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## MRS. SONIA GANDHI RECEIVES BLESSINGS FROM ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA JI AT THE PREKSHA VISHWA BHARTI SANSTHAN IN AHMEDABAD - Ahmedabad, Aug. 25. Calling upon the people of Gujarat to "throw out" the "irresponsible" Modi Government, she



described the Vajpayee Government as a "Government of scams and scandals" - it was "looting" the country - and asked the people in general, and the Congressmen in particular, to raise their voice against the BJP's "misrule." Ms. Gandhi alleged, even the foreign aid meant for the quake victims had been "misused" and the special funds earmarked by the Centre for natural calamities were never allocated to the quake victims. During the visit, she also visited the Jain Acharya Shri Mahapragya in Gandhinagar, for his blessings. She said that Acharya Shri was engaged in a great task of social integration, which was an example in itself. Acharya Shri expressed his happiness at that Smt. Sonia Gandhi had participated in the Ahimsa Yatra even though for a short time. A large number of dignitaries including Shri Ashok Gehlot, Shri Shankar Singh vaghela, Shri Amar Singh Choudhary, Smt. Urmila Behn Patel, Shri Ahmed Patel and Shri Kamal Nath were present on the occasion. News Courtesy By Mrs. Karbi Mazundaar, Jain Scholar

## FIFTH YJP CONVENTION 2002 AT MONTREAL, CANADA

Next YJP convention is scheduled to be held on October 11-14, 2002 at Montreal, Canada. The theme of the convention is Jainism in practice. Invitation to attend the Convention is open to all interested in Jainism. For details, E-Mail : [yjponline@yahoo.com](mailto:yjponline@yahoo.com). The programme is expected to have interesting, interactive sessions with erudite speakers and informed panelists. There will be plenty of opportunities to network both professionally and socially. For registration visit at [yjponline.org/conference.html](http://yjponline.org/conference.html)

## STAMP IN HONOUR OF ACHARYA ANAND RISHI JI MAHARAJ



Postal department has issued a multi-colored of Rs. 4/- stamp in honour of renowned Acharya Anand Rishiji Maharaj on 9th august 2002. Acharya Anand Rishiji Maharaj was one such soul, whose contributions in the social and educational spheres have been a prolific and significant as his spiritual guidance to his followers. He was born at Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) in August 1900 and received initiation from Ratan Rishiji Maharaj at the age of 13, thereby formally committing himself to a life of spiritual pursuits and service to humanity. He Mastered the Jain Scriptures as well as ancient philosophical texts of Sanskrit language. His teachings were deep rooted in love, non-violence and tolerance. He was proficient in nine languages and wrote extensively in Marathi and Hindi. He had founded numerous educational and religious institutions and also rejuvenated many ailing institutions and founded magazines. He was bestowed with the title of "Acharya" in the year 1965 and left for his heavenly abode in the year 1992. News Courtesy: Mr. Sudhir Jain, E-Mail : [mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com)

## WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF, DETROIT DONATES HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT THROUGH JAINA

USA based organisation, 'World Medical Relief' from Detroit, has donated medical equipment to Ujjain Charitable Trust Hospital & Research Centre, MP through JAINA for a 500 beds new hospital now under construction. This donation from World Medical Relief is a blessing for the hospital. It will help the hospital to equip 20 departments-such as: Pathology, Microbiology, Pediatrics, Chest Disease, Surgery, Ophthalmology, Ear/Nose & Throat, OB/GYN, and Kidney. This donation is due to the efforts of Dr. Rashmi Gardi, Mr. Ramesh Shah and Dr. Dhiraj Shah, Founder of Jaina. World Medical Relief, Detroit, MI is a non-profit, non-political humanitarian organization founded by a Detroit housewife, named Irene Auberlin in 1953. Its primary objective is to provide medicines, medical supplies and equipment locally and internationally.

They average 70-100 humanitarian shipments a year. For more information & volunteer opportunities at World Medical Relief call: 313-866-5333. For more Information, E-Mail : [jshah6138@aol.com](mailto:jshah6138@aol.com)

#### **THE PARYUSHANA PRAVA- ARTICLES BY MR. YASHWANT K.MALAIYA**

The origin of Paryushana is related to the staying of the monks in one place for the rainy season. "Paryushana" is staying of the monks in one place. In popular terminology this stay is termed "chaturmaasa" because the rainy season is regarded to be about four months. However the minimum duration of Paryushana is regarded to be 70 days. For this minimum duration, Paryushana must be initiated by panchami (fifth day) of the shukla phase of the Bhadrapada month. In the scriptures it is described that Lord Mahavira used to start Paryushana on Bhadrapada Shukla panchami.

