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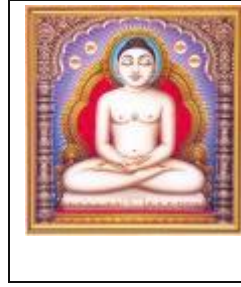
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MAHAVEER : A FEARLESS HERO - ACHARYA MAHAPRAJNA

We live in a time when heroes are famous film stars, musicians or wealthy businessmen. Lord Mahaveer is still remembered and worshipped by millions today, 2600 years after his birth. Why? Acharya Mahaprajna examines the life story of Mahaveer and his message for the world.

ON AN AUSPICIOUS DAY on 17th June, 599 B.C. (Ashad Shukla 6, Friday) LORD Mahaveer was born. The birth of a person in this world is a common event. A number of people are born unnoticed on this earth every day but Mahaveer's birth was marked by an uncanny element. While still growing in his mother's womb, Mahaveer was endowed with clairvoyance (avadhi gyan). An ordinary man is born with indirect knowledge (paroksh) but Mahaveer was born with direct knowledge (pratyaksh), as if he had experienced everything already. This was an extraordinary thing about his birth. When he grew up, he was sent to a local school but on the very first day his teacher noticed his transcendental wisdom and declared that he didn't require any schooling. After Mahaveer's birth, his family began to grow prosperous. Impressed by this phenomenon, his parents gave him the name of Vardhman. Since he was clairvoyant, he came to be known as saman. Realizing his power of tolerance during spiritual practice, he was named as 'Mahaveer' by a class of gods. Two saints - Vijay and Sanjay - came. They saw Mahaveer and a mere glimpse of his personality dispelled all their doubts. A number of names were given and amid them lay hidden a nameless personality.

TEMPLES

FIRST EVER MATA TRISHALA'S PRATIMA INSTALLED AT MAHAVIRPURAM TIRTH, CHOTILA, RAJKOT, INDIA



On Rajkot-Chotila Highway, there is a tirth in Gujarat named Mahavirpuram Tirth, that is maintained under the guidance of Pujya Acharya Punyodai Sagar Maharaj, where there was a 6 feet pratima of Mata Trishala installed on February 23, 2009. Together with Trishala Mata, there is over 4 feet Saheli looking after Trishala, and there are auspicious 14 dreams in over 4 feet, that Trishala Mata had before the birth of Bhagwan Mahavir. All done in white marble. This is first ever and one of a kind pratima made in the world, of Mata Trishala lying on bed, bearing Bhagwan Mahavir in her womb and sleeping in the position having dreams, just before the birth of Bhagwan Mahavir. Mata Trishala, Saheli and 14 Auspicious Dreams were placed at the Tirth in presence of Guru Bhagwant, Pujya Sadhviji Subodhyashri's Sangh, Sadhus and Sadhvijis, who confirmed that this pratima is the first ever to be made in the

world.

The design of the idol, its sculpturing and preparation, were being made and delivered by Mrs. Kailash Bharat Mehta, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Mrs. Kailash Mehta works with many popular sculpturists in Rajasthan, India. Mrs. Kailash Mehta can be reached at E-Mail: kailashmehta@yahoo.com or visit www.moortiarts.com.

JAINS LOSE CUSTODY BATTLE OF STOLEN IDOL OF LORD MAHAVIRA

New Delhi, March 18: The efforts of three Jain temple committees to get a stolen idol of Lord Mahavira for offering prayers did not succeed in a Delhi court which trashed the claim saying it did not belong to them and was the court's property until disposal of the case. The court said that being followers of the Jain religion did not make the claimants the real owners of the idol. Merely because the revisionists are followers of the Jain religion and pray to Lord Mahavira, 24th Tirthankar, it cannot be said that the idol should be released in their favour, the court said, adding they were not its owners prior to the alleged theft. The capital-based Shri Digamber Jain Mandir Management Committee, 1008 Shri Parshvanath Digamber Jain Mandir and Shree Vardhman Digamber Jain Mandir Sabha had filed petitions after being denied possession of the idol by a lower court. The idol of Lord Mahavira was recovered from accused Manoj Kumar at Maurice Nagar Police station here in 2006 and a case of theft was registered.

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7th CENTURY IDOLS OF JAIN TIRTHANKAR EXCAVATED

Sirpur (Chhattisgarh) Archaeologists in Chattisgarh have claimed to have discovered 7th century idols of Yamraj, the Lord of Death in Hinduism, astride a buffalo and an idol of Jain Tirthankar Shri Suparshva Nathji, a divine figure of Jain faith. Further excavations of lands in search of the Jain monuments is going on at the same site. "This idol is made of metamorphic rock, which is found in Mahanadi. It has a female structure on one of its side and structure of Yamraj sitting on a he-buffalo on the other side. The idols are believed to be dating back to the seventh century A.D. when Jains were in power in Sirpur and Buddhism, Jainism and Hinduism had ample patronage from the Kings. Archaeologists hope the latest finding will enable them to uncover the ancient history of Digambar Jains in the region.

ELABORATE PRATISHTHA CELEBRATIONS AT PALITANA

Holy idols of Bhagwan Mahavir and other Tirthankars as well as foot steps of Dada Gurudev Shri Jin Dutt Suri Ji and Shri Jin Kushal Suri Ji were installed and pratishtha ceremony carried out on the 12th March, 2009 at Palitana (In the talahati) in the holy presence of Upadhyay Shri Mani Prabh Sagar Ji Maharaj. Gachhadhipati Acharya Shri Jin Kushal Suri Ji Maharaj had given his consent for this ceremony. The celebrations were organised by Shri Shatrunjay Dada Gurudev Pratishtha Ayojan Samiti with the advice of Sheth Anand Ji Kalyan Ji Pedhi.

ANCIENT JAIN SCRIPTURES NOW A CLICK AWAY

A website on Jain religion has been created with a collection of 623 scriptures, a Jain spiritual leader has said. Rare scriptures, written around 2000 years ago, can be accessed through the site, www.jaingranths.com The granths (holy books) are made available in Sanskrit, Prakrit, Dhundhari, English and Gujarati languages or dialects, Jain Acharya Suvidhi Sagar said. The site also includes granths of Shewatamber and Digamber sects, studies on Ganit (Maths) Bhugol (geography), Itihas (history) and Ayurveda in connection with Jainism.



