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"The best time to make friends is before you need them."

ACHARYA MAHAPRAJNA GETS INDIRA AWARD 2002

The Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration for 2002 has been given to Acharya Mahapragya, renowned Jain Muni. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the advisory committee of the award, said the award was being given for his "yeoman contribution to the cause of non-violence, communal harmony and national integration". The award consisting of a citation and Rs.1.51 lakh in cash, will be presented by Mrs. Sonia Gandhi on October 31, being the death anniversary of former PM Indira Gandhi. The acharya has undertaken one lakh km of padyatras and has worked among the victims of the Gujrat riots.



PRESIDENT ABDUL KALAM RELEASES BOOK "ACHARYA SHRI BHIKSHU-JEEVAN AUR DARSHAN"



While addressing the book-releasing ceremony, President Abdul Kalam at Rashtrapati Bhawan cautioned the nation about the impending danger to society resulting from communalism and casteism saying that these were the real obstructions to the development of the nation. He called upon the people to beware of these dangers and rise above the personal interests, party interests and petty gains. The President showed his appreciation to the contribution of Shri Mahapragya in the fields of religion, philosophy and literature and the value-based education programmes being offered by the Jain Vishwa Bharati University at Ladnun. Smt. Sudhamahi Raghunathan, Vice-Chancellor of Jain Vishwa Bharati and Muni Lok Prakash Lokesh were also present on the occasion along-with other Jain Samaj Members.

JAIN FIGURINES RECOVERED FROM AYODHYA BUT NO TRACE OF RAM TEMPLE



According to the Archeological Survey of India, who have carried out extensive excavations at Ayodhya to determine whether any Ram temple ever existed there, there is no evidence or indication of any temple-like structure having existed over there right from 1200 BC to 1200 AD, e.g. over a period of 2700 years. From 15th century BC to the end of Gupta period, there had been a series of Hindu rulers, who had ruled over Ayodhya region but there is no evidence of a temple having existed at the disputed site.

It is however a fact that a figurine dating back to 4th century was recovered at the site of excavations carried out by Prof. B. B. Lal at Hanuman Gadhi, near Ayodhya in 1976. This one turned out to to the oldest Jain figurine found in India at that time. This discovery had revealed strong signs of the presence of Jain culture in that early period of history, though no trace of Ram, Sita or Laxman has so far been found anywhere there.

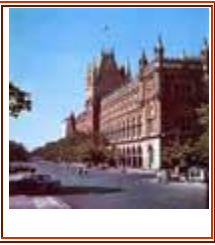
JAIN SAMAJ IN RAJASTHAN DECLARED A MINORITY COMMUNITY

The Rajasthan Government at a recently-held meeting of its Cabinet has decided to declare Jain community of the state as minority community and bring necessary ordinance for the purpose in the State Assembly. Various Jain organisations and institutions had been demanding the minority status for a long time on the lines of the approval given by the state of Chhatisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. This minority status will now allow reservation of 50 % seats for students from Jain community and freedom to impart religious education in all the aided educational institutions. The community would also be able to maintain a separate identity of its own. As of 1991 census, Jains constitute just 1.28 % of the country's population, Sikhs being 1.48 %, Muslims 8.01 % and Hindus 89.08 %.

UTTARANCHAL STATE DECLARES JAIN COMMUNITY AS MINORITY

The newly-constituted Uttaranchal state has declared recently that Jain community will hence-forth be considered as minority community and will enjoy all the benefits accruing there-from. Thus, In all Jain institutions, the students belonging to Jain community will have 50 percent seats reserved for them. Besides, in all aided institutions, there would be freedom to provide religious education to the students. Jain community will thus be able to build its own identity.

RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT ORDERS BAN ON ANIMAL SACRIFICE



Hearing a public interest petition filed by Prani Mitra Sansthan, a non-Government organisation devoted to animal welfare, the Rajasthan High Court ordered a strict ban to be imposed with immediate effect on the sacrifice of animals, particularly goats, in different Hindu temples at Jaisalmer. Such orders were promulgated earlier also in the year 1999 by the Hon'ble High Court but these were not taken seriously and the practice of killing animals on the pretext of sacrificing them to please gods and goddesses continued. The petitioners had obtained sufficient information including actual photographs of the places where killing was carried out for presentation before the Court.

INSTITUTE OF JAINOLOGY CELEBRATES AHIMSA DAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS, UK



To commemorate this principle, most relevant in this day and age, the Institute of Jainology organised a celebration at the House of Commons which was hosted by Mr Stephen Pound, MP, and Chairman of the Labour Parliamentary Friends of India. After an auspicious prayer, Mr Pound welcomed the audience to this first Ahimsa Day Celebration. Mr Pound having learnt about Jain philosophy only in last few weeks talked at length about it and expressed a desire that London one day would become a centre of world peace. A short video film 'Quest for World without Violence' was then screened showing several Nobel Peace Laureates recounting their experiences of having used non violence to support their cause. This included, Simon Peres, Desmond Tutu and Dalai Lama. Finally the excerpts from Mahatma Gandhi's life were shown followed by Indian national anthem sung and played by the major artists in India. Prominent speakers included Dr L M Singhvi and Professor Richard Gombrich, Boden Professor of Sanskrit at the Balliol College,

Oxford, and H E High Commissioner of India, Mr Ronen Sen. Dr Singhvi's subject was the influence of Jainism on Mahatma Gandhi. Dr Singhvi reviewed the two historical spiritual tracks, Vedic and Sramanic traditions. Mr Mahesh K Shah, and Mr Harshad N Sanghrajka, both Trustees of the Institute of Jainology gave informative talks on the activities of the Institute and the Jain Diaspora, respectively. Another Trustee, Mr Jaysukh S Mehta presented the vote of thanks after which a finger buffet was served. The programme was attended by several distinguished guests including Lord Corbett, Lord Bhatia, Baroness Flather, Ministers of State Rt Hon McNulty and Rt Hon Tom Gareth and several other MPs like Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Tom Watson, Andrew Dismore. There were representatives from the V & A Museum, Wellcome Trust, Interfaith Directorate. The Institute of Jainology expect to make this an annual event with a variety of prominent speakers expressing their views on the relevance of non-violence in contemporary times. For complete versions of the talks and photos visit www.jainology.org

SUPREME COURT ORDERS STRICT IMPOSITION OF BAN ON SEX IDENTIFICATION

The Supreme Court has taken a serious objection to the laxity being observed by local authorities in Delhi as well as in other towns for not enforcing the orders to stop the malaise of illegal sex determination prior to the birth of a child by doctors through ultra-sound test. The Central Government, all state governments and centrally governed states have been directed to take strict measures and initiate prompt action against all the clinics, hospitals and doctors who indulge in this sort of activity.



The Court passed these orders at a hearing on a public interest petition filed by "Centre for Enquiry and Allied Themes". Mr. Justice M.B. Shah and Mr. Justice Ashok Bhan constituting the Bench mentioned that strict action was required to be taken against such clinics which were indulging in sex identification and promoting discrimination on the basis of sex and consequently encouraging the cases of dowry and bride harassment. Registration of ultra-sound machines and the clinics using them was also required to be carried out and even the manufacturers of ultra-sound machines should have been asked to supply these machines only to registered clinics and hospitals. But, the orders passed earlier have not been seriously followed so far and hence the mal-practice is continuing.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY FINALLY STOPS KILLING DOGS FOR MEDICAL TRAINING

