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"Each one has to find his peace from within. And peace to be real must be unaffected by outside circumstances."

- Mahatma Gandhi

# SAINTS DR. RAJENDRA MUNI HONOURED WITH THE TITLE OF SANGH-RATNA BY ACHARYA SHIV MUNI AT DELHI



In a heavily-attended ceremony at the up-coming Nav-Teerth on the out-skirts of Delhi, Acharya Dr. Shiv Muni honoured Dr. Rajendra Muni, Up-Pravartak in Shwetambar Sthanakwasi sect of Shramam Sangh for his highest degree of devotion and religious fervour. Various Saints and sadhwi from Shraman Sangh were present on this occasion. Shri Om Prakash Jain, Minister in the Haryana Government presided over the programme Thousands of devotees attending the programme paid their reverence and to the Acharya and other saits and offered donations for the development work in progress at the Navkar Teerth.

PHOTO - MR. KAPIL SIBBAL, MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DISCUSSING EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WITH ACHARYA (DR). SHIVMUNI OF SWETAMBAR

STHANAK WASI SECT AT ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI.

# **MOODBIDRI: CHARUKEERTI SWAMIJI ACCORDS CEREMONIOUS WELCOME TO DIGAMBARA SAGES**



Moodbidri, Dec 24: Six digambara sages including Samatasagara, Vivekasagara, Niyogasagara and Namitasagara, all disciples of most holy sage Acharya Vidyasagara, arrived here on Wednesday December 23. The sages were offered ceremonious welcome at Alangar by Sri Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji of Jain Mutt. A large gathering of devotees also joined Swami Charukeerthi Bhattaraka to welcome the sages. Various rituals were also held at Jain Mutt here including offering of pada puja. Mutt manager Raviraj Shetty, Sanjanta Kumar, Patna Shetty, Suresh Kumar, Vidya Kumar, Praveenchandra Jain and members of devotional group of were also present on the occasion. The religious preaching by the sages was held at the mutt at 1.30 pm on

Thursday December 24.

# POSTAL STAMP ON SHRIMAJJINENDRA JINBIMB PANCHKALYANAK PRATISHTHA



To commemorate the Shri 1008 Shrimajjinendra Jinbimb Panchkalyanak Pratishtha & Tray Gajrath Mahotsava,a special cover has been issued at Satna (M.P.) on 16th January 2010. Indian Postal Department provided a special cancellation on this occasion. The special cover depicts colorful Gajrath along with the images of 11 feet high idol of Bhagwan Shantinath situated in the Satna Digamber Jain Mandir and Pujya Acharya Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj. Special cancellation depicts image of Bhagwan Parshwanath.

This special cover was released in the grand function of Dhvajarohan and inauguration ceremony of Panchkalyanak on 16th January 2010 morning by famous Industrialist of Rajsthan Shri Ashok Patni in the auspicious presence of Pujya Acharya Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj. Shri A. K. Jain, Asstt. Superintendent of Postoffices, Rewa Division and office bearers of Central India Philatelic Society were also present on this occasion. Central India Philatelic Society was instrumental in issuance of this Special Cover and Special Cancellation. Cost of this Special Cover is Rs. Interested Philatelists can send their orders to Mr. Sudhir Jain, Secretary, Central India Philatelic Society, Sushma Press Compound, SATNA (M.P.) 485 005, E-Mail: centralindphil@yahoo.com & mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com

# TEMPLES GIANT STATUE OF JAIN TEERTHANKAR AT BHUBANESHWAR



After seven years and countless strokes on chisel by dozens of sculptors, statue of a Jain Tirthankar, which is claimed to be the biggest ever granite monolithic sculpture carved from Orissa, would be ready by the end of this year. Master sculptor Sudarshan Sahoo, under whose supervision the gigantic work was undertaken, said final touches were being given to the main idol measuring 13 feet high and 12 ft wide while the structure of umbrella-like serpent hoods over the deity would be completed within next few months. "Simultaneously we will perform polishing work and revisit the process to ensure that all minor mistakes are rectified. We will fit the three pieces into a complete statue whose height will be 23 ft before dismantling it for easy transportation," Mr. Sahoo, a Padamshree awardee, said.