JAINS IN THE UK UNITE TO CELEBRATE MAHAVIR JANMA KALYANAK - 10 & 11 APRIL, 2009



Once again, the UK Jain community has joined hands together to celebrate Bhagwan Mahavir's Janma Kalyanak this April. Organised under the banner of JAINS UK, this year's 'Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebrations' will be held over a two-day period on Friday 10 April and Saturday 11 April 2009 and be held at Harrow Leisure Centre, Christchurch Avenue, Harrow HA3 5BD. During the day two day event, Jains of all ages will be able to explore Bhagwan Mahavir's teachings and their relevance in modern day life, look at the Jain way of life and celebrate Mahavir's birth with a series of lectures, workshops, seminars, a Navgaraha

poojan, a drama by young people from Shri Chandana Vidyapeeth in South London, a cultural show and an entertaining raas garba event. Eminent speaker to address include Pujya Chitrabhanuji, Pujya Jin Chandra Maharaj (Bandhu Triputi), Pujya Acharya Chandnaji, Pujya Sadhvi Subhamji, Pujya Kumarpal Desai, Dr Will Tuttle and Hemal Shah.

STOLEN JAIN TEMPLE IDOLS RECOVERED IN KOLKATA

Members of the Kolkata Jain community expressed their gratitude to city police chief Gautam Mohan Chakrabarti and deputy commissioner (detective department) Jawed Shamim for retrieving two idols of Jain temple in Alipore. A few months ago, the two idols one 8-inch eight metalled and other a 4-inch silver one went missing. It deeply hurt the sentiment of the Jain community. After a thorough investigation, detective department sleuths recovered the idols from a sacked security guard, who worked in a building near the temple. Vinod Jain, a spokesperson of the community, said, "We are really thankful to the city police for retrieving the sacred figures."

JAIN MONK INSTALLED LAKSHMI IDOL OF KUSHANA PERIOD, MATHURA

Shri Lakshmi in Jainism: In Jaina Literature, in Kalpa-Sutra the abhisheka (abhiseya) of Siri is one of the fourteen auspicious dreams of Trisala Devi, Before the birth of Mahavira. In Paryusana Kalpa the Abhiseya of Sri is described. The worshipful shri seated on a lotus of the lotus lake amongst the heights of Himalayas anointed by the waters poured upon her by the strong, thick trunks of the elephants of quarters. In the Bhagavati Sutra the same theme, as one of the fourteen dreams of Queen Dharini, is designated as abhiseya. In later Parisistaparvan of Hemachandra, Shri is referred to as Shri Devi who held in her hand a lotus to worship the gods with and her residence in the Himalayas is called Padmahrada.



There is detailed description Goddess Lakshmi or Shri has been very popular in India. It has been common in the merchant communities. Some Jains do not worship any gods or goddesses other than the Tirthankaras and Some worship no idols at all. Lakshmi indicates prosperity. Worship of Lakshmi indicates an admiration of prosperity and a sense of liability towards it. Idol of Lakshmi is occasionally found in some Jain temples. There is a view that the Jains have taken worship of Lakshmi from the Puranic Brahmanism. This does not appear to be correct. The oldest known independent idol of Lakshmi is from Mathura from the Kushana period. It was installed under the supervision of Jain monk Aryadeva by an iron-merchant (or iron-smith) Gottika. They had also installed what is now the oldest known idol of Saraswati. Source :Mr. SANJAY KUMAR JAIN, E-Mail : vishwajains@yahoo.com

SAINTS

JAINS ARE PART OF HINDU SOCIETY-JAIN ACHARYA VIJAY RATNASUNDER SURISHWARJI



Jain saint Shri Vijay Ratnasunder Surishwar Ji Maharaj said in New Delhi that the Jains are part of Hindu society and any move to separate them from the Hindu society would be disastrous. He was presiding over a Dharma Sabha in Delhi organised at Mahavir Kendra on March 1. All the speakers and the saints participating in the Sabha stressed the need to warn the political leadership in clear words not to divide the society any more. The Dharma Sabha was organised by Indraprastha Vishwa Hindu Parishad. He further said the recent decision of the government to extend minority status to Jains would lead to separatism. "Every section of the Hindu society believes in harmony and togetherness. We need to first decide whether we wish to bridge the gap or want to create a wall of differences. Despite the diversity of various ways of worship, communities and Gods we all are one. Jains can never think of seeking separation from the Hindu society. Any move to extend minority status to any section of the society today is equal to attacking the integrity of the country. It should be seen as an attempt to destabilise the harmony between various sections of the Hindu society.

He reminded the gathering of the Supreme Court decision delivered by three judges bench headed by the then Chief Justice Shri R. C. Lahoti in 2005 in which the court had clearly said the main task of the Minority Commission is to suggest the ways and means to create the social conditions in which first the names of various sections could be deleted from the minority list and finally the entire list of minorities is deleted forever. He said the Supreme Court is also in favour of the creation of the society where the divisions of majority and minority become irrelevant. "This attitude of the Supreme Court should be acceptable to all of us and we should move in that direction only so that the unity and harmony continues between all sections of the society," he added.

He further said all these sections of the society existed even during the British regime and nobody was then divided on the basis of minority or majority. "Then why the unity of the nation is being dented in the name of cheaper issues. We have been living together for centuries and in future also we will live together. I wish to state in clear words that granting the

status of minority to any section of the Hindu society anywhere in the country is wrong and illegal and should be rejected out rightly," he added.

Swami Hansdas, General secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Sant Samiti, criticised the government move to divide the society on the basis of minority and majority. Dr Surendra Jain, national spokesperson of VHP, said the minorityism is a curse for the integrity of the country and it would prove very costly to the country. Kalikapeethadhishwar Mahant Surendra Avadhoot and Swami Bhaktiswaroopanand also spoke at the Dharma Sabha. The meeting also adopted a unanimous resolution, which said the Jains are an integral part of Hindu society and granting them minority status will damage the unity of the Hindu society.