Washington - For the first time, students joining now for basic physiology and pharmacology courses at the University of California, School of Medicine will not be performing invasive procedures on live dogs. Until now, dogs were used in six-hour teaching exercises and killed once the class was over. The university has now decided, however, to give the dogs a break. Other universities have already done away with crude, obsolete dog labs and replaced them with more exciting, clinically relevant, and humane teaching methods," says Larry A. Hansen, M.D., a professor at UCSD. "Medical students are learning to preserve and prolong life, and the lethal dog labs ran counter to that basic goal." A study authored by Dr. Hansen, published in Academic Medicine, found that a majority of U.S. medical schools, including Harvard, Stanford, and Yale, no longer use live animals in any of their pharmacology, physiology, or surgery courses. Founded in 1985, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine is a nonprofit health organization dedicated to promoting preventive medicine and higher standards in medical research, education, and practice. For an interview with Dr. Hansen contact Jeanne S. McVey, E-Mail: jeannem@pcrm.org

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SACRILEGIOUS EXHIBITION OF JAIN TIRTHANKARA IMAGE IN THE FILM "BAD BOYS II"

According to Bal Patil, Member, Maharashtra State Minorities Commission, Government of Maharashtra and Chairman, Jain Minority Status Committee, Dakshin Bharat Jain Sabha, India, This film 'Bad Boys II' has to be one of the most destructive films to come out of Hollywood in the last 5 years. With an almost child-like glee the three set about getting in as much mayhem as you can possibly get into 2 hours and 20 minutes of film. There probably aren't enough adjectives to describe the level of destruction they initiated on the screen. It will be one of the most offensive movies to assault your sensibilities in a long time. In fact, you may very well question the state of humanity with stuff like this being allowed to be thought of, let alone created." The film also has racist overtones, as per one review: "Numerous stretches of dialogue are composed of unimaginative racist insults."

In the entire aforementioned context of the film the exhibition of the Jain Tirthankara image becomes even more flagrantly sacrilegious. In pursuance of a letter of protest and demand for deletion of the objectionable portion to the Collector at Sangli by the Chairman, Dakshin Bharat Jain Sabha and several protests from different corners, the objectionable portion has been removed. The attention of the JAINA Federation has also been drawn and request made so that the matter is appropriately taken up to the concerned authorities in the USA also. Courtesy: Dr. Sulekh Jain, E-Mail : scjain@earthlink.net

JAINA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANISES SHRAMA YATRA-III

This programme for voluntary humanitarian work is being organised from December 15, 2003 to January 31, 2004 by BIDADA Sarvodaya Trust, Kutch, Gujarat, India under the auspices of Educational Services at Veerayatan and Rural Services at Vivekananda Research Institute. Ground Package for the camp will cost \$121 which will include:

- *Return Ticket from Bombay to Kutch, Min. 7 days of all meals and lodging & laundry services, Entertainment.
 - *Visits to Temples- Bhadreswar, 72 Tirthankars Jinalaya and others, Shopping in Mundra and Mandavi.
 - *Transportation to various places, Home-going gift and a certificate. This programme is for youth, by youth and of youth.
- For information and registration (Nov.15 last date): Contact Ramesh Shah. E-Mail: jshah6138@aol.com

JAPANESE VISITING INDIA HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY JAIN PHILOSOPHY AND ADOPT JAINISM

A team of eleven Japanese Buddhists, consisting of two gents and nine ladies, led by Mr. Kenzy, a handicraft dealer, has been so impressed and influenced by the philosophy of Jain religion that they have virtually adopted this religion and are fast learning various sutra and rituals.

They had first come to Bangalore for handicraft business where they came in touch with some Jain families. Having been impressed by the way of living, religious fervor and vegetarian food, they desired to learn more about the religion. So, they were advised to go to Jodhpur, where they could meet a lot of Jains and Jain saints, visit Jain temples and find the right atmosphere to learn more about the religion. So, they finally flew in to Jodhpur a few days back and met several people of the community, paid respects to saints and sadhwis, visited many of the Jain temples and attended religious ceremonies and worships going on in the temples. They have learnt Navkar Mantra, Logass Path and also Gayatri Mantra by heart, which they recite regularly. Mr. Kenzy the leader of the team said, he had undergone continuous fast for five days and felt that it could be a solution to many health problems. All of them take food before sun-set. There is only one Jain temple right now, in Japans in a village 'Tambe' but their intention is to build many more temples there. They mentioned that in Japan, many people are adopting vegetarianism and over 1200 persons have already been influenced by Jain philosophy and 35 of them have actually wholly adopted the religion, reciting Jain Mantras, praying at the temple, observing fasts and taking pure vegetarian diet.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JAIN DOCTORS ON 3RD AND 4TH JANUARY, 2004