A Jain monk had assigned Mr. Sahoo the task to erect the statue which would finally be transported to Surat in Gujarat. The statue depicts the Tirthankar seated with legs crossed in front, the toes of one foot resting close upon the knee of the other, and the right hand lying over the left in the lap. The symbols of lotus flower have been carved on palms. The idol will

have seven serpent hoods unfurling as umbrella. Although on the face of it the work looked like any other creation of a sculptor, Mr. Sahoo said there was history behind creating such a mammoth idol. At first it was a challenging task to discover a huge piece of granite stone from Mayurbhanj district. "My son and several of my students spent months in Adipur and Sialiuthani village near Khiching temple to lay hand on the huge piece of stone which weighed above 400 tonnes," he said.

Villagers were compensated for their crop damage and special permission was secured from National Highway authority to transport the giant stone to the craft shed here, Mr. Sahoo said. "Since I did not have expertise in creating Jain idols, I had to go through numerous Jain literatures and study the iconography. It was not enough. Not to take chances, we initially built hundreds of small Jain sculpture to see where we were going wrong," the master craftsman recounted. Precautions were taken during knocking off large portions of unwanted stone and striking chisels accurately. Any miscalculation could have injured sculptors' hand and most importantly damaging the stone [Posted by Mahavir S]

#### SHIKHARJI AT SIDDHACHALAM PROJECT

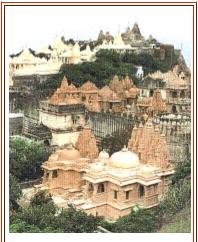


Teerthraj Shri Sammed Shikharji in Giridih, Jharkhand, is the sacred place where 20 of the 24 Tirthankars of the current avasarpini attained moksha. A Yatra of Shikharji is often considered the most important yatra for a jain. Shikharji has 31 tonks, including the Jal Mandir. Siddhachalam is a jain ashram located in an idyllic setting in rural north-western New Jersey on 120 acres of hilly terrain. It was founded in 1983 by Acharya Shri Sushil Kumarji Maharaj. Gurji, as he was lovingly called, purified Siddhachalam through his austerities, study and meditation. As a result, Siddhachalam is called a teerth, a pilgrimages place. Siddhachalam Jain Tirth is comprised of temples, library, lecture and meditation hall, bhojanshala, offices, cabins dedicated residences for munijis, sadhvijis and poojaris, sports fields, and nature and meditation trails.

Shikharji at Siddhachalam Project will cost approximately \$1-1.5 million and take 18 to 30 months for completion. Individuals, sanghs, and organizations from across the world have the opportunity to take laabh of this historic project. Donation for the project will be duly recognized. Donors for major events such as bhoomi pujan, shilanyas, the marble tonk, on-site landscaping and construction (including the marble plaque alongside each tonk or temple) and pratishtha will be permanently recognized in marble engraving on or by each tonk, Bhomiyaji's Temple and the

Jal mandir, as applicable. All donations are tax deductible. For questions, suggestion and sponsorships opportunities, please contact: Siddhachalam Jain Tirth, 65 Mud Poud Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825 (908-362-9793 908-362-9793 908-362-9793), www.siddhachalam.org, Jaipat Singh Jain, Vice Chairman & President E-Mail:president@siddhachalam.org

### **HUMANITARIAN SERVICES AT PALITANA JAIN TEMPLE**



Palitana is a sleepy town in the western Indian state of Gujarat. Perched high on a hill overlooking the town is a network of 1,500 exquisite temples. For followers of the Jain faith this is a place of major significance. It is the world's highest concentration of Jain temples they are packed in dense clusters to enable barefoot pilgrims to move around easily. Every year more than half a million Jain pilgrims (of approximately 10 million Jains worldwide) make the journey to the stone and marble shrines at Palitana. Non-violence and compassion towards every living being is at the core of Jain belief. And this year their spiritual quest in Palitana has manifested itself in a project which will help some of India's 20 million people with disabilities. A group of Jains has set up a vast medical camp in the town for people with disabilities.

Many of the temples at Palitana date back to the 11th and 12th centuries Getting up to the mountain is not that easy. It involves climbing up more than 3,000 steps cut into the side of the mountain. The elderly or those who find it too difficult are taken up on special chairs

carried by porters. It can take about two hours to get all the way up to the top. Most Jains will do it at least once in their lifetime but the truly devout will do it 99 times. We believe that our God climbed up this mountain 99 times," a temple official tells me. "It's incumbent upon devout Jains to replicate it - over a 45-day period."