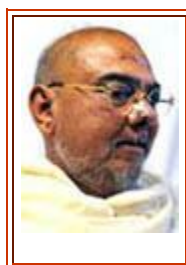


POSTAGE STAMP OF JAIN SAINT ACHARYA SHREE VIJAY VALLABH SURISHWAR JI

On 21st February, 2009, a commemorative postage stamp of very progressive Jain Saint Acharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwar Ji Maharaj (1870-1954) was released by the Hon. Shri A. Raja, Union Minister of Communication and Information at Chennai of the value of Rs.5 each along with First Day Covers and Brochures on Gurudev. Postage stamps and other paraphernalia worth about Rs.50 lacs have been printed and distributed by the Govt. through its various prestigious post offices throughout India. Source : Mr. Raj

Kumar Jain, E-Mail : rkjain@enkayrub.com

BRAIN SURGERY OF ACHARYA YASHOVIJAY SURI JI PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY AT PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER



In A six-hour brain surgery performed in Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, the surgeons restored sight to a man whose followers consider him to be a living god. Acharya Yashovijaysuri Ji Maharaj, aged 63 years, a great scholar of Jainism, one of the world's oldest religions, was later discharged .. Neurosurgeons removed a golf ball-sized tumor from deep in his brain by pulling it through his nose. After the operation, he felt comfortable and said , "my eye sight has progressed more than expected."

A REPORT FROM PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER

Since age 11, Yashovijaysuri has devoted himself to the Jain religion, centered in India. Its basic tenets are nonviolence, open-mindedness and a lack of materialism. To avoid killing anything, Yashovijaysuri sweeps the ground before he steps, is vegetarian and doesn't wear clothing that is sewn because stitching could harm micro-organisms. Several years ago, he lost sight in his left eye. He was beginning to lose vision in his right eye when Jain follower Dr. Dinesh Mehta, a retired oncologist in Antwerp, Belgium, learned about the problem from other followers. "He would never complain about it himself," Mehta said. "He doesn't care for his own life." Mehta persuaded Yashovijaysuri to get a brain scan, which showed a growing, noncancerous tumor pushing on his optic nerve. Doctors in India opened his skull but couldn't remove the tumor because it was deep, fibrous and fed by blood vessels. Mehta consulted medical colleagues who suggested a technique pioneered by UPMC neurosurgeon Dr. Amin Kassam. It allows surgeons to reach and remove a tumor through a patient's nostril and sinus cavity, using tiny knives, clamps and cameras.

Mehta and fellow Jain follower Shrikant Parikh of Houston researched the surgery. "I went to 15 doctors, and they all pointed us to Pittsburgh," said Parikh. One problem: Yashovijaysuri had never traveled by a method other than foot because he cannot clear the path before him of insects or micro-organisms if he rides by car, bicycle, train, plane or boat. Mehta and Parikh persuaded Yashovijaysuri's 1 million followers to grant the guru permission to fly to Pittsburgh for surgery. The Jain community raised money for the trip and operation. With assistance from Kassam and Dr. Paul Gardner, co-director of UPMC's Center for Skull Base Surgery, Dr. Daniel Prevedello removed Yashovijaysuri's tumor. "In this situation, you want to make sure everything goes perfectly," said Prevedello, associate director of exovascular neurosurgery at UPMC. "But it wasn't any different for me than any other surgery — they're all just as important - and when I was doing the procedure,

I just focused on that."

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For the next year, Yashovijaysuri will regain vision. That's important to him, because he is an avid reader and has written more than a dozen books about Jainism. Color-blind before the operation, Yashovijaysuri now can see in a range of hues. Mehta said Yashovijaysuri agreed to the operation only because he wanted to be open-minded to the desires of the Jain community. When he returns home, he likely will fast to repent for any lives — including bacteria — killed by his plane ride and car trips. "He is only traveling for this medical mission," said Vinod Doshi of Monroeville, who attends the Hindu Jain Temple in Monroeville with about 60 Jain families. "He will not preach, he will not go to temple, he will not do anything that isn't related to his medical care. "It is a true credit to us in Pittsburgh that he has come here for his care," Doshi said. "Pittsburgh has become so famous in India. Every day we're getting calls from his followers, asking how he is doing." Allison M. Heinrichs can be reached, E-Mail : aheinrichs@tribweb.com or 412-380-5607 412-380-5607.

JAIN FESTIVALS - APRIL, 2009 -INFORMATION COURTESY : DR. RAJENDRA MUNI, NEW DELHI



Date	Festivals
01.04.2009	Moksha Kalyank of Sambhavnath Bhagawan
01.04.2009	Start of Oli Tap
03.04.2009	Moksha Kalyank of Sumtinath Bhagawan
05.04.2009	Keval Kalyank of Sumtinath Bhagawan
07.04.2009	Mahavir Jayanti
09.04.2009	Keval Kalyank of Padam Prabhu Bhagawan
09.04.2009	End of Oli Tap
10.04.2009	Moksha Kalyank of Kunthunath Bhagawan
11.04.2009	Moksha Kalyank of Sheetalnath Bhagawan
14.04.2009	Diksha Kalyank of Kunthunath Bhagawan
15.04.2009	Chayawan Kalyank of Sheetalnath Bhagawan
20.04.2009	Moksha Kalyank of Neminath Bhagawan
23.04.2009	Ananthnath Bhagawan Jayanti
24.04.2009	Diksha Kalyank of Ananthnath Bhagawan
24.04.2009	Keval Kalyank of Ananthnath Bhagawan
24.04.2009	Kunthunath Bhagawan Jayanti
27.04.2009	Akshay Tritiya Mahotsav, Varshatap Parna Diwas
28.04.2009	Chayawan Kalyank of Abhinandan Bhagawan
03.04.2009	Pushp Nakshatra
19.04.2009 to 24.04.2009	Panchak
09.04.2009 & 24.04.2009	Pakshik Parv
24.04.2009	Amrit Sidhi Yog
1,3,7,9,10,11,13,18,27,30,	Good Days

DIKSHA PROGRAMMES

1. Sri Amrit Kumar son of Shri Tek Narayan and Smt. Nayana Devi, born on 18th December, 1990 at Sonapat will be accepting Jain Diksha from Bhishm Pitamah Shri Sumati Prakash Ji Maharaj, belonging to Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Shraman sangh in the presence of Yuvacharya Dr. Vishal Muni Ji and Shri Padam Muni Ji Maharaj on the 27th April, 2009.

