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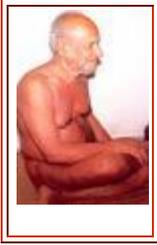
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TEMPLE



ACHARYA SHRI VIDHYANAND JI INSPIRES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MAHAVIR TEMPLE AT VAISHALI - An impressive Jain temple complex, spread over an area of 5.5 acres of land and having idol of Bhagwan Mahavir installed therein, is coming up fast with the inspiration and guidance of Acharya Shri Vidhyanand Ji maharaj, at a place called Vaskund (Vaishali), known to be the place of birth of Bhagwan Mahavir according as believed by Digambar sect, The complex is being built by Mahavir Smarak Samiti, Patna. It would provide comprehensive facilities for the pilgrims to stay, including a Bhojan Shala, Dharmshala and a hall for saints and sadhwi to stay during their vihar. Shri Narandra Jain of Delhi has donated an impressive amount and an elegant idol of Bhagwan Mahavir to be installed in the temple.

LOOT IN CHINTAMANI JINALAYA AT RAJASTHAN CAUSE OF WORRY

Bagol, a village in the Pali district of Rajasthan is alarmed by reports of looting of Chintamani Jinalay. Bharat Solanki, Chief of Marwad Jain Sangh Mumbai has taken up the matter with the Rajasthan Chief Minister, Shri Ashok Gehlot so that these incidents do not reoccur and proper investigation is conducted to expose the robbery.

During festival of Paryusan Parva the breaking of locks of the temple took place in which gold and silver jewelry and Rs. Ten Lakhs in cash was looted. FIR has been registered with local police. Some time back in a similar incident robbers came on the bikes and took away from the temple the crown (made of silver) and the statue. Police investigations about the previous incidence is still going on without any results till now. Chief Minister's office has issued orders to Pali District Superintendent of Police to look into this matter.

MUMBAI HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OPPOSES RENOVATION WORK AT OLDEST JAIN TEMPLE IN MUMBAI -

A delegation from the Fort Jain Trust Mandal met the Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee to seek permission to reconstruct a wall of the 200-year-old Bhagwan Shantinath Jain temple, the city's first Jain temple, near Bora Bazaar, Fort. Some MHCC members objected to the demand, pointing to alleged irregularities when the temple was renovated two years ago. The Jain delegation was accompanied by local BJP Legislature Mr. Raj Purohit. The trust has requested for restoration of a temple wall to its original form. Some MHCC members have pointed out that the temple was not renovated as per MHCC regulations.

According to Mr. Mahendra Jain, MHCC asked why we did not use RCC or steel. Mr. Mahendra Jain has explained to the MHCC that the temples have to be carved from stone and are designed by religious architects, called Sompuras. We follow Jain vastu shastra and the Puranas and their comment has hurt our religious sentiments. The heritage panel has desired

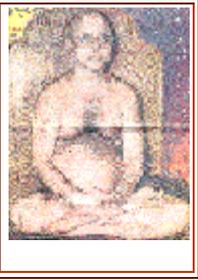
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documents to decide on the course of action to check whether the renovation work was not a replication of the original structure and the work is in accordance with the religious code.

GANG INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING ANCIENT JAIN IDOLS APPREHENDED AT INDORE

The crime branch of Indore police has been able to apprehend recently a gang which had been engaged in looting old and ancient antiquities of archaeological and historical importance from Jain temples and selling these at high prices. Three persons from the gang have been arrested by the police from whom a 200 years old 'ashtadhatu' idol of Bhagwan Parshwanath has been recovered. Another person from the gang is still at large. Other items stolen by them are also expected to be recovered soon.

SAINT



INDRA-DHWAJ MAHAMANDAL VIDHAN & DIKSHA CEREMONY

The celebrations in connection with Indradhwaj Mahmandal alongwith Diksha ceremonies is planned to be conducted at Shri Champapur Siddhshetra in the holy presence and with the inspiration of Digambar saint Acharya Shri 108 Vardhman Sagar Ji maharaj from 23rd September to 2nd October, 2009. Diksha to some aspirants are also likely to be granted by the Acharya Shri on this occasion. Devotees from various parts of the country are likely to participate in these celebrations. The eminent devotees expected to join are Shri Brah. Ravindra Jain from Hastinapur, Shri Narandra Prakash Ji Shastri from Firozabad, Pt. Nirmal ji Jain from Satna, Pt. Phool Chand ji Jain Premi from Varanasi and Pt. Dharam chand ji Shastri. The Flag-hoisting (Dhwajarohan) will be carried out by Shri Kailash Chandra Ji Badjatya from Kolkatta. Elaborate arrangements have been made at Champapur for the stay, meals and transport of the devotees attending the programme. For details and help, contact: Mob.- 093310 05072 or 093397 56995.



STRESS MANAGEMENT THROUGH RELAXATION - BY ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA The modern age has given a man many conveniences and comforts. Also, it has given a fast life. Almost everything is constantly changing. It has brought peer pressure, traffic jams, riots, violence, gangs, competition, and pressure from society, fear, anger, manipulative nature, greediness and many similar things. These all have created problems of stress, insomnia, high blood pressure, heart disease and restlessness. Stress is the root cause of many diseases - When stressful situations regularly occur, the stress mechanism is repeatedly activated; the heart begins to race and starts to pump more blood causing high blood pressure. Stress also accelerates breathing and tightens muscles.

The Effects of Stress on Innate Mechanisms - Stress activates the innate mechanisms of our bodies, putting into action disorderly responses. The hypothalamus is a prominent part of the brain which incorporates all the functions of the body. The pituitary is the master gland of the endocrine system which regulates other glands such as the pineal, thyroid etc. Due to stress, the pituitary gland goes out of order. Stress activates the brain's fight or flight mechanism which causes the release of hormones like adrenalin, and influences both the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems, causing imbalance.