Overlooking Palitana is a network of exquisite temples. At the medical camp in Palitana town the spiritual becomes practical: doctors fit patients with artificial limbs and callipers. Some are given crutches and wheelchairs. People with hearing problems are given special aids and taught how to use them. Many of India's disabled live in poverty with little access to proper medical care. The doctors are assisted by volunteers from all over the world. "Our Jain faith teaches us to reach out to the under- privileged," says Asha Mehta of the Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, which organised the camp which is helping 25,000 people. Jain religion is a universal religion applicable to all living beings including human beings. We Jains need to put our tenets to practice by us by sparing some time from rituals and building new temples.

### **NEMGIRI IN MAHARASHTRA A BOON FOR JAIN PILGRIMS**

Nemgiri is a wonderful place that every Jain should visit. It has 7 caves and having Bh. Adinath, Bh. ShantiNath, Bh. Neminath, Bh. Parshvanath idols. Bh. Neminath is probably highest Padmasana Status - about 6.5 feet. Bh. Parshvanath Idol is about 6 ft and rested on a small 2 cm stone. It is an ancient place and when was created is not known. It has evidences in 12th century muslim book but it seems that the temples are more than 2500 years old. The temple is located at Jintur village, in Parabhani district of Maharashtra. The details can be seen at its web site, www.nemgiri.org and the e-mail for correspondence is E-Mail: nemgiri@gmail.com

### PANCH KALYANAK MAHOTSAV OF SHREE DIGAMBER JAIN MANDIR, VASUNDHARA (U. P.)

Panch Kalyanak Mahotsav of Shree Digamber Jain Mandir, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad (UP) is scheduled to commence from 17th to 22nd February 2010 under presence and guidance of Muni Shree 108 Saurabh Sagar Ji Maharaj. For Kalash Booking and further information please contact Shree Digamber Jain Mandir Samiti, 10/1 Bhagwan Mahavir Marg, Sector - 10, Vasundhara Ghaziabad - 201012 Phone: +91-120-3243797 +91-120-3243797 or log on to www.jainmandir.net, E-Mail: jainmandir.net@gmail.com. Special arrangement for lodging, meals, refreshment & transportation for the outstation guests attending and participating in the Panch Kalyanak Pratishta Mahotsav 2010. Source: Mayank Jain, E-Mail mayankj13@gmail.com

# **TEMPLE THIEVES ARRESTED IN DELHI**

New Delhi, Delhi Police claimed to have cracked a gang of temple thieves with the arrest of five Nepalese nationals and recovery of a 10-kg idol of Bhagwan Adhinath which they allegedly stole three days ago. The arrested were identified as Roop Bahadur, Chandra Bahadur, Chattar Bahadur, Bamb Bahadur and Padam Bahadur, all hailing from Nepal and currently residing in Krishna Nagar and Vishwas Nagar, a senior police official said. All of them were working as watchmen in Radheypuri locality. The gang had allegedly stolen the idol Bhagwan Adhinath from a Jain temple in Radheypuri on January nine. It was the main idol of the temple.



#### **GOA JAIN TEMPLE AT SAO JOSE DE AREA BURGLED**

MARGAO, Jan 10th, The burglars could not carry the heavy metal donation box beyond a certain distance and had to drop it in the hilly terrain some half a kilometer from the temple. Sniffer dogs trailed a distance and helped police recover the box that had not been broken open. However, the burglars are still at large. After the complaint from the Pujari of the temple, the police team rushed to the site and found the lock of the main door broken and the silver arch around the deity (Lord Mahavira) along with other ornamental items stolen. It is estimated that the total loss could be around Rs 1.50 lakh, but with the recovery of the donation box, police peg the net loss at around Rs 1 lakh. Police believe that the heavy box was dropped because the burglars might have apprehended being nabbed by police patrolling teams during the night.

# AWARDS ENVIRONMENTALIST AJAY JAIN AWARDED "RASHTRIYA GAURAV AWARD 2010"



Environmentalist Ajay Jain from Indore is the only environmentalist form India who has been awarded this year with prestigious "Rashtriya Gaurav Award 2010" and "Certificate of Excellence" for his various works done in the field of Environment.

The award is conferred annually on eminent personalities representing different fields from the country and abroad who have contributed remarkably towards progress of India in their respective fields. This event is organized especially to project the achievement of Indians who have made India proud. The Bharat Gaurav Award - "Pride of India" was presented to Mr. Ajay Jain by Mr. Abdul Rahim Rathar, Finance minister Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir in a function held on 7 Jan 2010 at Habitat center New Delhi. Delegates and eminent personalities from India and abroad were present to witness the award function.

