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UPCOMING FESTIVAL - PARYUSHANA

Paryushana (or Paryushan) is one of the two most important festivals for the Jains, the other being Diwali. Paryushan means, literally, "abiding" or "coming together". It is also a time when the laymen following Jainism and Jain saints take on vows of religious study, meditation and fasting. Paryushana, which fall during the four month period of chaturmas is staying of the monks in one place. In popular terminology, this stay is termed chaturmasa because the rainy season is covered during this period. Paryushana is initiated from fourth or fifth day of the shukla phase of the Bhadrapada month. In the scriptures it is described that Lord Mahavira used to start Paryushana on Bhadrapada paksha panchami. After Mahavir, nearly 150 years Jain Samvatsari was shifted to Chaturthi (4th day of Bhadrapada of Shukla phase. Since 2200 years Jains follows Chaturthi.

The date of commencement of the Paryushana festival, which lasts for eight days for shwetambar and ten days for digambar sect followers is from Bhadrapada Shukla Chaturthi for murti-pujak sect and panchami for shwetambar sthanakwasi and terapanth sects, as well as for Digambar sect. The last day of Paryushan is called 'Samvarsari' Recently there has been an attempt standardize the date. Because at this time the monks have settled in the town for a longer listening to the statement of the Dharma and by meditation and vratas (self-control). In the Digambaras, it is done by starting a 10-day period from Paryushana (Bhadrapada Shukla panchami) during which the dashalakshana vrata is undertaken. During the 8-day festival, the Kalpa Sutra is recited in the Shwetmbara sect, that includes a recitation on birth of Lord Mahavira on the fifth day. In the Digambara sect the Tatvartha-sutra of Umaswati is recited. On the dashami, the sugandha-dashami vrata is taken. The Digambaras celebrate Ananta-chaturdashi on the chaturdashi, special worship is done on this day. Many towns take out a procession to celebrate the occasion. The original Prakrit (ardhamagadhi) term for Paryushana is "Pajjo-savana". Most of the Jains observe fasting and carry out worship in temples and meditation as a part of 'samayik' and other rituals associated with the event and try to ready themselves for a virtuous life. The span of the fast could be anything between a day and 30 days or even more. Those observing a fast survive on boiled water, which could be consumed only between sunrise and sunset.

Pratikramana (Samayika) - Renewal meditation - On all the eight days, Jains begin their day with 'pratikraman at 5.45 in the morning, followed by pujas for promoting universal peace and brotherhood. Pratikramana means turning back. It is a form of meditation, where one reflects on his spiritual journey and renews his faith. For both Swetambaras and Digambaras, it takes the form of periodic meditation. The period can be twice daily (morning and evening), once every lunar phase, every four months, or every year. The annual Pratikramana in some form is the minimum for a Sravaka. The annual Pratikramana is Samvatsari Pratikramana on the Samvatsari day. Pratikramana includes - Samayika : to stay in equanimity by withdrawing to the self. Prayers to the Five Supremes, 24 Jinas and the 4 mangalas, including the Dharma as presented by the ancient Masters. Prayer to the Master(Guru) or the Deity. Reflections on vratas and past transgressions. Karyotsarga which is a part of samayik or pratikraman involves detachment of the body from the soul Pratyakhyan: making resolutions for the next period (next year for Samvatsari Pratikramana). The detailed recommended procedure can be found in the handbooks. The period of pratikraman varies from about 1 hour 30 minutes to 3 hours.

Requesting Forgiveness - Micchami Dukkadam - At the conclusion of the festival, the Sravakas request each other for forgiveness for all offenses committed during the last year. This occurs on the samvatsari day. Forgiveness is asked by telling "Micchami Dukkadam" to each other. It means "If I have caused you offence in any way, knowingly or unknowingly, in thought word or deed, then I seek your forgiveness".

Dasha-Lakshana Vrata is followed by digambar sect - This is a vrata that celebrates 10 components of the dharma: Noble kshama (forbearance), mardava (gentleness), arjava (uprightness), shaucha (purity), satya (truth), sanyam (restraint), tapas (austerity), tyaga (renunciation), akinchanya (lack of possession) and brahmcharya (chastity), as described by Umaswati. In the full form, it is a 10 day vrata that spans 10 years. It may be undertaken during Shukla Panchami to Chaturdashi of Bhadrapada, Magh or Chaitra. However it is common to do it during Bhadrapada, in which case it starts with Paryushana.