Sushri Rina Jain from Delhi will accept Jain diksha on the 31st March, 2009 at Durg in Madhya Pradesh from Shri Vinay Muni Bheem, disciple of Yuvacharya Shri Madhukar Muni Ji Maharaj in the presence of Sadhwi Shri Jaymala Ji Maharaj.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

YOUNG JAINS TO HOLD JAINS SANSKAR CAMP ON 5TH APRIL, 2009, NEW DELHI



Young Jains is a dynamic, vibrant organization dedicated to spread Jain philosophy. A revolutionary movement of Young 'Jains' at Global level irrespective of the sects and the sub-sects, through simple transformation of core Jain principles into easily understandable and practicable life style. In the same endeavor & to mark the celebration of Mahavir Jayanti (7th Apr, 09) this year YJ is organizing a Jain Sanskar Camp on 5th Apr, 09 at Adyatma Sadhana Kendra, Chattarpur (Near Andheria Mor), Mehrauli Gurgaon Road, Delhi. The camp will provide you insight on Jain sanskar and will help to build it within yourself, beside this it will take you to the unexplored world of Jain meditation (Preksha Dhyana) and the unparalleled Karyotsarg reflections. There are only limited seats available. Please rush and confirm your presence for free by simply replying through your e-mail, SMS or call.

Speakers: Dr. Jay Kumar Upadhye – A Sanskrit, Prakrit Professor at Lal Bahadur Shastri Vidyapeeth, Delhi is a native of Belgaum, Karnataka and has family history of being associated with great Jain Acharyas in literary works. Dr. Upadhye is a blend of knowledge and wisdom, having many possessions like Vaastu, Ayurved, Prakrit, Sanskrit, Sangeet acharya pads. He truly gives an angle for the real Jain Sanskars. Swami Dharmanand Ji – Swami ji is known for his techniques and innovations in Jain Meditation. Dr. C. Devakumar – A Tamilian Jain from the land of Acharya Kund Kund Dev (Ponnurmalai, Tamilnadu) & working as Principal Scientist, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi. Mr. Devakumar holds good knowledge on Jain Tatvas and implements them in modern means with relevance as per today. He is a strong aurator and tells the foundation principles of Jainism in simplest manner. Mr. Anil Kr. Jain- He is Founder Trustee of Ahimsa Foundation (Ahimsa Times) and a Chartered Accountant by Profession. Mr. Jain who hails from Jodhpur, Rajasthan is a Jainism devoted personality. He developed and hosted one of the oldest and today among the largest Jain website called JainSamaj.org. His dedication for the cause is perceptible. He is a good pick for the leadership among the Young's in society. As per Young Jains tradition, YJ will be acting as a facilitator for organization of the event, administrative expenses will be beared by Young Jains. But we expect attendee members to pay for the food services directly to Ask Rasoi. To Connect Call: Yogesh Jain +91-9811341488 +91-9811341488 , Neeraj Jain +91-9999905646 +91-9999905646 , For more information visit : www.youngjains.co.in or E-Mail : info@youngjains.co.in

PARLIAMENT OF WORLD RELIGIONS- 2009 - EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 31, 2009



The fifth Parliament of Worlds Religions will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from December 3 through December 09, 2009. This Parliament is projected to bring in about 10,000 people from 80 countries and attended by high level spiritual/religious people from all over the world including Dalai Lama, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and others. Australian government is supporting this event with full enthusiasm. To offer additional groups and individuals the opportunity to register at the significantly lower cost, the Early Bird Deadline has been extended through March 31, 2009. Those desirous to attend can take advantage of this significantly lower cost to register for the 2009 Parliament of the Worlds Religions, Melbourne, Australia December 3-9, 2009. Encounter the vast and rich diversity of the worlds religious and spiritual traditions and take part in over 500 events, including major addresses, seminars, conferences, dialogues, performances, concerts and exhibitions. The theme of the Melbourne Parliament, Make a World of Difference: Hearing each other, healing the earth reflects the urgent need to act on concerns for the environment, peace, and overcoming poverty, and to cultivate awareness of our global interconnectedness. This theme calls for action and is parallel to the teachings of Anekaantvaad and Parasparopgraha Jivanaam. To attend the Parliament, please Register now. The conference theme, sub themes, daily schedule, call for programs, criteria for program selection and proposal forms have been put on the Parliament. For enquiries, please contact: Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, 70 East Lake Street, Suite 205, Chicago, Illinois 60601 USA. Tel: + 1312-629-2990 + 1312-629-2990 , Fax: + 1312-629-299

INTERFAITH EVENT IN CHICAGO.- PREPARE FOR PEACE MOVEMENT



While Australia prepares for the 2009 Parliament of the Worlds Religions, held in Melbourne from December 3 to 9, here in Chicago, the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago, in partnership with the Council for a Parliament of the Worlds Religions, Chicago is preparing for a pre-Parliament interfaith event. The theme of the event is Prepare for Peace: Fostering Interfaith Collaboration for Alternatives to Violence. It will take place at the temple of the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago, 435 N. Route 59, Bartlett, IL, 60103 (phone: 630-

837-1077 630-837-1077) on March 29, 2009, from 1 to 6 p.m. Co-creators of this event are Sukhadia Sweets, Science of Spirituality, Batavia Islamic Center, Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, Zoroastrian Assoc. of North America, Hyde Park Peace Dojo, Universal Peace dances, Gandhi Foundation, Aurora Temple, The Global Organization of People of Indian Origin.

Dipak Jain, dean of the prestigious Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, will be a featured speaker. Dipak Jain is the guiding force behind this event. He will address issues of the economics of nonviolence and the need for alternatives to violence, if we as a human race are to continue to exist. Please call program organizer, Dr. Hema Pokharna, at 773-368-1656 773-368-1656 , E-Mail : hemapokharna.phd@gmail.com, for more information. Hema is a member of JSMC and a trustee on the board of CPWR and Play for Peace, she is also an international mediator and negotiator, and, nonviolent communication and appreciative inquiry trainer.

LECTURE SERIES ON RESEARCH IN PRAKRIT AND JAINA STUDIES AT JAIN STUDY CENTRE OF RAJASTHAN UNIVERSITY

A four-day lecture series on 'Prakrit language and Jain studies' was organised from 16th to 19th December, 2008 at the Jain study and Research Centre of Rajasthan University at Jaipur. Eminent Jain scholar, historian, litterateur and recipient of President's award, Dr. Raja Ram Jain was the invited speaker on the occasion. He threw light on various aspects of Prakrit language and Jain religion for the benefit of teachers, research students and others present at the function. He brought out the ancient nature of Prakrit language and its popular use as a language in Rig Veda and during pre-historic period. He gave a list of words in English which were originated from Prakrit and emphasized the need for intensive study and research on Jain geological documents and inscriptions. He informed that at present, more than 1,27,000 religious manuscripts were in the possession of different countries, ot of which a sizeable number could be Jain manuscripts. If these were brought back here and studied by our scholars, a lot of new information and knowledge could be revealed.