Some of the past recipients of this honor include - Late Mother Teresa, Noble Laureate, Late B.D. Jatti Former Vice President of India, Dr. Bishma Narain Singh former Governor, Digmabr Kamat, CM Goa, Kiran Bedi IPS, Cricketer Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Veteran Actors Shammi Kapoor, Rajesh Khanna, Dev Anand etc., Architect and Environmentalist Ajay Jain has been working with a vision of Clean, Green and Healthy Environment. His company Eco-Pro Environmental Services Indore has been providing consultancy to many National, International organizations and various Urban Local Bodies in field of environment and waste management. He has excelled in the field of Biomedical waste management and is active director of Hoswin Incinerator Pvt. Ltd. which is leading company in biomedical waste management in India. "Hoswin Incinerator Pvt. Ltd." is Central India's first Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility at Indore and is among the best Biomedical waste treatment facility in India. The treatment and documentation procedure adopted by the company is being replicated at various other CBWTF in India.

Ajay Jain's company Eco Pro has been working on various environmental issues providing environmental consultancy to various national and multinational companies. His work also includes designing and commissioning of effluent and sewage treatment plants, Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental auditing and waste minimization. He has always encouraged solutions which were low-cost and easily do-able. Recently Jain and his team have developed low cost technology for recycling of non usable plastics. On this occasion Mr. Jain thanked his parents, wife, all other directors of the company specially his partner Mr. Asad Warsi , Dr. Suresh Agrawal and Dr. Ankur Agrawal and all those who have helped him in his achievements.

#### DR. KUSUM LATA BHANDARI OF JODHPUR RECEIVES AWARD FROM AMIR KHAN



Committed to the noble and humanitarian cause of providing support system to the blind and physically disadvantaged students prosecuting higher studies at the college/ University level, a school and a hostel for blind and disabled persons came into being on 20th September, 1999 at the initiative of Dr. Kusum Lata Bhandari, Associate Professor at the Jainarayan Vyas University, Jodhpur The educationist in Dr. Kusum Lata Bhandari had long since felt that the blind and handicapped University & Collegegoing students had, at this stage of their career, special problems of their own and as such they needed a special remedial measures, attention & approach, i.e. they needed specialized strategy in terms of general guidance and in terms of educational facilities leading to appropriate learning-inputs in respect of their knowledge,

development of personality and vocational skills. Dr. Kusum Bhandari, herself being physically-disadvantaged person, felt

stongly that such facilities for this segment of students were not available anywhere else in the country and hence her urge to put the idea behind the institution came into action.

For her ardous work, she has been honoured in the past with several awards at national and state levels and by private organisations. Recently, She was one amongst 15 persons chosen jointly by IBN7 and Bajaj Allianz team as super-Idols for their dedicated, noble and humanitarian work in different fields. These 'IBN7 Bajaj Allianz Super Idols' were honoured by IBN7 in an awards ceremony in Mumbai on January 19, 2010. The chief guest on this occasion was the eminent film maker and actor, Amir Khan who gave away the awards. He specially honoured Km. Kusum Lata Bhandari with a trophy and donated a generous sum for her institution. The awards were given away by the chief guest, film star Amir Khan. He was so impressed by Kusum Lata that he awarded a special trophy to her along-with a generous amount as donation

# **HONOUR / AWARDS**

### DR. ALPANA JAIN RECEIVED AWARD FOR BEST DOCTOR AT A NATIONAL SEMINAR AT LUCKNOW

Dr. (Smt.) Alpana Jain was honoured as best doctor in holistic therapies for her humanitarian spirit and devotion towards the poor and needy persons on the occasion of National Seminar on "Holistic Therapies, a potent treatment system" on the 11th November, 2009. She also presented a paper on "Hydro-Theray". Based on her experience in holistitic therapies and alteranate systems of medicine, she has cured patients suffering from constipation, Gastritis, Insomnia, Absecess of liver and even laprosy. Her contact address is: 'Nandana', B. K. T., Sitapur Road, Lucknow. Mob.: 09918223418.