#### **POSTAL COVER & STAMP ON TRIBHUVAN TILAK CHUDAMANI TEMPLE**

On the occasion of Third year Pattabhisheka Vardhanthyutsava of His Holiness Swastishri Bhattarak Charukirti Panditacharyavarya Swamiji of Sri Jain Math, Moodbidri (Karnataka), a special cover has been issued on 29th August 2002 at Moodbidri and Indian Postal Department has provided a special pictorial cancellation. This beautiful special cover depicts photographs of famous Tribhuvan Tilak Chudamani Temple (Thousand Pillars Temple) and Bhattarak Swamiji. Special cancellation bears line sketches of Tirthankar with cow & lion drinking water jointly in the same pot. News Courtesy: Mr. Sudhir Jain, E-Mail : [mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com)

#### **EXTENSION OF AHIMSA YEAR UPTO 2003 IN MADHYA PRADESH**

Government of Madhya Pradesh has extended the period of AHIMSA YEAR upto April 2003. Previously, to commemorate 2600th Janma Kalyanak Year, M.P. Govt. had declared 6th April 2001 to 6th April 2002 as AHIMSA YEAR. During this period non-veg. dishes were banned in all the Government banquets. General Administration Department of M.P. Govt. has extended this period upto 6th August 2003 by issuing a notification. New Courtesy: Sudhir Jain, Universal Cables Ltd, Satna (M.P).

#### **HIRA RATAN MANEK VISITS AMERICA**

Shri Hira Ratan Manek is now in America from June 18, 2002 to December 17, 2002. Currently, he is performing 109 days fasting by Jain tradition and is on a lecture tour to various cities in USA like, Orlando, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Raleigh, New York, Miami, Dallas, Washington D.C., Rochester and others. The Parna (breaking of the fast) of his 109 days fasting is scheduled to be celebrated on October 27, 2002, Sunday at 10:00 A.M. at Hindu Society Hall in Orlando, Florida. Open invitations to all the members of the Jain community to attend the event. For more information, mail to Mr. Gautam Shah, E-Mail : [hiratanmanek@yahoo.com](mailto:hiratanmanek@yahoo.com)



#### **THOUSANDS VISITING RANCHI FOR DARSHAN OF EMINENT DIG. SAINT PRAGYA SAGAR JI**

The Chaturmas of eminent Digambar Jain saints, Muni Shri Pragya Sagar Ji and Muni Shri Prashant Sagar Ji Maharaj, both of them, disciples of Acharya Shri 108 Pushpadant Sagar Ji Maharaj is being held this year at Ranchi, the capital city of newly constituted Jharkhand State. Ranchi town enjoys a reputation of having a large population of Digambar Jain community and it is a matter of pride and privilege for them to have the chaturmas of holy and celebrity saints there. A large number of special programmes and religious activities are being held regularly under the guidance of scholarly saints. The organisers of Chaturmas celebrations have invited followers from all over the country to visit Ranchi, pay their respects to the saints and learn and comprehend the concepts and philosophy of Jain religion. They can use this opportunity to visit near-by pilgrimage centres, such as Shri Samed Shikhar Ji (200 km.), Pavapuri Ji (200 km.), Shri Rajgrihi Sidh Kshetra (220 km.), Shri Mandar Giri Sidh Kshetra (400 km.), Shri Champa puri Ji Sidh Kshetra (450 km.) and Shri Gunava Ji Sidh Kshetra. (180 km.).

#### **AHIMSA, TOLERANCE AND RELIGIOUS ABSOLUTENESS ARE THE SOUL OF THE NATION SAYS PRESIDENT ABDUL KALAM**

On the eve of the Independence day, the 15th August, 2002, President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam addressing the nation on Radio and T.V. channels, said that non-violence, mutual tolerance and understanding and religious absoluteness are the heart and soul of the nation and the countrymen should be vigilant enough to protect these eternal values. Mentioning about the unfortunate communal disturbances in Gujarat, he added that any action contemplated against the protection of our traditional values based on ahimsa and religious tolerance could prove disastrous to the very structure of the nation.