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SEMINAR ON "NON-VIOLENCE, COMPASSION & INSTRUMENTALITY, CHENNAI

The Dept. of Jainology, University of Madras, Chennai, conducted a National Seminar on Feb. 13 & 14. The theme of the seminar was "Non-Violence, Compassion & Instrumentality. 40 participants from different parts of the country presented papers on the meaning, purpose and dimensions of non-violence, compassion and instrumentality. The students of the department also presented a skit on 'Ahimsa & Environment'. Besides, they also presented a dialogue between Nimit & Upadan. The papers and the skit were very well received and appreciated. The articles will soon be published in the form of a book. Source : Ms. Priyadarshana Jain, E-Mail: priyadarshanajain@yahoo.in

JAINA 2009 CONVENTION, CHANGE IN VENUE - CONVENTION IN CALIFORNIA



For quite some time, the organisers have been concerned at deteriorating economic conditions in the U.S. and rest of the world and have been thinking about how best to minimize the impact of worsening situation on convention attendees and on JAINA. The biennial conventions have a long and proud history of bringing Jains together and promoting the cause of Jainism. But the present conditions demand that we refocus the convention in a way that will still provide all the benefits of a traditional convention while reducing the cost of attending the convention. Accordingly, it has been decided on the following changes.

The convention venue will be moved from Anaheim Convention Center to the Jain Center of Southern California's newly renovated Jain Bhavan in Los Angeles. Please visit www.jaincenter.net for details. Convention registration fee has been reduced significantly: Early bird Registration fees for adult has been reduced from \$150 to \$100 per person. Please visit www.jaina.org for more details and to register. We are working on refund process for those who have already registered and the information will be posted at www.jaina.org. Early bird registration deadline has been extended from March 15th to April 15th, 2009. For any questions or further information, please E-Mail : emailregistration2009@jaina.org.

HONOUR / AWARDS

DR. C. L. BAGDA HONOURED WITH MEGHNATH SAHA AWARD AT CALCUTTA

Dr. Chiranji Lal Bagda, an authority on vegetarianism and dedicated to spread it all over the country was honoured with the coveted "Meghnath Saha Award" for his rich contribution in this field.

The award was given away at the 32nd International Heritage Conference-2009 held recently at Calcutta. Dr. Bagda had earlier done his Ph.D. in the field of vegetarianism from USA. As a mark of honour, Dr. D. N. Sahay, Governor of Tripura, present on this occasion, honoured him with a memento and a shawl.

KARUNA INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES "KARUNA RATNA AWARD"

Karuna International, a social organisation, devoted wholly to inculcate compassion and non-violence amongst children at the very early age during schooling, has announced a "Karuna Ratna Award" to a person, who has spent all his life in the promotion of ahimsa, compassion and vegetarianism. The award consists of a letter of eulogy with a sum of Rs. one lakh. This amount of the award is to be given with the cooperation of M/S Surana and Surana, International Attornies Charitable Trust, Chennai. Those wishing to be considered for the award may please send their particulars to Shri Kailash Mal Doogar, Chairman, Award Selection Committee Karuna International, at 70, Shambudas Street, Chennai - 600 001.

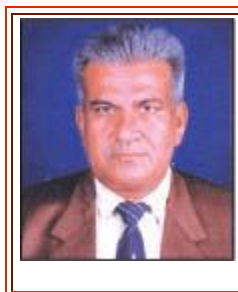
JANHAVI DHARIWAL WINS 'YOUNG WOMAN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR' AWARD

Ms. Janhavi Dhariwal, Managing Director, Manikchand Nandadeep Paper Products Private Ltd was conferred 'the best young woman entrepreneur of the year award' at a recent function held by Jain International Trade Organization. Ms. Dhariwal was awarded with this prestigious award in the presence our honorable Mayor, Ms. Raj Lakshmi Bhosale, Mr. Rasiklal Dhariwal, Mrs. Shobha Dhariwal amongst others.

On winning the award Ms. Janhavi R. Dhariwal (MD, MNPPPL) emphasized that, 'It is not at all tough for a woman to make a mark in the society today provided she leaves her mentality at home when she comes to work. Women today are multitasking, balancing both their personal and professional lives. They should not be judged by their attires but by the work they do. As a well-accepted challenge, Janhavi Dhariwal joined Nandadeep Paper Products Pvt. Ltd, as the Executive Director in September 2005. It was a courageous decision for the young lady, as the company was then a loss-making unit. She started with a modest workforce of 60 people and today Nandadeep Paper Products Pvt. Ltd has grown to 150 people and after breaking even in just one year, the company today boasts of being a profitable unit with distinguished corporate brands as their customers.

DR. TATER APPOINTED AS VICE CHANCELLOR OF SINGHANIA UNIVERSITY

It is heartening to note that Dr. Sohan Raj Tater, a noted scholar of Jainism and an academician has been appointed as "Vice Chancellor" of Singhania University, Pacheri Bari, Dist: Jhunjhunu (Raj.), which is run by J. K. Singhania Group. Dr. Tater was born on 5th July, 1947 at Jasol in Barmer Dist. of Rajasthan and his residence is at Jodhpur. He passed B.E. (Mech.), M. E. (P.H.), M.A. (Jainilogy) and Ph. D. and has written more than 50 articles, published in Indian and international journals. He is recipient of several awards and is a member of large number of social and religious institutions and associations.



EDUCATION

A JAILED BIHAR LEGISLATOR RECEIVES DOCTORAL DEGREE FOR THESIS ON MAHAVIR'S NON-VIOLENCE



March 5 : Jailed Bihar legislator, Sunil Pandey, sentenced to life imprisonment for kidnapping a doctor, was awarded a PhD for his research on Lord Mahavir's philosophy of Ahimsa (non-violence). The Veer Kunwar Singh University (VKSU) at Arrah in Bhojpur district, about 60 km from here, awarded a doctorate degree to Pandey at its convocation for his thesis "Mahavir Ke Updesh Adhunik Paripeksha Mein (Mahavir's Teachings in the Modern Context)." University sources said Pandey appeared for the viva examination Nov. 25 under police custody. He was interviewed for nearly an hour by a team of experts on Jainism and the result was published on Nov 27.