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Article - 2. Paryushan Mahaparva & Samvatsari by Mr. S. K. Jain..... click here to read.

RAKSHABANDHAN IN JAINISM



Long back, at the time of the 14th tirthankar Shree Anantnath Swami Bhagwan, there was a dharmatma king ruling with his wife in the Ujjain nagri. The king had 4 Brahmin ministers named:- Bali, Namuchi, Brahaspati & Prahlad. These ministers were orthodox followers of the vedas & were strictly against the Jain faith.

One day, in the outskirts of Ujjain, Akampanacharya, who was a digamber jainaacharya, came with his 700 shishys (munis). When citizens heard this news they went for their darshans. Seeing this the king also decided to go to have darshans of the saints. But, the ministers said to the king that these saints are not true ones and are fools & are not worthy to be paid obeisance by the king. But, the king was a good person & he said that he will surely go to the munis. So the ministers also unwillingly went with the king to the munis.

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In the meantime, the great Acharya saw by his 'aquadhi gyan' (it is a special quality of some munis to see the things of past, present & the future) that the ministers of this kingdom are against the Jainism & can create problems & so he ordered all the munis to take 'maun vrata' that is not to speak anything. But, unfortunately one of the munis named as Shrutsaagarji did not hear this order as he was in the city to take the 'aahar' or food. Now, the king reached the place with his ministers & bowed down his head before the muni but due to their vrats they didn't say anything to the king. At this the minister named Bali said that see how arrogant these munis are, they even can't speak anything & we think that they are fools & that is why they are not opening their mouths so that their foolishness is disguised. At last the king returned from there, but in the way they saw muni Shrutsaagarji coming after having his food. Bali laughed at the muni & said a shloka in Sanskrit which meant that "look an ox after grazing is coming before us". At this the highly learned muni said another shloka which had the same Sanskrit words but with the meaning that stimulated the ministers. The muni & the minister then had a vaad-vivaad (debate). The muni was very intelligent & he defeated those ministers in the debate. This made the minister to be embarrassed before the king. So, the ministers decided to take the revenge of this, they decided to kill the muni. So in the night they went to the outskirts of the city.

But, meanwhile Shrutsaagar told everything to the Acharya who said that this will bring the whole sangh into trouble. So, the Acharya said to muni Shrutsaagarji that he should go back to the site of the debate & do dhyana for the whole night at that place. The muni accepted it & went into the city to the place where he had the debate & he sat on the site & started his aatma-dhyana. Now, in the meanwhile the 4 Brahmin ministers as they were going to the sangh, saw the muni in their way & recognized him. They said to each other that he is the culprit, why we should give punishment to the whole sangh. Let us kill only this muni. They took out their swords simultaneously & raised them to kill the muni who was in dhyana. Suddenly the Nagar-devata of the Ujjain city with his supernatural powers made these ministers 'frozen' & like this they were made immobile & the muni was saved. In the following morning the citizens saw the ministers being frozen with their swords raised on the muni & they soon understood everything. The king came to know this news, ran to the muni & touched his feet & said sorry to him.

The king said that he is going to give death-sentence to the ministers. At this the merciful muni asked the king not to give the death-sentence to the ministers, so the king ordered that these ministers' faces must be blackened & they must be placed on donkeys & their procession is to be taken into the whole of the city & then they must be thrown out of the city for ever.

The punishment was executed as per the orders of the king & the 4 ministers were thrown out of the city. They felt very humiliated & took a pledge to take a good revenge of it. They travelled a lot of miles in the north to reach up to the city of Hastinapur which was then ruled by king Padma. Bali & the other exiled ministers went to his court & sang a lot of things in the praise of the king & as they were brahmins so they gave him some blessings. The king became very happy with these & asked them to become his ministers. They agreed. Soon Bali came to realise that the king is having some problem due to which he can't enjoy his life properly.

One day Bali asked the king about his problem. The king said that his father was a Chakravarti & many kings were under him but then he took Jain-deeksha & attained salvation, My elder brother Shree Vishnukumar has also become Jain-muni. Due to this some of the kings who were under us are now not obeying me & a king of the nearby kingdom is planning to annex my kingdom. This is my problem. Bali said that he can bring the offending king to his feet.

