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# पर्यूषण के पुनीत अवसर पर हम गत वर्ष में हुए ज्ञात– अज्ञात

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# अहिंसा फॉ वडेशन



#### INDO -PAK MEET A GOOD MOVE FORWARD -TARUN SAGARJI M.S. AJMER

According to highly learned , Digamber Saint Tarun Sagar ji Indo - Pak summit was a good move forward and will provide a new direction to both the countries for resolving all their pending issues including Kashmir issue. He also said that the politicians in the country are exclusively responsible for all the misfortune of the country. Maharaj suggested, if 10,000/- MLA and M.P's all over the country improve their character, 100 million people of the country will be benefited. Maharaj said he does not believe in political revolution or change . What the country needs is ideological reforms in the minds of ideological reforms ideological reforms in the minds of all who govern the nation. Maharaj believes all arm and ammunition have limited scope. Ahimsa is eternal . He also emphatically said bad politics is because, good people do not generally participate in political process.

#### **BIRD HOSPITAL AT INDORE INAUGURATED**

In 2600th Birth Anniversary Year of Bhagwan Mahavir Akhil Bhartiya Digamber Jain Parisad (Mahila Wing) has established a bird Hospital at Indore. Mr. Kailash Vijay Varghee the Mayor of Indore performed Bhumi Pujan and Sahu Shri Ramesh Chander Jain presided over the inauguration ceremony.

#### POSTAL STAMP ON JAIN RULER CHANDRAGUPTA MAURYA RELEASED

Indian Government has issued a postage stamp on Jain ruler Chandragupta Maurya. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister of Communications released this stamp in the denomination of Rs.4 at Kanpur on July 21, 2001. A brief write up on Chandragupta Maurya has been sent to "Ahimsa Times" by Shri. Sudhir Jain - mrsudhirjain@hotmail.com which is reproduced herein in below.



#### **CHANDRAGUPTA MAURYA**

Chandragupta Maurya, a historical Jain ruler, stands out as one among the most colorful personalities of Indian history. He conquered many states including MAGADHA and formed a vast MAURYAN EMPIRE with the capital at Pataliputra in 322 B.C. He was a far-sighted ruler, who not only expanded his territories, but also established a well-organized administrative system and gave it a sound financial base, thus laying the foundation for an enduring empire. Chandragupta Maurya had set a high ideal and is stated to have believed that his happiness lay in the happiness of his subjects and that in their troubles lay his troubles. Chandragupta's reign lasted for about 25 years. Having been influenced by the Jain saint Bhadrabahu Swami, he adopted Jainism. He is believed to have abdicated the throne in favour of his son Bindusara and pursued a spiritual life thereafter. Born in a poor family as PATALIPUTRA, with the inspiration and able guidance of CHANAKYA, he conquered many states including MAGADHA and GREEKS and forms a vast MAURYAN EMPIRE. During his begin INDIA prospered and developed a lot in the terms of Trade & Commerce, Art & Culture. He adopted JAINISM, renounced the worldly affairs, became disciple of

Jain Muni Bhadrabahu Swami and followed him to South India where at SRAVANBELGOLA (Karnatak) he spent his last days, (298 B.C.). A hill there was called after him as CHANDRAGIRI, where his foot prints are still available. He encouraged the Coinage system in his empire in place of barter system.

# MILLIONS OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED WHEN SIMPLE VACCINATION COULD HAVE STOPPED THE PROGRESSION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

If vaccination was utilized at the onset of the foot and mouth outbreak in the UK and marker vaccines were used that identify vaccinated animals that have not been infected, close to 4 million animals that ere slaughtered, 2 million lambs that are being prepared for slaughter and the reemergence of FMD, which once again is threatening to spiral out of control, could have been prevented. According to a roamed Communication on Vaccination Research (www.humanitarian.net): Considerable effort was made in the 1990s to develop tests [that] distinguish between vaccination antibodies and infection antibodies. At least 5 different tests have been developed and validated (an entire European Union-funded Concerted Action was devoted to this, research summarized in over 15 papers in the supplement of the Vet Quarterly, 1998, 20, suppl 2) and these now transform our ability to identify vaccinated animals that have not been infected. They can also identify the important category of animals that have been vaccinated in an emergency situation and [that] subsequently become infected upon severe virus challenge.