Addressing the members of Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, he asked them to become the ideal examples for the new generation and show them the right direction to face the future. It is high time that we search our ideals in the present context and act accordingly.

### **MENACE TO KILL DOGS BY VESTED INTERESTS BE STOPPED SAYS MANEKA GANDHI**

SDFB has been planning to get dogs killed in large scale in whole of India because if ABC/ARV is projected success in many places of India they stand to lose in terms of kick-back from vaccinations, bones, dog skin and fertilizer trade and of-course an avenue to garner cheap publicity at cost of animals. However much they have tried they have failed in Bangalore largely due to your support and thanks to the Karnataka High Court. So they have now shifted their focus to whole of the country and are looking for soft targets to restart killing of dogs atleast in some of the parts. They have got in touch with the New Health minister of INDIA, Mr. Shatrughan Sinha, fed him with lies, lies and lies and now want to use him to eliminate dogs all over India. They are using the doctors of Jaipur to counter the truth that Jaipur is free from Rabies and stray dog bites have declined in Jaipur. During the investigations carried out, the finding is that Jaipur project is a runaway success, there are hardly any dogs on the streets, all most all of them are healthy. There are no rabies death for the city but as in case of Bangalore some rabies deaths are reported from neighboring and far away cities where ABC/ARV is not carried out. However, in spite of their best efforts and whole-hearted willingness of the Mayor to resume killing of dogs, the same was fortunately deferred for a period of one year. Visit [www.arfindia.org](http://www.arfindia.org)



Extract from the Original Message From: Dilip Bafna to Maneka Gandhi

Ahimsa Foundation on behalf of entire Jain Samaj requests Mrs. Maneka Gandhi and Mr. Dilip Bafna to take up the issue with concerned authorities before any harm is caused by SDFB. We also request Mr. Shatrughan Sinha , not to become a party in such barbarious activities

### **JAIN TEMPLE UNEARTHED DURING EXCAVATIONS AT BHINMAL (RAJ.)**

During construction work at the premises of Shri Parshwa Nath temple at Bhinmal town in the Jalore District of Rajasthan, a 450 years old temple structure has been recently un-earthed at a depth of 30 feet. The temple possesses five images of Jain Tirthankars, which are made in white marble. One inscription on a pillar in the temple premises shows the year 1621 Vikram Samvat, along-with other description about the temple.

### **OSWAL STHAPANA DIVAS CELEBRATED AT OSIAN AND JODHPUR**

To mark the 2459th Sthapana (establishment) of Oswal Jain community on the Sravan Krishna Chaturdashi, the celebrations commenced with a Samuhik worship of Acharya Ratn Prabh Suri Ji Maharaj, who had founded the Oswal community at Osian village, and then the worship of Goddess (Kuldevi) Sachhiyay Mata. A huge gathering of people from Oswal Jain community from different parts of the State had collected there to participate in the celebrations. Later, a programme of discourses by Jain Sadhu and sadhwis was held at Jodhpur and then senior citizens above the age of 80 years were honoured.

### **ROAD NAMED AS BHAGWAN MAHAVIR SWAMI AHIMSA MARG IN AHMEDABAD**

The Standing Committee of the Government of Gujarat headed by its Chairman, Shri Badruddin, decided to name the part of Ring Road as Bhagwan Mahavir Swami Ahimsa Marg (starting from Chiman Bhai Patel Market to Prabodh Bhai Bridge in Sabarmati). Necessary orders are being issued to implement the decision.

### **RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR INDIAN ANCIENT JAIN LITERATURE ESTABLISHED AT AHMEDABAD**

A Research Institute to explore the ancient Indian religious and philosophical traditions and to re-establish the religious culture amongst the youth, has been recently established at Ahmedabad by the inspiration and guidance of learned saint, Shri Nandi Ghosh Vijay Ji Maharaj, disciple of Shri Vijay Suryodaya Suri Ji. The Institute was inaugurated by famous Mathematician and scientist, Dr. P.C. Vaidya. The web site of the Institute was inaugurated by Dr. Madhusudan Danki, well-known Jain scholar and researcher on Jain scriptures. The function was attended by Shri Shrenik Bhai Kastur Bhai Lal Bhai, Editor of Gujarat Samachar, Shri Shanti Lal Shah and others.