### ARVIND JAIN'S NAME IN GUINEES BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

The name of Shri Arvind Jain belonging to Bhilwara in Rajasthan is going to be entred in the next issue of GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS for his the field of stamp collection. His name has already entered in the LIMCA BOOK in the 2008 and 2009 issues. He was informed recently by the head office of Guinness book through an E-Mail about selection of his name. Shri Arvind Jain is a lecturer in the Commerce Faculty of Government Girls College at Bhilwara. It is an honour to have one's name entered in Ginness Book. Shri Jain deserves this honour for this stupendous work having the largest collection of stampsand other material with him.

#### ABRAR QURESHI, A 'BUTCHER' TO GET MAHAVEER AWARD

CHENNAI: Abrar hails from a family of butchers. But instead of killing animals, he helps protect them. His organisation, "People who care for animals," has rescued thousands of cattle from illegal slaughterhouses in Thane and adjoining areas. Recognising his noble work, Thane-based Mohammed Abrar Qureshi, 52, was chosen to receive the 13th Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation award for Excellence in the sphere of non-violence and vegetarianism. The award, which has a cash component of Rs 5 lakh and a citation, would be presented at a function in city in January. N. Sugalchand Jain, managing trustee of the city-based foundation, said the jury headed by Justice M N Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India, and seven others selected Qureshi for the award for his concern and love for animals. Qureshi, who chose not to take up butchery, earned the wrath of a few for his love for animals. Attempts were made on his life and both his legs were broken in one such attempt, Jain informed. The other awardees are Tribal Health Initiative, Dharmapuri, TN (for excellence in the sphere of education and medicine), Sri Karni Nagar Vikas Samiti, Kota, Rajasthan and Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada, Karnataka (both for excellence in the spheres of community and social service).

# **CONFERENCE ON JAIN HISTORY**

The 6th Conference of Maharashtra Jain Itihas Parishad will be held at Solapur on 5th, 6th and 7th February 2010. Many scholars will attend it and present their research papers. Dr. Vidyadhar Joharapurkar of Nagpur is the president of the conference, Dr. Bipinchandra Doshi, Chaiman of Jain Chair of Mumbai University is the Chief Guest. Padmshri Bhanvarlalji Jain of Jalgaon will inaugurate the conference. Some of the scholars attending this conference are Padamshri Muzaffar Husaain (Mumbai), Dr. Nalini Joshi (Professor, Jain Chair, Pune University), Dr. Vijay Dharurkar of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, Dr. Padmaja Patil of Shivaji University, Kolhapur. The Chief Guest for the concluding ceremony is Dr. Bhushan Kumar Upadhyay, Police Commissioner, Solapur. Venue: Hirachand Nemchand Jain Dharmshala, Samrat Chowk, Solapur 413 002. For further information contact Mumbai: Mr. Shrenik Annadate: 986 750 8814.

### **MINORITY RECOGNITION**

# JAINS MUST BE GIVEN NATIONAL MINORITY STATUS- SAYS JUSTICE RANGNATH MISRA

Will the Central Government stop playing hide and seek with Jain Minority issue, as Justice Ranganath Misra commission clearly states "Jains must be given National Minority Status", report tabled in the just concluded winter session of Parliament. Even the Sachar Report has said Jains as distinct religious minority. The commission was referring to two Supreme Court Judgment (refer to para 6) of the report on the website of Lok sabha and minorityaffairs.gov.in, which have made it crystal clear that Jains are a National Minority. Will the Congress led Government at least give a fair hearing to

the issue and pass favorable order in this regard. As the grand old party celebrates 125 years of its existence and our great Prime Minister Late Pandit Nehru has several times made it clear that Jains are a minority. Refer to his Auto-biography "Discovery of India". Pandit Jawaharlal Lal Nehru India's first Prime Minister, Who laid down the foundation of Modern, Secular, Democracy, in this Book "Discovery of India" Explains:

What is Hinduism? I quote him that "Hinduism is religion & should not include Jainism & Buddhism, but they are very must thought & product of Indian Culture. This clearly explains that JAINS are a minority. In his speech on 3rd Sept.1949, Jawaharlal Lal Nehru at the Allahabad University convocation said: "No doubt India has a vast majority of Hindus, but they could not forget in fact there are also minorities Muslims, Christians, Parses and Jains. If India were understood as Hindu Rashtra it meant that the minorities were not cent per cent citizens of the country. According to the 2001 Census, Jains constitute 0 .4 per cent of the total population of the country. (Refer to Article 25, 29,30 of the Indian Constitution) and under Articles 27 of United Nation Human Rights, (UNHR) as in those States in which ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities exist, persons belonging to such minorities shall not be denied the right, in community with the other members of their group, to enjoy their own culture, to profess and practice their own religion, or to use their own language. I hope that the above mentioned issue see the light of the day and the Central Government will issue favorable direction and thus include the Jain community in the National Minority Commission. Courtesy: Dhanpal Solanki Jain, Member of the Mumbai Youth Congress.