What is wrong with a vaccination program? The cost per animal is surely not a limiting factor. The vaccine has to match a prevalent or likely - to-be-prevalent strain. Humanitarian Resource Institute has aggressively initiated educational initiatives on Foot & Mouth disease since late February. Today, in collaboration with international veterinary, medical and scientific experts we continue the development of resources to enhance academic discussion of emerging infectious diseases and issues associated with preparedness, response, mitigation and policy. For more information please contact Humanitarian Resource Institute Emerging Infectious Disease Network Eastern USA: (203) 668-0282 Western USA: (775) 884-4680. News Source - Mr. Prakash Mody-USA.

#### ACHARYA SURI - YASO VARMA MAHARAJ FLEES AWAY, VILE PARLE, MUMBAI

July 2001, Mumbai witnessed very unfortunate incidence due to Aacharya Suri - Yaso Varma Maharaj who was involved in all type of scandals like Sex, Violence, Tantra-Mantras etc. He was forced to leave Vile Parle along with Yaso Varma Maharaj and his four Disciples. They all have walked away from that place leaving behind all their remaining disciples. This scandal has shaken the trust of all Jains in Sadhu Maharajs. Many of our Shravaks still cannot make a decision on whether to trust our Sadhu Maharajs or not. But the important thing is no other Sadhu Maharaj is discussing about this issue in their Lectures inspite of the fact that all the major and well known Sadhus Maharajs are present in Mumbai and do know about this issue very well. Inorder to avoid such incidences in future Shri Rameshbhai Vejaniji m.s. is trying to spread awareness in all the Jain Shravaks across the world by writing special articles on this issue. Source: www.jainojago.com for more information contact mehoolsheth@hotmail.com

#### CHATURMAS PROGRAMME OF SWETAMBER STHANAKWASI SAINTS (PART-II)

- 1. Acharya Shri Hira Chand Ji Maharaj with 9 other saints DHULIA (Maharashtra)
- 2. Acharya Shri Shiv Muni Ji Maharaj DELHI (Raguveer Nagar)
- 3. Gyan Gachhadhipati Shri Champa Lal JI Maharaj JODHPUR
- 4. Acharya Shri Ram Lal Ji Maharaj BHINASAR, Bikaner
- 5. Shri Basant Muni Ji, Gautam Muni and Prakash Muni Maharaj PIPAR CITY (Raj.)
- 6. Pravartak Shri Kundan Rishi Ji Maharaj JODHPUR
- 7. Pravartak Shri Umesh Muni Ji Maharaj BAMANIA, Jhabua (M.P.)
- 8. Upadhyay Shri Ishwar Muni JI Maharaj BANGALORE
- 9. Shri Vridhi Chand Ji Maharaj UDAIPUR
- 10. Sadhwi Shri Umrao Kunwar Ji Archana NOKHA Chandawata (Raj.)
- 11. Sadhwi Shri Lad Kunwar JI with 3 other sadhwis JODHPUR (Pavta)
- 12. Sadhwi Shri Sayar Kunwar Ji with 7 other sadhwis JODHPUR (Ghodon ka Chowk)
- 13. Sadhwi Shri Santosh Kunwar Ji with 3 other sadhwis GOTAN (Raj.)
- 14. Sadhwi Shri Shanti Kunwar Ji with 4 other sadhwis KISHANGARH (Raj.)
- 15. Sadhwi Shri Tej Kunwar Ji with 5 other sadhwis KAJGAON, Dist. Jalgaon
- 16. Sadhwi Shri Ratan Kunwar Ji with 6 other sadhwis JAIPUR
- 17. Sadhwi Shri Sushila Kunwar Ji with 5 other sadhwis DHULE (Maharashtra)
- 18. Sadhwi Shri Nishalyavati Ji with 2 other sadhwis AJMER
- 19. Sadhwi Shri Mukti Prabha Ji with 3 other sadhwis SENDHWA (M.P.)

#### CHATURMAS PROGRAMME OF SHRI RAM LAL JI MAHARAJ (NANALAL JI) GROUP

- 1. Acharya Shree Ramlal Ji Maharaj Gangashasar Bikaner (Raj.)
- 2. Sevant Muni Ji Maharaj Deshnoke (Raj.)