The India branch of Jain Doctors Federation at Ahmedabad, is holding an international conference of Jain doctors on 3rd & 4th January, 2004 at Koba-Gandhinagar, under auspicious nishra of P.P. Acharyashri Padmasagarji. The scientific program will start on 3rd Jan 8:45 AM onwards & will go on for 2 full days. Respected Guru Bhagwants, Various experts on Jainism, Jain doctors & scientists. It will discuss religion & science from various aspects. The topics likely to be covered range from Karmavad, Anekantvad, Reincarnation, Ecology, Ethics, Psychology, Scripture, Jain Sculpture, Quantum mechanism, Laws of physics, biology; all in context of Jainism. The effect of Jain life style, food, attitude and particularly penance on human physiology & various new & old aspects of disease prevention will be elaborated. Importantly, unity of Jain doctors' brotherhood, ahimsak treatment & allied topics will be discussed. A workshop on Jain meditation will also be conducted; followed by Bhaktisandhya. Muni Pujya Shri AjaySagarji and Muni Pujya Shri Nayapadma Sagarji have given their direction and blessings for the success of this conference. Doctors & their spouses are invited to attend the conference. For further details, contact: **1.** Dr. Sudhir V. Shah (Neurologist), Chairman-Scientific Committee, E-Mail : sudhirshah@hotmail.com **2.** Dr. Manibhai Mehta Phone: 714-898-3156, E-Mail: manilal.b.mehta@kp.org

DIKSHA CEREMONY (INITIATION AS SAINT)

Shri Navin Kumar Jain son of Shri Raj Kumar Jain belonging to Uttaranchal Pradesh accepted Jain Bhagwati Diksha on the 6th September, 2003 at Indore in the holy presence of Shri Paras Muni Ji, Shri Ravindra Muni Ji, Shri Ramnik Muni Ji, Mahasati Shri Chanchal Kunwar Ji and many other saints and sadhwis. Many impressive religious ceremonies were held and processions taken out on the occasion.

12TH JAINA CONVENTION HELD AT CINCINNATI



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The 12th Biennial Jaina Convention of the Jains Association in North America (JAINA) was organized from July 3-6, 2003 at Greater Cincinnati by the Jain Center of Cincinnati & Dayton. The theme of the convention was Jainism: the Art of Living. The conference consisted of lectures and discourses from prominent international Jain scholars from all over the world. More than 50 papers related to various aspects of Jain religion and philosophy were presented at the convention. Special events such as Yoga, Meditation and Vegetarian Cooking were also held. Nearly 3,000 Jains who poured into Cincinnati Convention Hall for the 12th Biennial JAINA Convention were richly rewarded by the rich contents of the convention.

The night before the official opening, a Rass Garba Program by Munshi group from Bombay India set the festive tone of the convention. Early next morning, July 4th beginning at 6:30 AM various religious activities were taking place. – Pratikaman in Gujarati and in English, Recitation of Bhaktamar Stotra and Navkar Mantra, Dhyana, Meditation for men and for women. The opening ceremony and procession filled the large ballroom to the rim and the program started with blessings from Gurudev Chitrabhanuji. Followed by Key note speeches from Dr. N. P. Jain, Ms. Ingrid Newkirk and Dr. John Cort. Their speeches mesmerized the audience as they listened in meditative silence.

Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji spoke very passionately on the need of Jain Unity. He emphasized that Jainism is not a religion but Dharma. Dharma as in one's nature. Jainism introduces one to his own nature. He gave warm tribute to Acharya Shri Sushil Muniji with whom he co - founded JAINA, He recited history of JAINA from its inception in 1980 to present day 64 member organizations (80,000 members) under one umbrella of JAINA. In spite of his advanced age, he spoke with vigor not seen recent years. He did not hide his pain as he cautioned against emerging trend of groupism and new divisions within our community. He compared himself and all the others preaching Jainism today as mere "Postman of Bhagwan Mahaveer". Our salvation lies in the message of Mahaveer and not in becoming followers of various postmen however helpful they may be. "We don't need any cult or ism-no personalities. We don't need Swetamber - Digamber- Sthanakwasi or Terapanth. We need Mahaveer" During the afternoon there were lectures by invited scholars like Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanu, Sadhvi Shubhamji, Dr. Hukamchand Bharil, Ms. Tarlaben Doshi, Dr. Niruben Amin, Shri Devendrakeerti Bhatrakji, Dr. John Cort , Jusice T. U. Mehta, Manubhai Doshi, Ms. Dipti Shah, Dr. Kumarpal Desai, Dr Yashwant K. Malaiya, Mr Chandrakant B. Mehta, Rajnibhai Shah, Prof. Vastupal Parikh, Mr. Pravin K. Shah, Nautambhai Vakil, Muni Shri Amrendra Muniji, Samnji Shithpragyaji and Stuthpragyaji, Dr. Atul K. Shah and Mr. Hira Ratan Manek., Pandit Dhirajbhai Mehta, Pramodaben Chitrabhanu and many others. Courtesy: Mr. Anop Vora, President, JAINA.

LATA AWARD FOR MUSIC COMPOSER RAVINDRA JAIN



September 26, 2003, Renowned music composer Ravindra Jain has bagged the Maharashtra government's Lata Mangeshkar Award for his invaluable contribution to music. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 100,000, a citation, and a scroll, Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Ashok Chavan told a press conference in Mumbai today. Jain has composed the musical scores for several hit films like Tapasya, Chit Chor, Ankhiyon Ke Jharokhon Se, Ram Teri Ganga Maili and Henna.



STOLEN TIRTHANKAR IDOLS FOUND BY CHILDREN ACCIDENTALLY AT REWARI

It was a historical moment for the Jain community when a few kids accidentally recovered from the bank of a pond four precious Jain idols, stolen more than two decades back from a temple here. Since then, the members of the community are flocking to the Nasiaji Digambar Jain temple to have a glimpse of the metallic idols of Lord Shantinath, the 16th Tirthankara, Lord Parasnath, the 23rd Tirthankara, and Lord Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara. In 1983, 10 ancient Jain idols, all made of an alloy of eight different metals, were stolen from the Nasiaji temple. Livid over the theft, the community members had agitated for the recovery of the icons and the arrest of the culprits. However, the police had failed to trace the culprits and the matter remained in a limbo. The four idols have been now kept for 'Lok Darshan'. The community is scouring the area, hoping to find the remaining six idols also. News courtesy : Mr. Navin Shrivak, E-Mail : navinshrivak@yahoo.com

LEATHER INTERIORS OF MERCEDES IRK MANEKA GANDHI & OTHERS



Annoyed over the use of leather interiors in Mercedes-Benz models, Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, MP and animal rights activist, has threatened to launch "a mass campaign" against its brands in India. She has written to the company, "I thought that you might like to change your attitude and offer non-leather interiors." Mrs. Gandhi has sent this letter to Hans-Michael Huber, Managing Director and CEO of Daimler Chrysler India, owner of the Mercedes-Benz brand cars. Maneka Gandhi, in her letter, has threatened that her campaign would involve religious leaders and politicians as well as the heads of business associations and communities. According to the PETA statement, a company reportedly supplies Daimler Chrysler with hundreds of thousand skins each year, and it is estimated that the skins of four cows or more are used for the interior of just one car.