At this the king said that if he can do this then it will be a very great boon for him. Bali along with the other 3 ministers went to the offender king & said that they are betraying the king Padma & they can make this king conquer the state of Hastinapur. The offender king accepted them as his friends. Bali asked that they should have a confidential talk with no other person inside the room. The king agreed & then Bali took out his sword & made the king to obey his orders.

The offender king was arrested by Bali & the 3 ministers & were taken to the king Padma of Hastinapur. King Padma was so happy that he swore to give 2 boons to Bali. At this Bali said that he will ask these 2 boons later on & the king agreed.

Many years passed & rainy season was about to come. The sangh of Akampanachaarya passing thru many states came to the Hastinapur nagari. The ministers recognised the munis & their pledge to take the revenge got nourished. Bali went to the king Padma & reminded him about his 2 boons. The king asked him to take his boons. Bali said- "my 1st boon is that I want to be the king of Hastinapur for 7 days & my 2nd boon is that you will live inside the palace for these 7 days".

The king agreed to this.. Now Bali ordered to build an altar around the muni-sangh for a Nar-medh yajna. The munis taking this as 'upsarg' went into dhyana.

Then Bali ordered to put woods & ghee in the altar (in which the munis were in dhyana). He started giving a lot of charity to the brahmins who came to his yajna.

He lighted a fire in the altar & the hot air & smoke made the munis black. The king was not able to do anything against this & was helpless. The pains of the munis gradually increased & they can't even breathe in. Far away in the east in the Mithila city there was an aacharya sitting in dhyana with his shishya who was a chhullak. This aacharya saw that the sraavan nakshatra was vibrating & a long "haaa-----" came out of his mouth. The chhullak asked what has happened? The guru answered that that he can see by his Avadhigyan that there is a great upsarg on the munis at Hastinapur. The chhullak said that we must do something. Guru asked him to use his power of trevelling in the air & go to the mountain named as Dharnijhat. There Muni Vishnukumar is in deep dhyana, he has got the 'vikriya riddhi'. You go and ask him to save the munis.

The chhullak without wasting anytime went to the mountain & did what was asked by his guru. Muni Vishnukumar was elder brother of king Padma so he 1st went to him and scolded him & then using his vikriya (power to change the size of body to any limit) made his body of 52 anguls (a small height). He took the make-up of a batuk brahmin & went to Bali to ask for the charity. Bali said to the batuk to ask whatever he wants. At this the batuk asked Bali to 1st take the pledge that he will give him whatever he asks. Bali did so. Then the batuk asked that he wants 3 step land to do yajna & he will measure the land with his own legs.

Bali laughed at him and said "I pity on you brahmin, what a small thing you asked?" But batuk said that he wants this only & nothing else. Bali said "go ahead and measure your 3 steps"? The batuk used his vikriya riddhi & made his body so large that in his 1st step he put his feet on the Sumeru mountain & with his next step he put his feet on the Maanushotar parvat. Now there was no place left for him to keep his feet to measure his 3rd step. He shouted at Bali "give me the place to put my 3rd step, oh sinner you will go to hell" Bali showed his back & asked the batuk to put his 3rd step on his back.. At this the devtas whom Bali used to worship like Narad etc came & asked Vishnukumar in the form of batuk to forgive Bali. Vishnukumar agreed & Bali also asked to forgive & he became a Jain. Vishnukumar again took the digamber deeksha. That day all the people of Hastinapur took a pledge that they will give up their lives also to save the dharma & the munis & for this they tied a thread on the wrists of each other as a reminder for their pledge. From then only Rakshabandhan is celebrated.

SAINTS

ACHARYA ANAND RISHI JANM JAYANTI AND SURENDRA MUNI JANM DIVAS CELEBRATED AT DELHI



8th July, An impressive programme was organized in Delhi with the blessings of Acharya of Stathankwasi sect Dr. Shiv Muniji maharajsb. The programme was conducted in the auspicious presence of Upadhy Ramesh Muni, Up pravartak Dr. Rajendra Muni, Yuwa Manishi Surendra Muni, Sri Deepesh Muni, Maha Sadhvi Dr. Saritaji, Divya Prabhaji and many other saints & sadhvi's. programme started with hour long mediation and followed bhajans & pravachans. Guest and participant list included several political / social and communities leaders who addressed the gathering and recalled various events associated with Anand Rishiji Maharaj Saheb & Sri Surendra Muniji Maharaj Saheb. Anand Rishiji Maharaj was remembered as founder of modern Stanakwasi Samaj .It was his individual effort which brought many small groups of saint to form Sthnakwasi Samaj. All speakers and guest appreciated Sri Surendra muni's contribution to hindi literature. Anil Jain the founder member of Navkar Teerth and president of Ahimsa Foundation compared his writing to Prem Chand, who use touch subtle sides of human life through has writings. The programme was also addressed by Sri Subhash Oswal, Sri Amit Rai Jain of youth wing, famous hindi poet O. P. Haryanvi, Prashant Jain of Navkar Teerth, Kushal Chand Surana and many others. To celebrate a Bhandara (General Lunch for all in & outside the programme complex) was also organized. Progammee concluded with Mangal Bhavna by upadhy Sri Ramesh Muniji Maharaj Saheb.