### **EFFORTS TO END WORLD CONFLICTS THROUGH RELIGION**

At a meeting of the World Peace Council, held at Bangkok on the 13th June, 2002, more than 100 religious leaders from all over the world, representing different faiths gathered to deliberate on the issue of ending conflicts among the nations in order to bring peace and prosperity in the world. They used this occasion to take a pledge to work towards reducing sectarian conflicts, especially in Asia and the Middle East. The meeting was attended by representatives of Christian, Buddhist, Jain, Jewish, Muslim and Hindu faiths.

A World Council of Religious Leaders has been recently formed with the support of United Nations, as an outcome of the recommendations of UN Millennium World Peace Summit. Mr. Bawa Jain is the Secretary General of Millennium World Peace Summit, which aims to actively intervene in the areas of conflict in order to promote non-violence and peace all over the world.



### **PREKSHADHYAN CAMP TO BE CONDUCTED BY ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYAJI**

Preksha Dhyam Shivir is being organised at Preksha Vishwa Bharti, Koba, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad (India) from 21st October to 30th October, 2002. Tentatively, Rs. 2,100/- will be charged as enrollment fee from the participants. Preparations for the camp have already started. Interested participants may please contact Mr. S. R. Bhandari, E-Mail : sr\_bhandari@indiatimes.com

### **MRS. SHARDA JAIN CHARGED FOR CORPORATOR'S MURDER CONSPIRACY**



Atma Ram Gupta, Delhi Congress Councilor is dead. Gupta is alleged to have been killed by hitmen hired by Mrs. Sharda Jain, another Congress Councilor from Delhi. Sharda and her brother, Raj Kumar, were picked up by the police and the Mrs. Jain apparently broke down and confessed to have committed the crime during questioning. According to the police, Sharda was driven off her mind which led to murder – by Gupta's intimacy with party colleague and Prahlapur Bangar corporator Memwati Barwala. Despite an extra-marital relationship that went back five years, Gupta would of late ignore Sharda in Memwati's presence, said an officer. Blinded by rage, Sharda planned Gupta's murder. Mrs. Sharda Jain holds double post-graduate degree and she was working as Principal of a school in Delhi. (In pic. R to L Sharda Jain, Memwati Barwala, & Atma Ram Gupta.)

### **JAIN BROTHERS' PLEA REJECTED IN INSURANCE FRAUD CASE**

In the year 1979, CBI had charged Jain brothers, V. K. Jain and R. K. Jain for hatching conspiracy to dupe the New India Insurance Company Ltd by obtaining false documents showing the purchase of some valuable goods like cloves, PVC resins and brass scraps claiming that the two ships carrying it sank in mid-sea. In this case the Insurance company was defrauded of crores of Rupees 23 years ago through a bogus claim of a consignment sinking under the sea. A Delhi court on August 27, rejected the plea of the accused Jain Brothers to disband the Commission set up to examine witnesses in Singapore. Designated Judge Gulshan Kumar had recently set up a Special Commission to examine 12 key foreign witnesses in Singapore.

### **BHADRESHWAR JAIN TEMPLE DEMOLISHED IN GUJARAT**

The world-famous Jain Temple of Bhadreshwar has recently been completely demolished because the structure had been rendered unsafe due to the extensive damage from last January's earthquake. The main temple, which was nearly 2,500 years old, used to attract people from all over the country. "It is shocking not only for Jains but everybody in Kutch," says Vanechand Mulchand Doshi, the Manager of the Seth Vardhman Kalyanji Trust, which manages the Bhadreshwar Temple. The demolition work has been completed and temporary arrangement has been made from where pilgrims can have darshan of Mool Nayak Bhagwan Mahaveer and Bhagwan Parashwa Nath. It is reported that over 146 icons, most of them, 500 years to 2500 years old could however be saved from damage. Despite the fact that the temple does not exist anymore now, pilgrims have been visiting the place from across the country for darshan and worship. The Bhadreshwar Temple Managing Committee has taken up the project to reconstruct the Temple as early as possible.