- 3. Sampat Muni Ji Maharaj Beawar (Raj.)
- 4. Dharmesh Muni Ji Maharaj Chouth Ka Barwara (Raj.)
- 5. Virender Muni Ji Maharaj Harda (M. P.)
- 6. Gyan Muni Ji Maharaj Jalgaon (Maharastra)
- 7. Sati Shri Pan Kanwar Ji Maharaj Jawra (M.P.)
- 8. Sati Shri Keshar Kanwar Ji Nokhamandi (Raj.)
- 9. Sati Shri Pep Kanwar Ji Kanore (Raj.)
- 10. Sampat Kanwar Ji Bari Sadri (Raj.)
- 11. Sati Shri Sayar Kanwar Ji Indore (M.P.)
- 12. Sati Shri Inder Kanwar Ji Nagour (Raj.)
- 13. Sati Shri Sardar Kanwar Ji Beawar (Raj.)
- 14. Shanta Kanwar Ji Nikumbh (Raj.)
- 15. Roshan Kanwar Ji Sailana (M.P.)
- 16. Shanta Kanwar Ji Mandsore (M.P.)
- 17. Sushila Kanwar Ji Nardana (Maharastra)
- 18. Gyan Kanwar Ji Kota (Raj.)
- 19. Paras Kanwar Ji Gangapur (Raj.)
- 20. Jayshree Ji Maharaj Ranand gaon (Chhatisgarh)
- 21. Sushila Kanwar Ji Chopra (Maharastra)
- 22. Mangla Kanwar Ji Kandiwali West (Maharastra)
- 23. Shakuntla Shri Ji Dhamtari , Chhatisgarh
- 24. Chameli Kanwar Ji Shri Ganganagar (Raj.)
- 25. Vimla Kanwar Ji Ratlam (M.P.)
- 26. Kamal Prabha Ji Raipur (Chhatisgarh)
- 27. Vimla Kanwar Ji Bhilwara (Raj.)
- 28. Kusumlata Ji Surat (Gujarat)
- 29. Lalit Prabha Ji- Bellari (Karnataka)
- 30. Sushila Kanwar Ji Nimbahera (Raj.)
- 31. Niranjana Shri Ji Hanumant Nagar (Banglore)
- 32. Ranjana Shri Ji Indore (M.P.)
- 33. Lalita Shri Ji Bikaner (Raj.)
- 34. Sulakshana Shri Ji Kapasan (Raj.)
- 35. Kiran Prabha Ji Jalgaon (Maharastra)
- 36. Manjula Shri Ji Bhinasar (Raj.)
- 37. Sudarshana Shri Ji Balesar (Raj.)
- 38. Nirupama Shri Ji Beawar (Raj.)
- 39. Chandra Prabha Ji Bambora (Raj.)
- 40. Adarsh Prabha Ji Sojat City (Raj.)
- 41. Sadhna Shri Ji Krishna Nagar (Delhi)
- 42. Manorama Shri Ji Dondilohara (Chhatisgarh)
- 43. Chanchal Kanwar Ji Chandni Chowk (Delhi)
- 44. Supratibha Shri Ji Rawti (M.P.)
- 45. Shant Prabha Ji Gangashahar (Raj.)
- 46. Murti Prabha Ji Dhamnia (M.P.)
- 47. Amita Shri Ji Udaipur (Raj.)
- 48. Shweta Shri Ji Chhoti Sadari (Raj.)
- 49. Rakshita Shri Ji Rani Bazar, Bikiner (Raj.)
- 50. Karuna Sagar Ji Bhopal Sagar (Raj.)
- 51. Vikas Shri Ji Bheem (Raj.)
- 52. Pramila Shri Ji Narayanpur (Chhatisgarh)

#### **CHATURMAS PROGRAMME OF DIGAMBAR SAINTS**

- 1. Acharya Shri Pushpdant Ji Maharaj Belgachhia, Calcutta
- 2. Acharya Shri Sambhav Sagar Ji Maharaj Calcutta
- 3. Shri Vaspujya Sagar Ji Maharaj Calcutta
- 4. Acharya Shri Vivek Sagar Ji Maharaj Barabanki
- 5. Acharya Shri Vidhya Sagar Ji Maharaj Jabalpur
- 6. Acharya Shri Sanmati Sagar Ji Maharaj Kachner (Aurangabad)
- 7. Shri Viqyan Sagar Ji Maharaj Rai Bareli