MOODBIDRI HH CHARUKIRTHI BHATTARAKA ATTENDS DECENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN U.S



Milpitas(CA), August 10, 2010: The swamiji of Moodbidri jain Math HH Charukirthi Bhattaraka Panditacharyavarya took part in the decennial celebrations of the Milpitas Jain Mandir. He was the chief guest in the programme organised by the Jain committee of California to inaugurate the new Yag mandal vidhan and inauguration of newly constructed Samosarana mandir. In his benediction speech the swamiji said that "Samosaran represents human attainment of keval gyana and preach and teach all the creatures including animals and human beings. The Lord teaches how to attain moksha and how to live with each other in harmony and world peace, compassion, live and let live policy is very important in our life".

The event line-up included extensive Jain prayer ceremonies over the five day period led by Jain Monks and Scholars visiting from India, including Muni Roop Chandraj Maharaj, Samaniji Akshay Pragyaji, Samaniji Vinay Pragyaji, Shri Manoj Haran and Dr.

(Pandit) Kumund Chand Jain.

On this auspicious occasion, several religious leaders, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, and Budhist were also present and gave their wishes. The city mayor presented the Jain Mandir President, Pravin Jain with a memento and Manish Mishra, Vidhan Acharha, Manoj Haran, Prof. Deepak Jain of Kellog School of Management. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Prem Jain, Chairman of the 10th Anniversary Programs' Committee, commented that while the 10th Anniversary events were joyous and memorable, the next ten years will be challenging. He said "One of the major concerns for the next ten years and beyond is maintaining the Jain heritage within the younger generations.

We all want to follow a Jain lifestyle and we want to preserve that culture while inviting others to live a Jain way of life. Our purpose, however, is not to convert, but to share the philosophies and principles of Jainism with those not familiar with the religion". More than 1000 people attended the programme. Milpitas Mandir is popularly known as the Jain Center of Northern California.

U. S. SENATOR TAKES MEDITATION AND YOGA LESSONS



First it was the United States army turning to mindfulness meditation and now even members of the U.S. Congress are seeking alternative means of attaining a peaceful state of mind. Marking a renewed interest in eastern philosophy in this country, this time it was Senator John Millner of Illinois who, along with his entire office, sought lessons in anger-management, stress-management, and freedom from vices with techniques of meditation and yoga from Acharya Lokesh, a Jain Monk. Hosting a conference in honour of Acharya Lokesh, Senator Millner said that, India was an economic power and future world economic power, yet both India and the U.S. were affected by violence and terrorism. Senator Millner said, Acharya Lokesh had helped establish non-violence, peace, and harmony worldwide and he had seen so many different forms of violence growing that he believes everyone needs to unify to find more effective methods against violence and terrorism. On the occasion, Senator Millner also accepted the position of

Chairman of the Reception Committee for the International Interfaith Convention, which will be hosted by the Jain Centre of Chicago in 2011. Photo - Senator John Millner Honors Acharya Lokesh.

For Biography of Acharya Lokesh: www.ahimsavishwabharti.org

DIKSHA AT PUNE

A 22 year-old Jain girl named Deepa, a B. Com graduate and resident of Sowcarpet, Chennai renounced the world in a diksha ceremony on July 21 to become a monk. "World is full of sin and only sin. No one can live here without causing problems to others," said Deepa. She said she wanted a closer view of the spiritual life and also achieve the state of supreme being, which is called as Jina in Jainism. She believed she would be able to help the poor and needy by becoming a monk and said she was not interested in living the usual life of a human being in this world. Deepa, who has three sisters and a brother, said, "The whole family supported me in my decision to become a monk, after initial refusal.