Pandey, in his 40s, is a legislator of Bihar's ruling Janata Dal-United (JD-U) from Piro and is currently lodged in Patna's Beur jail. He has nearly two dozen criminal cases against him that include murder, kidnapping, extortion and loot. In September last year, he was sentenced to life imprisonment for kidnapping Ramesh Chandra, a neurosurgeon, in 2003. Pandey now wants to write a book on the principles of non-violence propounded by lord Mahavira, the 24th and last "Tirthankara" of the Jain religion. The legislator has written at least half a dozen articles on Mahavir's non-violence. He has been doing research on Mahavir's non-violence, not for livelihood or out of any compulsion but due to his keen interest.

NEW COURSES ON JAINISM AND NON-VIOLENCE (AUG. - DEC. 2009)

An university course in Jainism and non-violence, an ancient Indian religion is available at the University of North Carolina From Mahavira to Mahatma Gandhi: The Non-violent Jain Traditions of India. Topics Covered will be Origin of Jainism, Jain History , Jain Theology and Practices, Karma and Jain Philosophy, Contemporary Jains , Gandhi and Martin Luther King , Nonviolence Today. For more information about the above programs call Dr. Pankaj Jain, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, North Carolina State University, Cell : 908-229 0372 908-229 0372 , E-Mail : pjain5@ncsu.edu

YOGA EDUCATION TO BE SOON MADE COMPULSORY IN SCHOOLS

The Minister of Health, Dr. Anbumani Rama Doss mentioned at a conference that Yoga education would soon be made compulsory in all Government and private schools in the country. He added that teachers and the school management should pay attention not only to studies of students but also to their physical health.

M. A. PROGRAMME IN JAINISM OFFERED BY CHENNAI UNIVERSITY

The admissions for M.A. Programme in Jainism for academic year 2009-'10 will begin from April last week onwards. Interested person can contact Dr. Priyadarshana Jain (Lecturer Dept. of Jainology) at the following E-Mail: priyadarshanajain@yahoo.in, Tel No:98403 68851. Address: Department of Jainology, University of Madras, Chennai -600 005.

INSTITUTIONS

DEVELOPMENT WORK GOING AT FULL PACE AT NAVKAR TEERTH, DELHI WITH THE BLESSING OF DR. RAJENDRA MUNI



The construction work at Dr. Rajendra Muni inspired "Navkar Teerth Atishay Kshetra" is progressing faster than scheduled. On 6th December, 2008, foundation stone of was laid in the presence of many Eminent Jain Saints and about 3000 community members.

Dr Rajendra Muni Uppravarthak of Svetamber Sthanakwasi sect, who inspired the concept of "Navkar Teerth Atishay Kshetra " is the driving force behind the institution and due to his guidance.The institution will innaugrate its first building on 19th April 2009. The event will again be attended by several Eminent Jain Saints along with community members from all across India and a few from abroad too. On this occasion, along with innauguration of new building of Bhojanshala & Gauti Bhandar group Navkar Mantra Jaap will be performed by the Saints. The Navkar Teerth Trust office bearer have exprressed their deep gratitude for the support & guidance from Upadhyaya Ramesh Muni, Uppravarthak Rajendra Muni, Uvamanishi Surender Muni & Deepesh Muni. It will not be out of place to say that this group of Sthanakwasi Saints is enjoying great popularity from both Jains & Non-Jains due to their progressive approach.

JAIN COMMUNITY SHOULD COME FORWARD TO PROVIDED QUALITY EDUCATION - SHANTI LAL MUTHA



Quality English Medium Schools: The need - It is well acknowledged that Education has been identified as the key contributor to socio economic development. The future of India largely depends on the educational level of the society. "Quality English Medium Education – a need of the hour" has become the demand from nearly every Indian household as English is the language for professional and technical communication in India and world over and working knowledge of English necessary to attain competitiveness. Today' children want to be global citizens, aim high, be the global faces of tomorrow in all emerging fields and want access to education that can provide them all. However, on another side, with increasing undesirable influence of the Western Culture and Lifestyle in our household, India seems to be loosing one of its core strength – our culture, value system. A value system that taught people to show respect to all, close family ties, peaceful co-existence, social unity etc. To address the need of setting up Quality & Value Based Education in English medium, WE need to Set up Quality English Medium Institutions that will deliver Education in its truest sense to include not only academic knowledge but also the understanding and adoption of human values in terms of moral, ethical, spiritual and social right from childhood.

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- are a successful and proactive person
- have a deep desire to be involved in Social development and considering Education as a activity media
- you understand the need for Quality education along with our strong moral and values

You can therefore actively consider establishing a New Quality English medium school with comprehensive program of Value-based education starting from the primary level, embracing the entire spectrum of educational process. Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana acknowledges the fact that setting up Quality English Medium Schools is not very easy and thus tied up with Jain Group of Institutions for supporting you realize your dream by offering FREE guidance and support for such a venture. Contact Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana: VIII Floor Muttha Chambers II, Senapati Bapat Marg, Pune 411016 Tel.: 020-66050000 Email: info@fjei.org

JAYANTI BHAI SANGHVI FROM AHMEDABAD TAKES OVER AS PRESIDENT OF BHARAT JAIN MAHA-MANDAL

Shri Jayanti Bhai Sanghvi, an industrialist and a devoted Jain from Ahmedabad was elected recently as President of Bharat Jain Mahamandal. In a meeting of Mahamandal, he called upon the Jains belonging to all sects to come together and celebrate forth-coming Mahavir Jayanti in a whole-hearted manner with a sense of unity. All Jain groups should come together under one banner and work with full zeal to make the celebrations grand and unique. Many eminent members of Mahamandal, including Shri Shubh Karan Ji Surana, Shri Prakash Bhai Shah, Shri Jaswant Kothari and others were present at the meeting and extended their full cooperation. Shri Jayanti Bhai stressed on the need to work assiduously towards education, unity in the community and service to humanity.

SHRI ATMAVALLABH JAIN UNIVERSITY TO BE ESTABLISHED AT BHIVADI

Jain University is soon going to be established at Bhivadi in Maharashtra on the inspiration of Acharya Shri Vallabh Surishwar Ji Maharaj by the collective efforts of Shwetambar Jain Murti-Pujak sangh. A site for the University has been chosen covering a total area of 40 sq. km. at Vill. Padhgha, about 22 km. from Bhivadi 7 km. off the Thane-Nasik road. The foundation-laying ceremony was held recently in the presence of Acharya Ratnakar Surishwar Ji Maharaj. The entire work of design and construction is being taken up under his guidance. It is understood that the University will be composed of a Jain Temple, Gurukul, Mahavir Jain Vidhyalaya, Mahavir Jain College, Engineering College and eight other vocational colleges. A Trust, by the name of Shri Vijay Vallabh Vidhyanagar Trust has been established and registered. Mr. Bhanwar Lal Moti Lal Palrecha has been appointed the first President of the University.