- 8. Muni Shri Indranandi Ji Maharaj Kekadi (Ajmer)
- 9. Muni Shri Suparshwa Sagar Ji Maharaj Junia (Ajmer)
- 10. Muni Shri Keshav Nandi Ji Maharaj Jamner (Jalgaon)
- 11. Acharya Shri Vishad Sagar Ji Maharaj Jabalpur
- 12. Muni Shri Amit Sagar Ji Maharaj Sonepat (Haryana)
- 13. Upadhyay Shri Nayan Sagar Ji Maharaj Badaut (Baghpat)
- 14. Muni Shri Saurabh Sagar Ji Maharaj Ambala Cantt.
- 15. Aryika Shri Suparshwamati Ji Sikar (Raj.)
- 16. Vidhyabhushan Shri Sanmati sagar Ji Maharaj Riwadi (Haryana)
- 17. Acharya Shri Gunanand Ji Maharaj Nagpur
- 18. Acharya Shri Sanmati Sagar Ji Maharaj Durg (M.P.)
- 19. Muni Shri Saral Dagar Ji Maharaj Pratap garh (Raj.)
- 20. Acharya Shri Virag sagar Ji Maharaj Gaya
- 21. Muni Shri Nami Sagar Ji Ghaziabad (U. P.)
- 22. Acharya Shri Dharam Bhushan Ji Maniharan Dist. Saharanpur
- 23. Acharya Shri Sumati Sagar Ji Sammet Shikhar Ji
- 24. Acharya Shri Shanti Sagar Ji Tonk
- 25. Acharya Shri Sidhant Sagar Ji Lucknow (U. P.)
- 26. Upadhyay Shri Anand Sagar Ji Ashok Vihar, New Delhi
- 27. Acharya Shri Siddhant Sagar Ji Maharaj Kanpur
- 28. Upadhyay Shri Atma Sagar Ji Maharaj Jashpur (Chhatisgarh)
- 29. Acharya Shri Padamnandi Ji Maharaj Ranchi
- 30. Upadhyay Shri Jay Bhadra Ji Maharaj Jalna (Maharashtra)
- 31. Muni Shri Hit Sagar Ji Maharaj Sanavad
- 32. Muni Shri Samay Sagar Ji Maharaj Tikamgarh
- 33. Upadhyay Shri Gyan Sagar Ji Maharaj Meeruth (U.P.)
- 34. Muni Shri Anekant Sagar Ji Maharaj Usmanpura, Ahmedabad
- 35. Ganadharacharya Shri Kunthu Sagar Ji Amraiwadi, Ahmedabad
- 36. Acharya Shri Chinmay Sagar Ji Maharaj Bhatapara, Raipur
- 37. Muni Shri Gyan Bhushan Ji Maharaj Eesri Bazar
- 38. Muni Shri Tarun Sagar Ji Maharaj Ajmer
- 39. Acharya Shri Abhinanan Sagar Ji Maharaj Banswada
- 40. Muni Shri Sudarshan sagar Ji Maharaj Lalitpur (M.P.)
- 41. Acharya Shri Subal Sagar Ji Maharaj Bhojpur,(Karnataka)

#### JAIN TEERTH PAWAPURI & GUNAWAJI TO BE CONNECTED BY RAIL

Shri Digvijay Singh, Minister of Railways, Government of India has announced that the proposal to connect Jain Teerth, Pawapuri and Gunawaji by rail has been accepted and the work will be taken up soon. These places, alongwith Bhagalpur (Champapur) Mandargiri will be connected with Bakhtiyarpur- Rajgir route.

#### MANDARGIRI TEERTH TO BE DEVELOPED

The foundation stone of a building for the stay of pilgrims visiting Mandargiri, Jain centre of pilgrimage was placed recently at Mandargiri and the work costing a sum of Rs. 53 lakhs has been taken up. Mandargiri is the holy place where twelfth Tirthankar, Shri Vaspujya Ji had carried out his sadhna and had attained salvation (Moksha).

#### JAIN PUJA IN NORTH CALIFORNIA

Jain Center of Northern California, performed two day puja celebrations on 4th and 5th August. Eighteen Abhishek and Austaprakari puja and Satterbhedi puja as per Shewtamber tradition were performed under the guidance of Shri Manojbhai B. Haran. Digamber Tradition Puja, Bhaktamer Pujan, 24 Tirthanker Puja, Mahavir Swami Puja and Devguru Shastra Puja were also performed on occasion. Samaniji Mangalpragyaji, Samaniji Vineetpragyaji, Sunandaben Vora and Shri Dilipbhai Dagli from Kanjiswami aashram graced this auspicious program. For any further information contact, Jay Itchhaporia President (408) 263-8739 Jain Center of Northern California, Inc.722 South Main Street, Milpitas, CA 95035(408) 262-6242, www.jcnc.org

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#### **AUSPICIOUS DAYS: AUGUST - 2001**

8/15/2001 Wednesday Paryushan Maha Parv begins

8/24/2001 Friday Das Lakshana Maha Parv begins

#### LETTER TO AHIMSA TIMES BY -PROFESSOR PRADEEP PHALTANE

There are many All India Jain Organizations. Although they claim that they represent Jains in all over the India, actually they are organizations of a single Jain caste of a specific state in India. e.g.