### **WORLD'S TALLEST JAIN IMAGE OF ADINATH BHAGWAN AT AYODHYAPURAM**

The tallest statue of Bhagwan Shri Adinath in Padmasan posture is going to be installed at Vallabhipur near Palitana Jain pilgrimage centre at a cost of Rs. 15 crores. It is made of marble, is going to be 23 feet high and weighs 250 tons. The place where the statue is being built and will be installed, is to called 'Ayodhyapuram' Teerth. The work has been undertaken by Matunga Jain Sangh at Bombay with the inspiration and guidance of Acharya Shri Jin Chandra Sagar Ji and Acharya Shri Hem Chandra Sagar Ji Maharaj, who are presently holding chaturmas there at Matunga Jain Upasraya.

### **NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CATTLE CALLS FOR TOTAL BAN ON COW SLAUGHTER**



Established in August, 2001, the National Commission for Cattle has recently submitted a 1,500 page report to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee advocating that cow slaughter be banned in India. Presently, beef forms part of many peoples' diet and is a lucrative export product. So also cow leather earns lot of foreign exchange. Statistically, Shri Ghuman Mal Lodha, M.P. and acting Chairman of the Commission, says, India has 200 million cattle. Killing cattle is considered worse than killing human beings as the animals cannot defend themselves." In the 1,500-page report, Lodha has recommended 51 different solutions such as, "Prohibition of slaughter of the cow and its progeny should be made a fundamental right, and a Central Cattle Protection Rapid Task Force should be set up with offices in each state." It is high time that the Government takes up the matter seriously and accepts the recommendations of the Commission.

Recently, Shri Saubhagya Muni Ji 'Kumud', General Secretary of the Jain Sthanakwasi Shraman Sangh, in a large gathering of Jains at Ahmedabad strongly advocated the need to put a total ban on cow slaughter. Shri Harin Pathak, Central Minister of State for Defence, chief guest on the occasion, agreeing with the Muni, mentioned in his address that ahimsa is the soul of the country and it is the only way to peace and prosperity.

## 2002 CHATURMAS OF DIGAMBER JAIN SAINTS

### ACHARYA

1. Acharya Sh. Vidyandiji at R. K. Puram, New Delhi
2. Acharya Sh. Vidyasagarji at Nemavar, M. P.
3. Acharya Sh. Bharatsagarji at Barabanki, U. P.
4. Acharya Sh. Pushpdantsagarji at Dhuliyān, W. Bengal
5. Acharya Sh. Subalsagarji at Shedwal, Karnatak
6. Acharya Sh. Sudharmasagarji at Ashok Vihar, New Delhi
7. Acharya Sh. Darshansagarji at Chandni Chowk, New Delhi
8. Acharya Sh. Kushagranandiji at Pahadi Dhiraj, New Delhi
9. Acharya Sh. Kunthusagarji at Kunthugiri Parisar, Maharashtra
10. Acharya Sh. Nishantsagarji at Ramgali, New Delhi
11. Acharya Sh. Karunanandiji at Hubli, Karnatak
12. Acharya Sh. Vardhamansagarji at Udaypur, Rajasthan
13. Acharya Sh. Rayansagarji at Lohariya (Banswada), Rajasthan
14. Acharya Sh. Vipulsagarji at Ramgadh, Rajasthan
15. Acharya Sh. Kanaknandiji at Pratapgadh, Rajasthan
16. Acharya Sh. Dharmabhushanji at Kavinagar (Ghaziabad), U. P.
17. Acharya Sh. Siddhantsagarji at Malharganj-Indore, M. P.
18. Acharya Sh. Padmanandiji at Durg, Chhattisgadh
19. Acharya Sh. Devnandiji at Solapur, Maharashtra
20. Acharya Sh. Shantisagarji at Dehra Tijara (Alwar), Rajasthan
21. Acharya Sh. Bahubaliji at Gudgaon, Haryana
22. Acharya Sh. Sanmatisagarji at Siddhakshetra Pawagadh, Gujarat
23. Acharya Sh. Abhinandansagarji at Salambar, Rajasthan
24. Acharya Sh. Kumuknandiji at Vijaynagar, Gujarat
25. Acharya Sh. Nishantsagarji at Saharanpur, U.P.
26. Acharya Sh. Nirbhaysagarji at Podanpur, Mumbai, Maharashtra

### UPADHYAY

1. Upadhyay Sh. Gyansagarji near Kota, Rajasthan
2. Upadhyay Sh. Anandsagarji at Shalimar Baug, New Delhi
3. Upadhyay Sh. Shrutsagarji at Rohtak, Haryana
4. Upadhyay Sh. Nayansagarji at Saharanpur, U. P.
5. Upadhyay Sh. Guptisagarji at Gannaur, Haryana
6. Upadhyay Sh. Nirnaysagarji at Meerut, U. P.