#### **READER'S MAIL**

### PILGRIMAGE TO PALITANA, A LEARNING EXPERENCE

Dr. C. Devakumar, E-Mail: cdevakumar@yahoo.com - It is being said that there is no other religion or sect in Videha kshetra and the multiplicity of religious practices in this planet are due to the effect of Hunda avasarpini. I entertain no sectarian differences as much as I can and paid darshan to temples of other sect also. In fact I made a very humble contribution in Hastagiri which is coming up in a wonderful manner. Our not so sweet experience at Ahmedabad with another sect shocked us. As Jains, we need to look at the bitterness as a ground reality and must overcome by the weapons of anekant and Ahimsa. Our claim of universal religion becomes hollow and shallow with this arbitrary bitterness. We needed one Hindu (Vinoba Bhave) to come together and present Samana Suttam to the world. Another Hindu (who else, Mahatma Gandhi) demonstrated the potential of Ahimsa though we keep claiming exclusivity to Ahimsa. Of course, in another board I read the contributions of Brahmins to the sustenance of this religion. Notable among them are Indrabhuti Gautam Ganadhar and Sruta Kevali Bhadra Bahu.

#### **VEGETARIANISM**

# COUNTRY INN & SUITES, SAHIBABAD (U. P.) IS ONLY PURE VEGETARIAN FIVE STAR HOTEL IN INDIA (DELHI)



The hotel is organising a food festival to present the vegetarian concept of diet. The hotel plans to to capture the food world with their vegetarian platter of Kashmiri cuisine from January 21 to 31 in the 'Tatva', one of the finest restaurants in town. RASHI JAIN is the Chef at the restaurant TATVA and she believes that the vegetarianism in her hotel will help in promoting ahimsa and non-violence around the world. Rashi is hard core vegetarian and firm believer of Jainism She is full of enthusiasm and has brought new synergy to the culinary operation of "TATVA". It is worth watching this bubbly young chef behind the gas burners and commanding the culinarians. In her words, "We are planning to come up with more food festivals with vegetarian

delights. We are planning to cover each state one by one," said Sushil Chugh, the General Manager of Country Inn.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

# TIRUPATI BALAJI TEMPLE USED TO BE A JAIN TEMPLE

It is understood from various news sources that the present day Tirupati Bala Ji temple at one time, used to be an eminent Jain temple. In the course of time, the Hindu community, being strong and in majority, took over the control of Jain temple, and converted it into a Bala Ji temple. It is because the Jains have been politically weak and unwilling to organise and fight for their simple democratic rights that others dominate and try to erase even our heritage. Is there basically something wrong with the Jain teaching which even shakes the very foundation of the Jains society? Tirupati Bala Ji is not just an isolated case. Hundreds of Jain temples had been demolished or converted into Shiva or Bala Ji temples around two hundred years ago, as illustrated in previous issues of Ahimsa Times. Are we not able to sustain ourselves without the protection of a Hindu or British Army?

# FOR JAIN SONGS / BHAJANS CHECK THE FOLLOWING LINKS

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Ideal Songs 2,822 views	Parshvanatha Stotra Animated 9,459 views	Jay Jay Trishla Nandan 19,795 views	Jain Songs 11,910 Views	Jay Jay Arati Adi Jinanda 28,846 Views

# HELP FOR HOUSEWIVES, ENTERPRISING JAINS BY JITO

Mumbai: Are you a small entrepreneur, or a housewife with savings under Rs1 lakh and belong to the Jain community? Here is good news for you. In the fourth annual global summit, organised by the Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) Prominent Jain businessmen, service providers and financial leaders will be participating in the meet and will cater to the community's young entrepreneurs. The meet will see financial advisors like State Bank of India, Bank of India, JM Financials Limited, Enam Securities Pvt Ltd, SBI Capital Market Limited, etc giving in-principle approval to all projects. "JITO will act as a platform for facilitating the projects," said Ganivarya Nay Padmasagarji Maharaj.