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#### **DIGAMBAR JAIN MAHASAMITI**

This Delhi based organization claims that it represents All Digambar Jains in all over India, actually it is organization of Khandelwals. There are some Agarwals too in this organization, but Khandelwals are dominating. The head office of this of this organization is in a Khandelwal Digambar Jain Mandir in Delhi. Then what else we can expect form this organization?

#### **BHARAT JAIN MAHAMANDAL**

It is said an organization of Jains of all India, it is domintated by Gujaratis and Marwaris. The head quarter of this organization is in Mumbai,

(Maharashtra), but there is no single member from Marathi Jains in this organization. The president of this organisation is appointed from Shwetamber Murtipujak, Sthanakwasi, Terapanthi and Digambar sect alternatively. The first three sects are Oswal dominated. So three presidents are generally oswals and when there is a Digambar president, again he is a Marwari, not Marathi or South Indian.

#### **BHARATIYA JAIN SANGHATANA:**

It is also an Oswal dominated organization. Although It's main base is Maharashtra, the Marathi Jains are kept away from this organization.

#### **DIGAMBAR JAIN MAHASABHA**

Purely it is organization of orthodox Khandelwals

#### STHANAKWASI JAIN CONFERENCE

Purely organization of Oswals, no place for Sthanakwasi Agrawals or Porwals. There is no place to South Indian or Marathi Jains in any so called All India Jain Organizations. All these are caste based organizations. Is it democracy? Professor Pradeep Phaltane, Director, Institute for Jain Social Studies Pune, E-Mail: pradeephaltane@yahoo.co.in

#### **OBITUARY**

Shrimati Surendra Kumari Jain, 77 years old eminent social worker and philanthropist from Delhi breathed her last on 2nd July, 2001. She had come to pay her respects to Acharya Shri Shiv Muni at Veer Nagar and to listen to his discourse in the morning of the very first day of Chaturmas, when her end came to leave for her heavenly abode. She was mother of Shri D.K. Jain, Chairman, Luxor - Parker Co., Delhi and an eminent social worker, and elder sister of Shri Sushil Kumar Jain, Chairman, S. S. Jain Sabha, Karol Bagh, New Delhi.

Dr. Nemichandraji Jain, editor of the widely read and respected "Tirthankar" and "Shakahar Kranti" magazines passed away on the 8 August, 2001. Dr. Jain was a scholar, a thinker and a pioneer in more ways than one. He did not bow to social pressures, and did not let anyone use his magazine "Tirthankar" as their mouthpiece. He was a visionary in many ways, and believed in lateral thinking. He was well read in a range of subjects, and a brilliant charismatic orator.

He belong to Bundelkhand Jain parivar. It was amazing to see how he ran his magazine with meager funds! He did not accept a single advertisement, he ran his magazine solely on the basis of the subscriptions received. The subscription was only Rs. 50.00 for a year and Rs. 500.00 for the lifetime membership. Despite his age, he was comfortable with computers and did the layout of the magazine on his own. His knowledge of Sanskrit, Hindi and English was formidable, but what's more, his spoken Urdu was impeccable. He was in many ways a maverick.

Never indulged in petty social politicking. Despite that, or perhaps because of that, he enjoyed universal respect and great standing in the world of scholars. He was one of the handful of Jain scholars who strongly advocated veganism in India. In fact, no other Digamber Jain scholar has advocated veganism so strongly. He faced strong opposition on this issue but remained unmoved. He was one of the most knowledgeable and forward-thinking scholars of Jainism in the world, and his departure is a great loss to the Jain community at large. May his soul rest in peace.

#### ESSYAS INVITED FOR DINESHBHAI MODI PRIZE - 2001

Essays are invited on "Relevance of Jain Ethics in 21st Century" in Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi or English for Dineshbhai Modi Prize - 2001. Contact: Assistant Register.

University of Mumbai Scholarship Section, Room No. 35, First Floor, Mahatma Jotirao Phule Bhawan, Vidyanagari Campus, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400098.