### MUNI

1. Muni Sh. Kshamasagarji at Jaipur, Rajasthan
2. Muni Sh. Samtasagarji at Kannauj, U. P.
3. Muni Sh. Pramansagarji at Kannauj, U. P.
4. Muni Sh. Tarunsagarji at Ratlam, M. P.
5. Muni Sh. Pulaksagarji at Gwalior, M. P.
6. Muni Sh. Arunsagarji at Devband (Saharanpur), M. P.
7. Muni Sh. Pragyasagarji at Ranchi, Jharkhand
8. Muni Sh. Prasannasagarji at Dhuliyān, W. Bengal
9. Muni Sh. Varishensagarji at Sonipat, Haryana
10. Muni Sh. Sukumalnandi at Bhimpur (Banswada), Rajasthan
11. Muni Sh. Niyabhushanji at Kavinagar (Ghaziabad), U. P.
12. Muni Sh. Prakarshasagarji at Baroda Mev (Alwar), Rajasthan.
13. Muni Sh. Dharmanandiji at Udaypur, Rajasthan
14. Muni Sh. Gyanbhushanji at Firozpur Jhirka, U. P.
15. Muni Sh. Subhavsagarji at Jurehara (Bharatpur), Rajasthan
16. Muni Sh. Shrutsagarji at Rohtak, Haryana
17. Muni Sh. Samantbhadrasagarji at Vijaynagar, Gujarat
18. Muni Sh. Virsagarji at Udaypur, Rajasthan
19. Muni Sh. Samtabhushanji at Saharanpur, U. P.
20. Muni Sh. Sumersusagarji at Siddhakshetra Shravan Belgol, Karnatak

## **GANINI**

1. Ganini Sh. Gyanmati Mataji at Allahabad, U. P.

## **ARYIKA**

1. Aryika Sh. Suprakashmati Mataji at Udaypur, Rajasthan
2. Aryika Sh. Suparshwamati Mataji at Udaypur, Rajasthan
3. Aryika Sh. Chandramati Mataji at Aliganj, Lucknow, U.P.
4. Aryika Sh. Bahubali Mataji at Kundkund Bharati, New Delhi
5. Aryika Sh. Subhushanmati Mataji at Khatauli, U. P.
6. Aryika Sh. Dridhmati Mataji at Allahabad, U. P.
7. Aryika Sh. Nishpapmati Mataji at Bhogal, New Delhi
8. Aryika Sh. Mutkilaxmi Mataji at Bhogal, New Delhi
9. Aryika Sh. Suryamati Mataji at Vijaynagar, Gujarat

## **KSHULLAK**

1. Khsullak Ratnakirtiji at Jhakawad, Rajasthan

## **KSHULLIKA**

1. Khsullika Padmashri Mataji at Siddhakshetra Shravan Belgol, Karnatak

## **JAIN SADHUS OPPOSE 'GAURAV YATRA**

The Gujarat CM, Narendra Modi, is facing stiff resistance to his "Gaurav Yatra" from an unexpected quarter: the Jains of the Saurashtra region. The Jain sadhus and several other Hindu organisations took out a rally on 28th August through the streets of Rajkot, from where Mr. Modi was elected to the State Assembly in February, protesting the reported move by the BJP-led Government at the Centre to issue licences for starting new slaughter houses, many of them believed to be located in the Saurashtra. The BJP is blaming the Congress for "creating a controversy" over the non-existent slaughter houses, some of the local units of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad in the Saurashtra region are supporting the "morcha" by the Jains causing more concern to the ruling party. News Courtesy By Mrs. Karbi Mazundaar, Jain Scholar