ACHARYA MAHASHRAMAN GRANTS DIKSHA TO SEVEN SHRAMANI AT SARDAR SHAHAR

Sardarshahar: The head of Shwetambar Terapanth sect, Acharya Shri Mahashraman granted Diksha to seven candidates who had been working as shramani on the occasion of 253rd Terapanth Sthapana Divas in the presence of Sadhwi-Pramukha Kanak Prabha Ji Maharaj.

1500 JAINS WILL RENOUNCE THE WORLD AND LIVE THE LIFE OF JAIN MONK ON 15 AUGUST

1500 city Jain businessmen and professionals will renounce daily comforts for a day on 15th August and lead a life of Jain monks declared Greater Hyderabad Sri Vardhman Stanakvasi Jain Shravak Sangh. Months beginning from July to October considered holy months for Jains. During this time Jains become more religious, do rigorous fasting, spend time in religious meetings, spirituality. Some give up night meals, just surviving on water. The hardships monks are best known only when you are a monk. And that is what we want people of this modern age to experience so as to enable us to take back them to our roots, informed Mr. Rajendra Kimti, President of Greater Hyderabad Sri Vardhman Stanakvasi Jain Shravak Sangh. Living with monks in a temple for a day is a novel experience. But there is much to learn about monastic life, I am eagerly looking forward to have such an experience says Mr. Swaroopchand Kothari. We encourage our people to do it every year as a penance. It also purifies body and mind and reminds the preachings and practices of Mahavira and his emphasis on renunciation and asceticism. We want our youngsters to awaken culturally. Know their culture and tradition. We need to inculcate these values in our modern day youngsters said Mr. Rajendra Kimti.

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BAN ON USE OF PEACOCK FEATHERS FOR JAIN SAINTS WITHDRAWN



It is heartening to note that the ban on the use of peacock feathers for the purpose of 'making pichhi' for the Digambar saints has been eventually withdrawn by the government after considering the repeated representations and requests made by the representatives of Digambar samaj. A new sub-section in the section 44(10) has been introduced for this purpose. The Jain community has expressed its happiness at the move to withdraw the ban, modifying the concerned clause. On behalf of Jain Digambar Mahasabha, Shri Jai Ram Ramesh, Minister for Environment and Forests, Government of India was given a ceremonial

welcome and applauded for his cooperation and support for this purpose.

BAN ON BULL-FIGHTING IN SPAIN



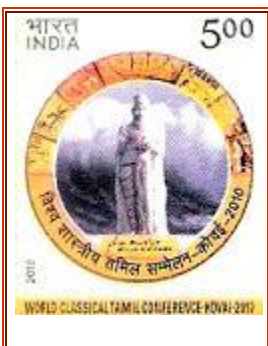
BARCELONA, Spain Wednesday July 28,2010— Lawmakers in Catalonia outlawed bullfighting , making this Spain's first major region to do so after an impassioned debate that pitted the rights of animals against preserving a pillar of traditional culture. Catalonia is a powerful, wealthy region with its own language and culture and a large degree of self-rule. Many in Spain have seen the pressure here for a bullfighting ban as a further bid by Catalonia to stand out from the rest of the country.....Cheers broke out in the local 135-seat legislature after the speaker announced the ban had passed 68-to-55 with nine abstentions. The ban in the northeastern coastal region whose capital is Barcelona will take effect in 2012. Bull- Fighting is one of the most violent spectacle - ritual killing of drugged, wounded and frightened animal and sold as a tourist attractions to the world. The outcome of the fight is never in doubt. It is indeed a blood sport and a sorry spectacle of thousands cheering a killing. Charitable bullfights to raise money for starving children of third world countries, and to fund research into serious diseases, etc, are blatant attempts to popularize their "sport" and give it a veneer of respectability. If this were not enough, even the Catholic Church does not condemn these acts. It's common to see bullfights in "honor" of saints carried out with the blessings of the clergy. For further story visit: www.evana.org
Courtesy: Dilip V. Shah, Past President, JAINA, 1902 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19103 (215) 561 0581.

DEMAND FOR BAN ON THE EXPORT OF MEAT

The Government appears to have realised that continued export of meat from the country would eventually mean increasing prices of meat as well as milk in the local Markets and loss of cattle. Shri Prakash Jaiswal, State Minister for coal has taken up the initiative and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister.

EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

NEW STAMP ON JAINISM



On 27th June 2010 a stamp has been issued to commemorate World Classical Tamil Conference. A statue is printed on this stamp. This is the statue of famous Tamil poet of the first century A.D. Tiruvalluvar or Vallavar. It is believed that he was Jain. He had written a very popular book " Tirukkural". It is almost two thousand years since Tiruvalluvar preached his message of non-violence, universal love and tolerance. The moral dynamics of the philosophy of the good and virtuous life as propounded by him in "Tirukkural" transcends all barriers, religious and creeds, and therefore, possess an Inspiring and elevating message for humanity for all the time to come. In the year 1966, Dr. Radhakrishnan, the then President of India, unveiled his statue in a temple dedicated to his memory in Mylapore, Madras. On 2nd January 2000 his one more statue was inaugurated by Mr. M. Karunanidhi, the then Chief Minister of Tamilnadu in the village Solinganallu (Tamilnadu). Courtesy: -

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INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ORGANISED BY JAIN VISHWA BHARATI AT LADNUN



Jain Vishwa Bharati, famous Jain University in the country, founded by Terapanth Acharya Tulsi and nurtured by Acharya Mahapragya is organising a 21-day International Summer school program at Ladnun in Rajasthan with the cooperation of Anekant Shodhpeeth for imparting education about Jain religion to students of two eminent universities , Florida University in USA and Ghent University. of Belgium. Dr. (Samani) Mangal Pragma, Vice-Chancellor of the University while welcoming the participants to the program mentioned that they should take full advantage of this opportunity and make themselves well-aware of the principles of Jain philosophy and culture and their appropriateness in solving the problems of the present day world. Samani Ramanipragya threw light on the contents of the summer school program.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUALISM AND SCIENCE TO BE ORGANISED AT DELHI

The Chaturmas of Terapanth saint Shri Mahendra Kumar Ji Maharaj is being presently held at Delhi. With his inspiration, an International Conference on 'Spiritualism an of Science' is being organised from 20th to 24th November, 2010 by an USA-based international institution, "Mind and Life", run by Dalai Lama. Shri Mahendra Kumar Ji Maharaj, who is a highly learned saint and scholar of Jain philosophy and science will represent Jain religion at this important conference.



SIXTH ISSJS 2010 SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED

Sixth ISSJS2010 was the biggest, most diverse and multi group ISSJS. The four groups, each consisting of 13 to 19 participants were organized separately except for a week when the three groups in India were together for a week in Delhi. Each and every participant of ISSJS2010 attended their classes regularly from the beginning till the end enthusiastically and actively participating in discussions and learning process. Prof Dipak C Jain of Kellogg spent a day at Delhi with the three groups.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

PRASHANT JAIN IS THE BIGGEST FUND MANAGER IN INDIA

Prashant Jain reminds you of the Energizer bunny. Sure, he looks nothing like the lovable character straight out of the long-running television commercial. But his nine-year winning streak at HDFC Mutual Fund is the talk of the mutual fund industry. And why not? With a corpus of Rs. 86,600 crore, it is the 800-pound gorilla of the business. Which is why, every move its 42-year old executive director and chief investment manager makes is followed actively by investors, analysts, the media and even those in his peer group. Two of his funds, HDFC Equity and HDFC Top 200 have delivered returns of 28 percent over the last decade and are, without doubt, the best-run funds in the India. He has followed his convictions even if it meant underperforming in the short-term — like he did in 2007. Be that as it may, he has consistently emerged tops. Little wonder then, he is often voted as the one of the best CIOs by research houses like Morning Star, Mercer and several media publications. And if all that isn't enough, the gold standard in the business, Lipper — a mutual fund research and rating firm — reckons HDFC Equity, has for each of the last five years, been the star performer in the 10-year category.



MISCELLANEOUS

CORRECTIONS MADE IN CBSE COURSE SYLLABUS ABOUT BHAGWAN MAHAVIR

Bhagwan Mahavir was so far described in the Social Science book for class sixth of C. B. S. E. course as one who was the founder of Jain religion and that he wandered for 12 years till he died at the age of 72 years. Such a gross mistake was being printed in the text books for last many years and was not being corrected in spite of many requests and representations by Jain community. The mistake has now been corrected and the word 'founder' has been replaced by '24th Tirthankar', further adding that he undertook religious hard austerity and spiritual endeavour for a period of 12 years for achieving self-perfection and purity and liberation of soul.. This change in the syllabus of CBSE course was achieved by continued efforts of Dr. Rajendra Kumar Bansal, national general secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Jain Parishad and many other scholars and devotees.