JITO TO LAUNCH ITS NEW CHAPTER AT HYDERABAD



The JITO Hyderabad Chapter will be inaugurated by Shri Ajay Jain, IAS, Managing Director of A.P. Genco. and guests of honour include Shri Hemant M. Shah, National President, Shri Shantilal M. Kawar, Secretary General, Shri Mahinder Kumar Jain, President and Shri N. Tarachand Dugar, Secretary General of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Pondy Zone. Immediately after the inauguration of the new Hyderabad Chapter, Shri Goutam Chand Jain Pikarna as Chairman, Shri D.C. Galada as Chief Secretary and other members of Managing Committee will be installed by The National President of JITO.

JITO aims to confer its members the benefits of wider Global Business Contacts, access to Global Trade Directory on Web, opportunity to participate in International Trade Fairs, Conferences and Delegations. JITO is fast spreading to many countries abroad such as South East Asian Countries, Far East Countries, USA, Europe and others. It already has chapters at Dubai and Hongkong. It has three tiers of membership, which is about 2000 across all categories of memberships. Many well-known Jain industrialists in the country have already become the members of JITO. Some of the activities of JITO includes setting up a Jain University at an outlay of Rs 500 crore. for which Rajasthan and Gujarat Governments have promised all sorts of help in setting up the same. JITO has already mobilised Rs 2.5 cr as seed capital towards the same. JITO has been providing free and cash less medical insurance to 8000 Jain monks spread all over India at a cost of Rs 50 crore. JITO has been providing free training to Jain youth who plan to write Civil Service exams. It even provides educational loans at very nominal rate of 4 per cent interest. Muni Naypadmasagarji Maharaj, is the mentor and conceptualiser of JITO with the blessings of Guru Bhagwants had a dream of uniting all Jains under one Umbrella Organisation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CONGRATULATION ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AHIMSA TIMES

Dr. Balaji Ganorkar, Director, B. L. Institute of Indology - I became very glad to see old issues of Ahimsa Times displayed on the Internet since August 2000. I appreciate your efforts which you had done during a decade for the Jaina Community without keeping any reservations of any sects and sub-groups.

Definitely it is a wonderful activity which you are running selflessly. As this year in August 2009, Ahimsa Times will celebrate its 10th Anniversary; we expect some thing more wonderful from your team. Are you planning to release special number of articles on this occasion with other relevant items? You may think on it and proceed for the noble cause. Dr. Balaji Ganorkar, Director, B. L. Institute of Indology, 20th Km. G. T. K. Road, P.O.Alipur, Delhi 110036. Tele : 91-11-27202065/27206630, E-Mail : blinst@blinstitute.org

VISIT OF JAIN SAINT TO PAKISTAN

This refers to AHIMSA TIMES of FEB 2009, news Item "Muni Lokesh Kumar visiting Pakistan". In his own version, he said: I visited Pakistan in Sept and has Good friends there in Lahore Karachi And Multan. Many Office Bearers of ANIMAL SAVE MOVEMENT OF PAKISTAN are VEGETARIAN. President is Khalid Mahmood Qureshi(hailing From Rohtak).

He visited last April and met many jain saints at Delhi. In Multan there is Hindu Temple (run by Valmiki samaj) during my Visit with the help of above mentioned Society, I handed over documents for the Land for Cremation Ground for Hindus, which was not there earlier. Pakistani govt. offered Rs.7 lacs for purchase of Land. If they want any assistance ,We are ready. Dr. Sandeep K. Jain Mob. 09888482696.

NEW BOOKS ON JAINISM

SURENDRA MUNI'S BOOK " MAHA PRABHU MAHAVIR " RELEASED



The Book " Maha Prabhu Mahavir" written by Shwetamber Sect Saints, Yuamanishi Surendra Muni is an meticulous work using simple Hindi Language. The book covers Mahavir's a life, phylosophy and many other characters who came in contact with Mahavir from time to time including his own family.Surendra Muni has explained in easy language how the perception of Mahavir Changed with time & its impact all around. The book is published by Jamnadas & Company, 1389, Chandni Chowk, Delhi – 6. (Tel – 099-688-90408). Intersted readers may request for free copy of the book from the publishers. Surendra Muni relates to Shwetamber Sthanakwasi Sect.

BRIEF HISTORY OF JAINISM: TRISHASHTHI SHALAKA PURUSHA CARITRA THE JAIN SAGA

An English translation of Acharya Hemacandra's 'Trishashthi Shalaka Purusha Caritra',By Helen Johnson,Revised by Muni Samvegayashavijaya,English,Set of 3 books,2009 235 x 155 mm 1800 pages, Deluxe Softcover edition in a Slipcase Rs. 1000 for the set.

Acharya Hemacandra is one of the most influential Acaryas of the Jain tradition. He was widely respected not only in the Jain tradition, but also in the Sanskrit world of the 12th century.He is said to have composed 45 million verses. He wrote extensively in Prakrit, Sanskrit, Apabhramsha and Old Gujarati.Of his works, the most influential are: 'Yogashastra' and 'Trishashthi Shalaka Purusha Caritra'.Both are Sanskrit works, the former focusing on inner development and spiritual nourishment while the latter recounts the hagiographies of the 63 Illustrious Men of the Jain tradition.

The 63 Great Men of the Jain tradition are:24 Tirthankaras,12 Cakravartis,9 Narayanas,9 Balabhadras,9 Prati-Narayanas. This telling of the hagiographies of the 63 Great Men is known as the Jain Universal History. There is a rich tradition in the Jain community of writing highly articulate life stories of the 63 Great Men. Acarya Jinasena and Gunabhadra composed the masterly 'Mahapurana' in Sanskrit. This was followed by the Apabhramsha 'Mahapurana' of Acharya Pushpadanta. In this tradition of hagiographies, Hemacandra's 'Trishashthi Shalaka Purusha Caritra' comes third in chronological order but is probably the best known. Helen Johnson worked hard and composed a very fine translation of Hemacandra's 'Trishashthi Shalaka Purusha Caritra'. This was published some time in the 1940s and has been out of print since then. The present work is a revised edition of Helen Johnson's pioneering work. This work does not have diacritic marks, much to the chagrin of the scholar, but this makes the text easy to read for the common man. For reasons of brevity, the Sanskrit mula patha has not been given. Only the revised English translation has been given. The set of 3 books has been spectacularly printed on acid free paper, bound beautifully and packed in a smart slip case. Available at Hindi Granth Karyalaya, E-Mail: manishymodi@gmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS

AMBUMANI RAMADOSS APPROACHES SUPREME COURT TO BAN SMOKING IN FILMS

The Delhi High Court had recently removed the ban imposed earlier by the Government on the scenes showing smoking by actors in the films. The Central Minister of Health, Dr. Ambumani Rama Doss has now decided to move the Supreme Court and has filed a petition to allow re-imposition of the ban on smoking in the films. According to him, 72% of the young boys take to smoking after having seen their favorite actors smoking.

