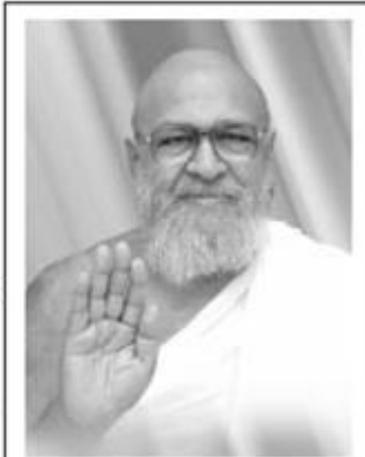
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राष्ट्रसंत श्री का आगामी चातुर्मास विजयवाड़ा में

नेल्लोर/३० मार्च त्रिस्तुतिक संघ नायक राष्ट्रसंत आचार्य देवेश श्रीमद्विजय जयन्तसेन सूरीश्वरजी म.सा. का सत्र २०१० का आगामी चातुर्मास दक्षिण भारत के आंध्रप्रदेश के विजयवाड़ा नगर में होगा। यह घोषणा राजेन्द्र नगर तीर्थ, नेल्लोर में अनेक श्रीसंघों की उपस्थिति एवं हजारों गुरु भक्तों की धर्म सभा में पूज्य गच्छाधिपतिश्री ने की।

पूज्यश्री के चातुर्मास की घोषणा प्रतिवर्ष चैत्र सुदि पूर्णिमा को होती है। यह दिन त्रिस्तुतिक संघ के लिये पर्व सम बन गया है। इस दिन भारत भर के विभिन्न गाँवों एवं नगरों के श्रीसंघ पूज्य गच्छाधिपति श्री एवं इनके आज्ञानुवर्ती साधु-साध्वीजी के चातुर्मास की विनंती लेकर आते हैं। यह शुभ दिन इस वर्ष दक्षिण भारत के राजेन्द्र नगर तीर्थ में श्री नवपद ओली श्री विगत दो वर्षों से दक्षिण भारत शासन प्रभावना कर रहे हैं, जिसमें के साथ अनेक प्रतिष्ठांजनशलाका दक्षिण भारत में चातुर्मास की श्री संघ एवं वाणीगोता परिवार, नगर तीर्थ ने व्यक्तिगत रूप से आग्रह सायला, बागरा, पूना आदि श्रीसंघों की विनंतियों को सुनने के पश्चात् परन्तु चातुर्मास का स्थान एक है। आप सभी के दिल में चातुर्मास कराने ही अनुमोदनीय है किन्तु मैं किसी प्रदान करूँगा अतः जिसे यह लाभ न मिले वह नाराज न हो ।



भाग्यशाली बना विजयवाड़ा संघ

आराधना के संग मनाया गया। पूज्य में जिनशासन एवं गुरु गच्छ की अजोड़ गुन्दूर एवं चैत्रई के ऐतिहासिक चातुर्मास सम्पन्न हुई। इस वर्ष भी पूज्यश्री का संभावना होने से विजयवाड़ा, बीजापुर बीजापुर एवं रामाणी परिवार, राजेन्द्र भरी विनंती की इसके अतिरिक्त थराद, ने भी चातुर्मासार्थ विनंती की। सभी पूज्यश्री ने कहा कि विनंती तो अनेक है जहाँ अंजल होगा वहीं चातुर्मास होगा। का जो उत्साह एवं उमंग है वह निश्चित एक संघ को ही चातुर्मास का आदेश

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