BILL GATES AND WARREN BUFFET URGE AMERICANS TO DONATE HALF OF THEIR WEALTH FOR A BETTER CAUSE



As many as forty billionaires and their relatives in USA have already decided to donate half of their wealth at the instance of eminent persons like Bill Gates of Microsoft and Warren Buffet, Investment Guru, who have already taken lead and donated large sums of money for helping needy persons around the world. Ted Turner, founder of CNN, Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York, Lerry Allison, Joint founder of Oracle, George Lucas, and , well-known film Director in Hollywood are some of the donors in this group, who have followed Bill Gates and Warren Buffet. This work was taken up as a campaign by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet, just six

weeks ago with the objective of motivating rich community of America to donate half of their riches for a just cause, accepting it as their moral responsibility.

STATUE OF MAHATMA GANDHI TO BE INSTALLED OUTSIDE AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Inspired by the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, it has been decided by the US authorities to install a 8.5 feet tall bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi outside the gate of Michigan University on 2nd October, 2010. The statue has been built by Shri Ashok Gudikar, an eminent sculptures and winner of national award and gold medalist.

INDIA APPROVES CASTE-BASED CENSUS

The Indian government has approved the inclusion of information on caste in the ongoing population census. The controversial decision was taken by a group of ministers, headed by Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee. Caste-based parties say the information will help the government target affirmative action benefits better. But critics say caste is the most regressive feature of Indian society; that it is repressive, reinforces hierarchy and breeds inequity. India has been conducting the national census since 1872 and this is its 15th. A caste census was carried out last in 1931 by the former British rulers.

ANSHU JAIN SHOULD BE DEUTSCHE CHIEF: INDIAN BANKERS

Indians have time and again proved their worth by making it to the top seats of major multinationals. The latest name added to this list is that of Anshu Jain of Deutsche Bank. At the age of 47, this Indian banker has been able to do wonders for the bank. He handles divisions which bring 80% of the profits of the bank. The question which now arises is whether such capability of this banker be rewarded or would get hidden under the shadows of his non German origin and inability to communicate in the language. Such is the challenge for Jain which other Indians heading companies in US and UK do not need to think about. "Performance talks. He has a good chance. If they don't get it, Deutsche Bank will lose him to some other bank and it'll only be their loss," said the chief of a UK-based bank from Mumbai. "Deutsche Bank is international bank and has several foreigners at the top level. I'll be surprised if being non-German swings against him." With Jain joining the Deutsche league, the revenue of the German bank from outside the home country has increased to 70% from 25% since 1995. "If you are a good professional, you should be good anywhere as a global citizen," said the head of investment banking at a Japanese bank in Mumbai. "Jain offers an opportunity for Deutsche Bank to continue with its growth as a multinational bank, and shouldn't get influenced by domestic politics."

ANTI-CHOLESTEROL DRUG MAY CAUSE DEPRESSION



HYDERABAD, Indian scientists have for the first time obtained evidence for the link between cholesterol-lowering drugs and depression in people taking these drugs to prevent heart attack. They have found that these drug may affect the activity of a brain chemical that controls mood, thereby triggering anxiety and depression.

Cholesterol, a wax like substance, is the main culprit in heart disease. Although the body needs it, a high level of cholesterol causes blockage of arteries thereby reducing blood circulation causing a heart attack. A class of drugs called 'statins' which lower the cholesterol level – by inhibiting a key enzyme responsible for its biosynthesis in the body – are extensively used as oral drugs to treat "hypercholesterolemia." Although they are very effective in reducing cholesterol levels in humans, there is a growing concern that chronic use may cause depression.

Why should change in the level of a small greasy molecule in the body lead to changes in complex behavioural manifestations such as mood has been a puzzle and there has been no evidence to explain it. But now a paper by Amitabha Chattopadhyay from the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology in Hyderabad published in the journal Biochemistry sheds insight into the link between use of statins and mood disorders. The scientists have shown that chronic cholesterol depletion by statins impairs the function of the receptors for serotonin, a neurotransmitter in the brain that controls mood. The group has previously shown that maintaining normal cholesterol levels is important for the function of serotonin. Their latest study showed that cholesterol depletion in the brain affects the function of serotonin receptors leading to depression. Their results showed that longterm treatment with the drug caused significant changes in the structure and function of serotonin receptors. Adding cholesterol to cells treated with statin restored the function of the receptor to normal level. [A Medical Report published in Mumbai Mirror - 24.6.2010].