"Synthetic materials that look and feel like leather are used by companies like BMW and Audi and are often described by consumers as superior because of their ease of care and other advantages and because their production does not come with the high cost of animal suffering," says PETA Director of Asian Campaigns, Poorva Joshipura. "There is no good reason for Daimler Chrysler's insistence on using the skins of tortured animals at all, but at the very least, the company should recognize that offering all models of its cars with a non-leather option would prevent it from losing more business from the world's many wealthy vegetarians." Former Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Raghvendra Prasad Singh, famous Jain leader in USA, Chitrabhanu jee, the Director-General of the India Ahimsa Organisations and the head of the UK-based Young Indian Vegetarians are among others, who have found the automobile company's insistence on using leather interiors in its top models as "offensive." They have also sent strong protests to Daimler Chrysler. From: Siddharth K.Shah, E-Mail : skshah5@hotmail.com

NEW BOOK ON JAINISM PUBLISHED BY ITALIANS- L'ESSENZA DEL JAINISMO: LA STORIA, IL PENSIERO, LE FIABE



Claudia Pastorino and Massimo Tettamanti Claudia from Italy have presented their third book on Jainism. This book is the translation of Mr. Virchand Gandhi's book Essence of Jainism: History, Philosophy and Tales. The first book was SAMAN SUTTAM (translation of English text in Italian language). The second book was JAINISMO. To learn more about Claudia Pastorino and her work, please log on www.claudiapastorino.it, E-Mail: claudiapastorino@libero.it, News courtesy Source, E-Mail : naresh-indirashah@msn.com

"CELESTIAL SAGA OF SHATRUNJAY" CASSETTE RELEASED

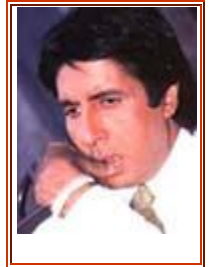
A new cassette has been released which contains, All five chaityavandans, stavans & thoys, Namokar Mantra, hymns, and prayers, Devotional songs, Sangh Yatra (Bhav Yatra) Songs are sung by singers Parthiv Gohil, Deepali Somiya & Rekha Trivedi. The commentary is narrated by Mr. Haresh Bhimani. All songs and stutis were chosen by Sadhviji Shri Charuyashashriji. These cassettes are prepared by a charitable trust "Tri Ratna Foundation". The price of the cassette is \$10 each. The proceeding from these cassettes will be invested in publishing a book on Shri Shatrunjay with about 150 photographs. Contact for cassettes to Ms. Mayurika Doshi E-Mail : jaincenter@hotmail.com

THEFT OF JAIN IDOLS AT JAIN SWETAMBAR SOCIETY, SHIKHARJEE

About 19 Jain idols, in possession of the Jain Swetambar Society, have gone missing. The idols were kept in a sealed room at the Swetambar Kothi in Madhuban. Circle officer of the Pirtand Block, Abdul Wahab Ansari has filed criminal cases against three persons, society president, Kamal Singh Rampuria, secretary, Suyash Kumar and Roopchand Jain, an employee of the Kothi. Cases have been filed under section 406, 420 and 120-B of the IPC at the Pirtand station. Both the president and the secretary are residents of Kolkata. The sudden disappearance of the idols has reopened an old tussle between the two Jain sects, Swetambar and Digambars. News report from: www.ranchiexpress.com News courtesy: Ajay Kumar Jain, E-Mail: akumarjain@indiatimes.com

AMITABH BACHHAN WINS PETA'S VEGETARIAN CONTEST

Superstar Amitabh Bachchan have won the "hottest Vegetarian Alive" contest conducted by the NGO People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals India here. Amitabh Bachchan retained his title from last year, edging out actor Richard Gere, model John Abraham, southern hearthrob Madhavan, industrialist Anil Ambani and cricketer Anil Kumble. President Abdul Kalam was also a very popular nominee. Reacting to the result of the contest, Bachchan said he was a vegetarian by choice and out of purely personal inclination. Source E-Mail : kenpet007@hotmail.com