## **BOOKS - NEW ARRIVALS**

1. The Scientific Foundations of Jainism By K. V. Maradiya Rs. 145.00
2. Cosmology, Old and New By Prof. G. R. Jain Rs. 40.00
3. Astronomy and Cosmology, From Old Jain Sources Rs. 15.00
4. Jain Geography, By Ganini Gyanmatiji Rs. 20.00

Above books are available from Hindi Granth Karyalaya, Hirabaug, C.P.Tank, Mumbai 400004. [www.hindibooks.8m.com](http://www.hindibooks.8m.com), [manish.modi@bol.net.in](mailto:manish.modi@bol.net.in)

5. Arogya Aapka, (Hindi) By Chanchal Mal Chordia, Rs. 260.00, published by the Kalyan Mal Chanchal Mal Chordia Trust, Jodhpur. Pages: 360. (Book review available on [www.jainsamaj.org/Literature/Book & Magazines/ Book Reviews](http://www.jainsamaj.org/Literature/Book%20&%20Magazines/Book%20Reviews))

## **MR. V. S. JAIN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED**

The PM office announced the name of Mr. V. S. Jain as the next Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited. He is currently the Director (Finance) of SAIL. Mr. Jain will take-over with effect from October 1, 2002.

Mr. Jain, a finance man through out his career, joined SAIL in 1996 as the Director (Finance) after having a long 26 years stint in Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). He was the Executive Director (Finance) for IOC when he left the oil PSU.

## **MATRIMONY MEET OCTOBER 2ND, NEW DELHI, FOR ALL JAIN SECTS**

A matrimonial introduction programme for Jain families is being hosted on 2nd October by " Sanjog " , monthly magazine in coordination with Ahimsa Foundation at Sadar Bazar Jain Sthanak, New Delhi.

On this occasion the details of all the participating candidates will also be printed in the form of a booklet. Parents of all eligible matrimonial candidates are requested to submit their entries in prescribed form along with participation charges of Rs. 500/-. All entries will also be placed on the Matrimonial section of [www.jainsamaj.org](http://www.jainsamaj.org) which has already hosted over 1500 profiles. Should you require any further details please contact: Mr. Rajendra Jain, 7055, Gali Tanki Wali, Pahari Dhiraj, Delhi - 6, Tel: 3613900 or Ahimsa Foundation, 21, Skipper House, 9, Pusa Road, New Delhi - 5, Tel: 5842011, 5842012, 5842013, E-Mail: [ahimsa@jainsamaj.org](mailto:ahimsa@jainsamaj.org)

### **ANEKANTA: WHEN MANY BECOME ONE**

Sudhamahi Regunathan and Bharatanatyam exponent Kanaka Srinivasan presented an evening based on the Jain concept of Anekanta at India International Centre, New Delhi. The audience were treated to superb abhinaya by the veteran dancer. SUDHAMAHAI REGUNATHAN and Kanaka Srinivasan teamed up to present a Bharatanatyam programme on 'anekanta', a concept that has been the subject of a series of lectures sponsored by the Delhi centre of the Jain Vishva Bharati Institute. The idea of anekanta that underlies tolerance and ahimsa- which are at the basis of Jainism accepts everything in life as relative and as a combination of opposites in harmonious coexistence. In designing the programme , which illustrated the eighth lecture in the series. Sudhamahi Regunathan attempted to illustrate the concept using poetry from a number of sources, including Sanskrit poetry and the Tamil Ramayana of Kambar. News Courtesy : Mrs. Karbi Mazundaar, A Jain Scholar.



### **MAHARASHTRA GOV. BANS ANIMAL SLAUGHTER & SALE OF MEAT DURING PARYUSHAN PARVA**

The Government of Maharashtra has issued Notification to effect a total ban on the slaughter of animals and the sale of meat in the entire state during the period of Paryushan Parva, from 3rd September to 11th September, 2002.

### **DEV-LOK GAMAN OF SAINTS**

Mahasati Shri Maya Devi Ji Maharaj, disciple of Mahasati Shri Pragya Devi Ji belonging to Sthanakwasi Jain Shraman Sangh sect attained Devlok at the age of about 100 years just after taking 'Santhara' at 2 P.M. on the 13th July, 2002 at Delhi. Hundreds of followers joined to have last darshan and pay their homage to the departed soul.

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

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