--Time Magazine, 11/8/99 -Life of Calves. The calves born to dairy cows are separated from their mothers within two to three days after birth. About 30% female calves are raised to replace older dairy cows. All males and remaining female calves are raised solely for meat. Some calves are slaughtered for veal after a short and torturous life. In the modern factory environment and under intense competitive pressure, calves are denied their mother's milk. Cow's milk is naturally meant for calves, not for human consumption. Humans are the only animals that drink the milk of another species, and drink the milk all life long.

Organic Dairy Farms - The Organic dairy farm is generally smaller than the huge factory-style farm. It does not use antibiotics, pesticides, and hormones to cows. There are no milk additives added into the milk. However to ensure steady milk production the organic dairy farms: Keep cows pregnant all the time through artificial insemination or other means Sell baby calves to veal or beef industry, where they are slaughtered in six months to two years. Sell the adult cows to the slaughterhouses around four years of age when the milk production yield drops Hence the organic milk is nearly as cruel as regular milk. Indian Dairies There is a tendency to believe that milk produced in India is cruelty free because the Hindu culture assumes Cow is a pious animal and no one inflicts pain to the cows. I have personally visited several dairies in India in various cities. Overall things are actually worse than in USA because there are few enforced regulations. Calves and cows are slaughtered illegally after similar courses of life as in U.S. (Less than 1% cows get shelter in Panjarapols).

American Slaughterhouse Process: Each cow is first stunned. Each cow then has her carotid artery sliced open with a knife. Each cow is hoisted upside down by a chain attached to her rear leg so that her blood sprays into a 55-gallon drum. The blood is then dried and fed back to cows as a protein supplement.

Some of these cows are awake and aware of the process, and some choke to death on their own blood. The cows are then gutted, skinned, quartered, and processed by butchers.

American slaughter house kills the following number of Animals daily: Cattle 130,000 per day (more than 5000 per hour) ,Calves 7,000 per day ,Hogs 360,000 per day (15,000 Hogs per hour) ,Chickens 24,000,000 per day (1 Million Chicken every hour).

Jainism and Environment - Lord Mahāvīr preached universal truth for all times to come when he said, "One who neglects or disregards the existence of earth, air, fire, water and vegetation, disregards his own existence which is entwined with them". Not only did he preach on environmental and ecological issues, but his entire life was also an example of how to live in perfect harmony with the environment. The following ancient Jain aphorism is refreshingly contemporary in its promise and forms the basis of the modern day science of ecology. "Parasparopagraho Jivānām." All life is bound together by mutual support and interdependence . Environment is imbued (saturated) with living beings therefore if we harm "ONE" we harm "ALL" living beings.

FESTIVALS/ EVENTS DURING AUGUST-NOVEMBER '2010

12th August- Haryali Sindhara Teej

16th August-Parshwanath Moksh Kalyanak

24th August -Rakshabandhan (Vatsalya Purnima)

25th August-Solah karan Mahaparva start

1-2nd September-Shri Krishna Janam Ashtmi

9th September- Punya Tithi of Charitra Chakravart Acharya Shree Shanti Sagar Ji

5-11th September-Swetamber, Parushan Parva

12th September- Jain Badi Panchmi

12-22nd September Daslakshan Parva

17th September-Sugandh Dasmi

22nd September- Anant Chaturdasi

21-23rd September- Ratan tray Varta

24th September- Kshamavani Parva

8th October-Navratra Maha parva start

17th October- Dashara

22nd October- Sharad Purnima

26th October-Karva Chauth

30th October- Ahoi Ashtami

3 rd November-Dhan teras

3 rd November-Jain Chaumasa over

5th November- Deepavali- Lakshmi Pujan

6th November-Shree Mahavira Nirvan

These dated are as per Jain Tithi Darpan veer nirvana samvat 2536 applicable for the year 2009-10.

For more details about dated related to chaturmas etc please refer other sources/ panchang etc.

DEVLOK GAMAN

Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain Sadhwi Shri Umed Kunwar Ji Maharaj left for her heavenly abode on the 14th August, 2010 after prolonged illness, at the age of 90 years at Kushalpur Village near Jodhpur where she had been having her chaturmasic stay. Large number of devotees from near-by places and Jodhpur joined her funeral procession.

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