JUSTICE NIRMAL KUMAR JAIN TAKES OVER AS CONSUMER FORUM CHIEF AT BHOPAL

October 1ST: Justice Nirmal Kumar Jain took over as chairman of the Madhya Pradesh State Consumers Disputes Redressal Forum here today. A former judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court, Justice Jain was born on January 1, 1942 in Makrara village of Shivpuri district. He joined judicial services in September 1963. After holding important posts, Justice Jain became district judge in 1989. From 1993 he served the Department of Law as secretary and principal secretary. He became judge in Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court in 1995.

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, DELHI TAKE UP RESEARCH PROJECTS ON YOGA



It is heartening to note that premier medical institution in the country, AIIMS at New Delhi has recently engaged itself in intensive research on Yoga and its effects on human health. Its Department of Physiology has taken up a project on "Randomized controlled trial on the efficacy of Yoga in the management of Bronchial Asthama". Many other teaching and research institutions of modern medicine, like the Jawahar Lal Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry, M.S. Ramaiah Medical Teaching Hospital, Bangalore and Government Medical College, Trivandrum have taken up projects concerning Yoga and meditation. The subjects of research include 'effect of yoga-based therapy in Insomnia', 'effect of yoga on epileptic seizures', 'effect of yoga

in immune modulation and outcome of Rh. Arthritis. These research activities are being supervised and coordinated by the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, New Delhi.

JAIN GROUPS ON INTERNET

The first internet based-jain group was Raphael's jain-list that appeared in 1994. Its archives are still available at www.dd-b.net but the list is no longer active. This list was moved to Yahoo as jain-friends group in Aug 1999. Unfortunately Jains have lost all control over the jain-friends list because of some problems. Today, there are many Jainism related groups to choose from.

General Groups:

groups.yahoo.com/group/JainNet
groups.yahoo.com/group/jainsamachar
groups.yahoo.com/group/jainfriends
groups.yahoo.com/group/jainlist
groups.yahoo.com/group/jainheritagecentres

Special Interest Groups:

groups.yahoo.com/group/jainhistory
groups.yahoo.com/group/shrimadrajchandra
groups.yahoo.com/group/kundkund
groups.yahoo.com/group/terapanth

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groups.yahoo.com/group/JCNC
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PARSWANATH JAIN TEMPLE BURGLED AT BHOPAL



October 4, 2003, BHOPAL: Thieves broke into the famous Parshwanath Digambar Jain Temple in Shahpura and escaped with the idols of Lord Chandraprabhu and Parshwanath, 11 chatras and donation box. The stolen idols were made of 'ashtdhatu'. There is resentment among members of the Jain community following the incident.

A delegation of the community met SP and District Collector in this connection. Upon receiving the information the Habibganj Police reached the spot with forensic experts. The stolen idols were six inch tall and were very expensive. Lock of the donation box was found to be broken and about Rs 2000 were missing from it. A 10-inch high idol of Lord Mahavir was found outside the temple. It is being presumed that the thieves intended to carry it away also but had to leave it behind since it was too heavy. A delegation of Jain Samaj, led by Mandir Samiti President Deep Jain, met Collector Anurag Jain, SP Arun Pratap Singh and MLA PC Sharma and warned that agitation would be launched if the thieves were not nabbed within two days.

STATUES OF BHAGWAN MAHAVIR FOUND FROM A BIHAR POLITICAL LEADER

October 13, Patna: City police, Patna seized three antiques, associated with Jainism, in the city on Sunday. Police believed the seized articles date back to the 17th century. In this connection, police have arrested one Javed Akhtar, ward councillor of Ara municipality. Dubey, who held talks with city-based historians with regard to these antiques, stated that one of the antiques was the statue of Parshwanath, a Jain Tirthankar. "The Lord is presented in "Kayotsarga" mood, Regarding another antique, he said that it is of Lord Mahavir. The third antique is in the form of a temple and one its walls are engraved the images of all the Jain Tirthankars According to Javed he was handed over the photographs of all the three antiques by Mr. Shakir. He was in search of buyers. He told him the price of these antiques is around Rs. 1 Crore in the international market," Javed stated. However, he refused to disclose about Shakir's source of procurement.