#### **ANCIENT INDIANS ATE BEEF**

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (World Hindu Council) have strongly protested against the publication of a book which says that Ancient Indians ate beef. The VHP claimed that the motive behind the book was to insult Hindus, who revere cows as part of their religion. But experts say the book only adds to existing evidence that beef was widely eaten in India hundreds of years ago. The author, Professor D. N. Jha, of "Holy Cow: Beef in Indian Dietary Traditions, "said he was seeking legal advice to ensure publication of the book soon and knows of the court case in Hyderabad which seeks to prevent the book from being published. Two religious groups, the All Jain Sewak Sangh and the All Gowd Sangh, are said to have sought the ban on publication of this book because they argue that the book damages their faith. For more information connect to www.HinduismToday.com or Contact us at hpi@hindu.org . Source Mr. Prakash Mody.

#### ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYAJI 'S DISCOURSE ON ASTHA CHANNEL

Starting from 13th August Aastha Channel will broadcast Acharya Mahapragya discourse from 2.00p.m. to 2.20 p.m. This broadcast can be seen in 156 countries. Name & other details of persons donating more than 11000/- for this project will also be broadcasted just after the programme. For more information please contact Sri Sukhraj Sethia Ph. 91-11-3865559/ 3861689.

#### AHIMSA YATRA BY ACHARYA MAHAPRGYA

Bidasar, Acharya Mahaprgya of Terapanth has announced that to boost the general morale he will undertake Ahimsa Yatra which will start from Bidasar (Raj. ) and pass through Ahemdabad, Jalgaon, Malwa and finsh at Siryari in Rajasthan . Arrangements are being made elaborately on grand scale in all the towns which will be following on the yatra route.

#### NANESH HOSPITAL INAUGURATED AT GUWAHATI

Samta Yuva Sandesh Ratan Seth Harakhchand Kankaria , Calcutta & Mrs. Kamla Devi inaugurated newly built Nanesh Hospital on 12th July, 2001 at Gauhati . The function was presided over by Sri Dhanraj ji Bothra.

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#### JAIN SYMBOL WRONGLY DRAWN ON POSTAL STAMP

According to Sri Lalit Nahta, a very respectable and senior member of the entire Jain community of India the postal stamp issued on 2600th birth celebration year of Bhagwan Mahaveer by the Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee does not give correct dimension of the jain symbol. Mr. Nahta has taken up the matter with the Government. He also feels that, in case necessary rectification is not carried out courts may pass appropriate directions to the Government. Source: Swadhya Jagat, New Delhi.

#### KHANDWA JAIN MANDIR UNDER POLICE CONTROL

To avoid any untoward incidence among different Jain factions for the control of temple property the police has taken control of the Jain temple at Khandwa. The dispute over control of temple is already under litigation. Leaders of Jainsamaj from other parts of country may come forward to resolve such issues and avoid unfortunate incidences on time.

#### **BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION AWARDS**

As many as 328 nomination were received for the awards from all over the country. After a good deal of deliberation the Selection Jury for the Seventh Mahaveer Awards headed by Justice Sri M.N. Venkatachalalah met on 8.7.2001 to decide the winners of the awards for the awards for the year 2001. After evaluating the nominations, the Jury has decided that the awards should go to the following:-

- 1. Award A Non-Violence & Vegetarianism, to Dr. Nemichand Jain, Indore, Madhyapradesh
- 2. Award B Education & Medicine to Dr. H. Sudharasan, Chamarajnagar Dist., Karnataka
- 3. Award C Community & Social Service to Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Calcutta, West Bengal

For any further information please contact: - 11, Ponnappa Lane, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005. Ph. 8571066, 8571246, Fax: 8551354.

#### JUSTICE G. M. LODHA RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD

Justice Guman Mal Lodha former M.P. and retired chief Justice of Guwahati High Court has once again elected Chairman of Animal Welfare Board. Justice Lodha has been taking keen interest in several programs for the welfare of animals throughout India.

#### SWATI JAIN COLLEGE OF INDORE TO DISTRIBUTE GOLD MEDALS

Chairman Mr. Nilesh Jain of Swati Jain college, Indore has announced gold medals for the year 2001 for all the students securing distinctions or proceeding for higher studies abroad.

#### AHIMSA TIMES INVITES NEWS CORRESPONDENTS FOR HELPING IN NEWS COLLECTION

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