AMBUMANI RAMADOSS CALLS FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON ALCOHOL



Dr. Ambumani Ram Doss, Health Minister, Government of India in reply to a question during question-hour session in Lok Sabha replied that a national policy on drinking alcoholic products is being seriously considered and the cooperation of various State Governments is being sought. Presently, only two States, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir have imposed ban on drinking. Other States too, should prepare a policy on the same lines to impose a strict ban on drinking. He added that according to a recent survey, many boys start drinking at an early age between 13 to 15 years and 14.5 % of children have been found to indulge in drinking. This trend must be stopped and a national policy on this subject is therefore necessary.

JADE GOODY AND THE SANCTITY OF DEATH -DR. SHANTANU DUTTA

Dr. Shantanu Dutta , in his own words: "I have always been fascinated by the Jain practice of Santhara. In this practice, when some one from the Jain community believes that he or she has lived a full life and has fulfilled all their social and familial obligations, they can opt to voluntarily hasten the process of death by going on a fast which lasts till death. Unlike the fasts that Gandhiji popularized and others have also undertaken, this fast is not a protest fast; these men and women are not having any demands that they want met". Although this practice has some times been understood as suicide; Santhara has none of the emotional turbulence that is typically associated with the term best translated as atma hatya - the taking of one's life. Here death is welcomed through a peaceful, tranquil process providing peace of mind for everyone involved and is a ritual of great dignity.

The question of how private and how dignified should death be is an important one and the question has been raised before. Probably in recent times, it was first raised while reflecting on the media coverage of the death of Princess Diana in an accident. The editors of many of the leading British tabloids had agreed that they had helped create a mood in which the paparazzi, who were hounding Diana when her car crashed in a Paris underpass, were out of control. Phil Hall, who was editor of the News of the World, said it was a circle of culpability involving the readers who demanded more photographs, the photographers who chased her and the newspapers that published the pictures. "A big Diana story could add 150,000 sales. So we were all responsible," he said.

"I guess that that began the commercialization of death and there has been no looking back ever since. But even so, death and the private life of individuals has been some thing that the Indian media has generally not intruded into. But the rules seem to be changing". Times Now, the news channel has literally been giving a ball by ball commentary of Jade Goody on her death bed; which really looks macabre. Of course unlike the Diana episode, all this is happening with Jade's full consent. As she herself says, I've lived in front of the restraint cameras. And maybe I'll die in front of them. And I know some people don't like what I'm doing but at this point I really don't care what other people think. Now, it's about what I want." And since what Jade really wants is to earn enough cash for her children even in her dying days, the picture is some what complicated. But while the motives may some what blur the issue of the sanctity of death, it does not obliterate it. A death bed scene cannot really be telecast like a 20-20 cricket match of the IPL.

There was a time when terminal illness was treated with a decorum that mirrored a society which was, for all its faults, essentially at peace with itself in respect to the eternal truths of life and death. But today, in a bizarre circus that is scarcely imaginable, tributes to Jade Goody are printed while she still lives, there was an interest in filming her as she breathed her last and apparently her reality show producer, Max Clifford is planning stories as he in true vulture fashion , waits for her death. Even the venerable BBC is readying itself to cover the event when it occurs. It has long been said of our time that we have lost the sanctity of life; now it would appear that we have lost the sanctity for death too.

Shantanu Dutta is a medical doctor by training and a development professional by vocation. His writings mostly deal with change, complexity and conversion and tries to look at a changing world through heaven's eyes.

INCOME TAX OFFICIALS RAID ANAND JAIN'S HOME, OFFICES



Anand Jain, Chairman of Jai Corp and a close associate of Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani came under the scanner of Income Tax department with the department officials searching his offices and residence to find clues about some land transaction deals. The department raided about at nine premises, including the offices and residence of Jain with the help of a team comprising 80 tax officials. However, a company official termed the operation as cross-examination by the I-T department pertaining to an old case. . The development also shook the investor's confidence at the Bombay Stock Exchange and the market witnessed marginal decline in stocks of many leading companies including Jain's firm.

LOST JAIN BOY



The boy in photo is missing since 21.03.2009 at 6 am from Rohtak (Haryana). His interest was to become Jain Muni. My humble request you to search in all jain temples wherever you can. You can also put a notice. His last looks are described. Name: Sahil Jain, Age : 18(approx.),Height : 5'5" ,Built : Slim, Colour : Wheatish, Clothes: Wearing a dark green non-denim jeans with black flatter chappals, Do contact if you find him: Mr. Rakesh Jain (Father), Ph: 9416514137; 9729000060;Add: 447/19, Near Ashiana Banquet

Hall, Green Road, Rohtak(Haryana) E-Mail: shanky1988@indiatimes.com



JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA BREATHED HIS LAST AT AHMEDABAD - Retired High Court Judge and ex-member of Parliament, Shri Guman Mal Lodha expired after a brief period of sickness at Ahmedabad on 22nd march, 2009. He was 83. He had been a distinguished Judge of Rajasthan High Court and Guwahati High Court. Shri Lodha had worked as Senior advocate and a journalist. He was elected to Lok Sabha in the year 1989 and got re-elected in 1991 on B.J.P. ticket. He had been an active member of many legislative and consultative committees of Parliament. His main interests were service to nation, social service and legal aid work.

DEVLOK-GAMAN

Shri Mantung Sagar Ji Maharaj, disciple of 'Gujarat Kesari' sant Shri Bharat Sagar Ji Maharaj, belonging to Shwetambar Murti-Pujak sect accepted 'samadhimaran' (fasting till death) and left for heavenly abode on the 15th March,2009 at Vill. Pedva, Distt. Jhalawad in Rajasthan.

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