# NIRMAL JAIN CHARGED FOR FRAUD

The police have booked the chief executive director and some others of Mumbai-based India Infoline Security Limited, for allegedly cheating a senior citizen by selling his shares worth Rs 25 lakh without his consent. Sadashiv Mantri (65), a resident of Karve Nagar, has lodged a complaint at the Kothrud police station. The Kothrud police booked Nirmal Jain, director of India Infoline Security Limited and others under Sections 420, 406, 467, 468, 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 66, 43, 70 of the Information Technology (IT) Act. However, no arrests have been made. Assistant police inspector A D Walimbe said a couple of years ago, Mantri had invested lakhs of rupees with India Infoline Security Limited and also opened a demat account with the firm. "Mantri has complained that the firm allegedly misused his password and account details to get more commission by online trading. He has alleged that in the last two years, without his consent, the firm illegally sold his shares of different companies worth Rs 25 lakh. However, the firm did not give him the money obtained from those deals.

# NATIONAL FLAG OF LARGE SIZE CAN NOW BE KEPT UNFURLED FOR ALL TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

After a long fight in the courts, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has now given its acceptance to to the proposal of Mr. Navin Jindal, a Member of Parliament from Kurukshetra, Haryana to unfurl national flag during the night time as well. The Supreme Court had given its approval to unfurling of the national flag by the citizens of India from sunset to sunrise in view of the unstinted efforts of Navin Jindal. In many of the countries in the world, like Malyasia, North Korea,

Brazil, Mexico, Jordan, Abudhabi etc. are allowing their citizens to do so and as such, Navin Jindal had sought permission from the Home Ministry to allow unfurling of large-sized national flag through night time in order to inculcate a feeling of national pride. The permission so granted requires that the flag should be of sufficient large size and it should be shining. Jindal has a record of unfurling a 206 ft. tall and 72 ,ft. long and 48 ft. wide flag.

#### **HEALTH**

### **DRINKING WATER ON EMPTY STOMACH**

It is popular in Japan today to drink water immediately after waking up every morning. Furthermore, scientific tests have proven its value. We publish below a description of use of water for our readers. For old and serious diseases as well as modern illnesses the water treatment had been found successful by a Japanese medical society as a 100% cure for the following like headache, body ache, heart problem, arthritis, fast heart beat, epilepsy, excess fatness, bronchitis asthma, TB, meningitis, kidney and urine diseases, vomiting, gastritis, diarrhea, piles, diabetes, constipation, all eye diseases, womb, cancer and menstrual disorders, ear nose and throat diseases.

#### **METHOD OF TREATMENT**

- 1. As you wake up in the morning before brushing teeth, drink 4 x 160ml glasses of water
- 2. Brush and clean the mouth but do not eat or drink anything for 45 minute
- 3. After 45 minutes you may eat and drink as normal.
- 4. After 15 minutes of breakfast, lunch and dinner do not eat or drink anything for 2 hours
- 5. Those who are old or sick and are unable to drink 4 glasses of water at the beginning may commence by taking little water and gradually increase it to 4 glasses per day.
- 6. The above method of treatment will cure diseases of the sick and others can enjoy a healthy life.

The following list gives the number of days of treatment required to cure/control/reduce main diseases:1. High Blood Pressure (30 days)

- 2. Gastric (10 days)
- 3. Diabetes (30 days)
- 4. Constipation (10 days)
- 5. Cancer (180 days)
- 6. TB (90 days)
- 7. Arthritis patients should follow the above treatment only for 3 days in the 1st week, and from 2nd week onwards daily. This treatment method has no side effects, however at the commencement of treatment you may have to urinate a few times. It is better if we continue this and make this procedure as a routine work in our life. Drink Water and Stay healthy and Active. This makes sense. The Chinese and Japanese drink hot tea with their meals not cold water. Maybe it is time we adopt their drinking habit while eating!!! Nothing to lose, everything to gain. For those who like to drink cold water, this article is applicable to you. It is nice to have a cup of cold drink after a meal. However, the cold water will solidify the oily stuff that you have just consumed. It will slow down the digestion. Once this "sludge" reacts with the acid, it will break down and be absorbed by the intestine faster than the solid food. It will line the intestine. Very soon, this will turn into fats and lead to cancer. It is best to drink hot soup or warm water after a meal.