SHIV SENA & BJP DEMAND RESIGNATION FROM MINISTER SURESH JAIN



Mumbai: In the backdrop of a court order for the attachment of properties of Maharashtra Food and Civil Supplies Minister Suresh Jain, the Shiv Sena-BJP opposition made a strong demand for his resignation. "Following the court order, Jain should immediately step down as minister", demanded opposition leader in state assembly. However, a defiant Jain turned down the demand for his resignation. The Aurangabad bench of Mumbai High Court had ordered attachment of the properties of Jain and other directors of Jalgaon District Co-operative Bank for alleged irregularities in the financial institution. "The question of my resignation does not arise", he told reporters in Mumbai on Wednesday. Jain termed the courts decision as unilateral and claimed that he would move the Supreme Court to seek a stay on the High Courts order. Rane in a statement here said Jain should step down following the court order. Jain, who always assumed moral high ground, had resorted to hunger strike following allegations of corruption against him by noted social worker Anna Hazare recently, Rane said adding that "in the same spirit, the minister should tender his resignation".

SUPREME COURT ISSUES NOTICE TO JAIN SAINTS OVER SEXUAL ABUSE

The Supreme Court has issued notices to the saints of Jambudweep Ashram in Bhavnagar, Gujarat, on a petition by a father alleging that the saints sexually abused his son. The saints of the ashram had allegedly lured a 12 year old boy, named Bhopu of Indore, Madhya Pradesh, to become a bal muni. The boy was later confined at the ashram. The child's father has moved the Madhya Pradesh High Court seeking its intervention to rescue Bhopu on the basis of his letters alleging sexual abuse at the hands of elder saints of the ashram. The father had received a letter from the ashram through his younger brother, who was working there, asking him to send his son to attend a 'samman' ceremony on December 16, 2000 at the ashram. His son was honoured through certain rituals and then was asked to stay back. Five days later, the saints did not allow the father to meet his son. However, he received several letters from his son Bhopu who narrated his harrowing experiences. The petitioner's counsel Aparana Bhat said the saints did not even allow the boy to meet the high court appointed Commissioner. Source: Hindustan Times: 04-01-2003

DEVLOK GAMAN

Mahasati Kiran Prabha Ji, disciple of Acharya Shri Hasti Mal Ji M.S. breathed her last at Bari Sadri in Rajasthan on the 19th August, 2003 after taking 'santhara'. She had completed her fast for a period of 41 days just on the previous day.

Poojya Vardhitmati Mata ji, disciple of Acharya Shri Vardhman Sagar Ji maharaj belonging to Digambar Jain sect passed away at Bhinder on the 23rd September, 2003 in samadhi state. She Had been an apostle of devotion, spiritualism, austerity and detachment.

PRIME MINISTER CONDOLES DEMISE OF RAJASTHAN GOVERNOR SHRI N. C. JAIN

The Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee has expressed grief at the death of the Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Nirmal Chandra Jain. In a condolence message, Shri Vajpayee said that Shri Jain discharged his constitutional duties with utmost dedication and devotion. He always upheld democratic values and traditions and espoused causes dear to the heart of the common man. Hon'ble Nirmal Chand Jain, Governor, Rajsthan died at 2.07 A.M. at Jaipur due to serious heart attack. His body is was taken to Jabalpur (M.P.), his native place and State funeral was performed there on 22nd Sept. 2003 at 5 P.M. He completed 75 years on 24th Sept. 2003. News: Sudhir Jain, E-Mail : mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com

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