# A serious note about heart attacks:

- Women should know that not every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting,
- Be aware of intense pain in the jaw line.
- You may never have the first chest pain during the course of a heart attack.
- Nausea and intense sweating are also common symptoms.
- 60% of people who have a heart attack while they are asleep do not wake up.
- Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know, the better chance we could survive.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this mail sends it to everyone they know, you can be sure that we'll save at least one life. Source: Satyesh.Bhandari, E-Mail: Satyesh.Bhandari@ril.com

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

# **HELP HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS – JAINA**

As steadfast believer in Jivdaya, we Jains have a moral obligation to help out the survivors of this calamity. The Survivors urgently need basic necessities like Water, food, Clothes, shelter and Medical Supplies. We have already sent 5,000 hygienic kits with Fairfax County Rescue squads. As in many instances in the past, JAINA World Community Service (WCS)

always gets involved and provides a helping hand whenever a natural or man made disaster strikes in any corner of the earth. Our efforts are always directed towards projects with long term benefits like building a school, hospital, housing or a rehabilitation center. JAINA's administrative expenses in carrying out any project is limited to 3% of the funds raised compared to up to 40% cost experienced by many relief organizations. Please contribute generously in the spirit of Bhagwan Mahavir's message of compassion - service to the sick and the poor is the true service to our Lord. Please donate on-line or send your tax-deductible contribution (USA) payable to "JAINA" and mail to: Prakash Mehta, 2960 Motherwell Ct., Oak Hill, VA 20171, E-Mail: pmehta@psiint.com. For comments and contribution, please visit www.jainlink.org and click on contact us. www.jaina.org



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# **AHIMSA**

# **BIRDS FALL PREY TO KITE STRINGS ON MAKAR SANKRANTI**

Awareness drives, attempts to ban production of glass-coated kite strings and similar efforts failed to save birds from kite strings on Makar Sankranti. Dr Reena Dev, a veterinary doctor at the BVC and volunteer at Ahimsa rescue camp in Malad west worked hard to rescue pigeons, crows, kites and even a bat all day long on Makar Sankranti. In spite of best efforts a lot many birds lost their wings and life due glass coating of kite strings. Animal welfare organisations like the Bombay Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Hospital, the Bombay Veterinary College, NGO Karuna, Ahimsa, People for Ethical Treatment of Animals and Plants and Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) roped in nearly 500 volunteers to patrol the city and suburbs from January 14 to 17, when kite flying was at its peak. Ahimsa, which set up a camp at Malad, received 80 calls and rescued 70 birds. The SPCA ambulance rescued about 60 birds, and two owls. NGO Karuna, which patrolled Andheri, rescued 70 pigeons.

Dharmesh Solanki of PETA pointed out that though a ban on glass-coated manja was issued by the Mumbai Police on December 10, its intensity was diluted when Maharashtra Home Minister RR Patil mulled revoking the ban to support the Mumbai Kites and Accessories Manufacturers and Traders' Association. The association had sought Patil's intervention in getting the ban lifted stating that it was imposed without hearing their side. Solanki, whose group was central to issuing of the ban, said, "Hopefully by next year, there will be a proper regulation against glass-coated manja. These manjas are not just a threat to birds but even to people."

# **NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS**

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Shri Harak Chand Ji Dhariwal, aged 59 years and Shri Himani Ji Chopra, aged 18 years accepted Jain Bhagwati diksha in Raipur (Chhatisgarh) in the holy presence of Acharya Shri Ram Lal Ji maharaj, disciple of Shri Nanesh Muni belonging to swetambar sect of Shwetambar ampradaya. On this occasion, learned saints, shri Vinay Muni Ji maharaj and shri Padam Muni Ji maharaj were also present.

# DEVLOK GAMAN ACHRYA SHRI VIMAL MUNI JI MAHARAJ



Achrya Shri Vimal Muni ji Maharaj was founder of many educational and charitable institutions in Northern India .He was known as fearless and revolutionary saint of Jainisam. He was born in Brahmin Family to father Shri. Dev Raj Sharma and mother Smt. Ganga Devi. At the age 15 he came into contact with Jain muni Shri Gokal Chandji and Lal Chandji. At the age 17 he became a jain monk at Sialkot, now in Pakistan. He was great speaker and educationist. He established several institutions in Jammu Kashmir and In Punjab. Many politicians of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir were impressed by his personality. He was also founder of Adhishwar Dham. He was 82 when passed away. Source E-Mail: ravinderjain231049@ymail.com

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