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Muscle tension brings aches and pains in the head, back, neck, shoulders etc. Due to adrenaline secretions, saliva glands dry up which in turn slows digestion and reduces the supply of blood to the digestive system. Stress makes man vulnerable to anxiety. Besides these, chronic tension may also bring the feelings of irrational fear. Thus stress is the root of all the diseases. It makes the person sick physically, mentally and emotionally too. To resolve the stress, people depend on parties, alcohol, drugs, television, music, movies, entertainment, sleeping pills etc. The idea that these items relieve the stress is a great illusion. The permanent solution lies in the practice of Kāyotsarga.

Relaxation - A best way to remove Stress - To gain relief from all kinds of stress, Kāyotsarga, as practised by Jains during their daily ritual, 'samayik', forms a part of Prekshā Meditation and it has been shown to be the best way to

relieve stresses from the human body. Human beings have four dynamic faculties - body, breathing, speech and mind, which remain always active. They activate each other too. If Kāyotsarga is practiced with complete faith and willpower, it slows down the movements of these four elements. While practicing Kāyotsarga, through the technique of auto-

suggestion, gross body becomes motionless, breathing slows down, and silence is observed. Relaxation creates a situation of deep mental concentration, feeling of equanimity.

Rigidity of muscles is the main cause of bodily pain but when one relaxes his body, each part of body gets balanced vital flow of energy which removes stiffness, rigidity and pain from the body. Relaxation makes a person calm and pacifies all his passions. The main purpose of Kāyotsarga is to gain self-awareness. The regular practice of Kāyotsarga brings self awareness in the practitioner. If once a person gains the self-awareness, he can face all situations and remained balanced in all situations. Thus practice of relaxation is the direct and harmless way of releasing the stress as well as stress-related other physical and mental problems.

DIKSHA



DIKSHA CEREMONY OF RAJESHWARI NAHTA HELD AT JODHPUR

Mumukshu Rajeshwari Nahta accepted Jain Bhagwati Diksha on the 20th September, 2009 at Jodhpur in the holy presence of Up-Pravartak Shri Vinay Muni, Up-Pravartak Shri Gautam Muni and other saints and sadhwi, all belonging to Shraman Sangh of Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Sect, who have been holding chaturmas at Jodhpur. Eminent Gurumata sadhwi Shri Manohar Kunwar ji maharaj was also present on the occasion.

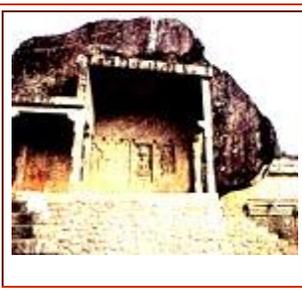
ACHARYA RAMESH MUNI, OF SADHU MARGI SECT INSPIRES DEVOTEES TO ACCEPT DIKSHA - Shree Shri

Chand Kothari from Ratlam and Shri Hirachand Chordia from Raipur recently accepted Jain Bhagwati Diksha held in Rishabh Nagar at Durg in Chhatisgarh from Acharya Shri Ramesh Muni, belonging to Sadhu Margi sect of Sthanakwasi Jain Sangh. In an unique instance, the two devotees, both belonging to rich and well-established Jain families had come from different places to pay their respects to the Acharya and listen to his discourses. On the conclusion of the discourse, both of them got an awakening of their consciousness and so with a sense of 'vairagya', both of them stood up before the Acharya and with folded hands, begged him for granting Diksha. Appreciating their feelings, Diksha was readily granted to both of them. It is learnt from Jain Shastra that devotees attending discourses of Bhagwan Mahavir used to get inspired for readily obtaining Diksha. This instance is a similar one, when two devotees developed vairagya instantly while listening the discourses of the learned saint.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS



JAINA GOES TO WASHINGTON - CONFERENCE ON "CELEBRATING NON-VIOLENCE" - JAINA extends invitation to the first-ever, "Celebrating Non-Violence" legislative conference on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009. You will have an opportunity to promote 21st-century Ahimsa diplomatically. Co-supported by JAINA, the American Jewish Committee (AJC), and the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), this conference will enable Jains to become more politically active on issues important to the community. The conference will take place from 9 am – 2 pm on October 7th with U.S. government officials. In the evening, members are invited to attend an exclusive reception to honor the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's visit to India, hosted by the AJC, AAPI, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). For details, contact:: Dr. Sushil Jain, JAINA Public Affairs Council, JAINA.



TAMIL NADU TOURISM DEPARTMENT TO HOLD JAIN FESTIVAL IN KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT - In a bid to showcase Tamil Nadu's unique Jain monuments that stand testimony to a cultural past, the tourism department is organising a 'Jain Temple Tourism Festival' at a remote village called Chitharal in Kanyakumari district on 6th September 09. This is at the initiative of the state secretary of tourism, Dr V Irai Anbu. The festival is the first of its kind event in Tamil Nadu. The event will ultimately turn the various Jain heritage structures, hitherto unknown to tourists into places of tourist attraction and also a pilgrimage for the followers of Jainism.

Chitharal is situated near Marthandam. It has a huge cave with rock-cut sculptures of Jain Tirthankaras and attendant deities exemplify how Jainism has thrived and has spread close to the land's end, 2000 years ago, and how much it has contributed to the religious and cultural heritage of the state. Cave, which have been carved in a hillock standing amidst a scenic landscape, was converted into a Bhagavathi Amman Temple around the 13th century. However, the Jain images have not been tampered with.

The preserved relics will be the highlight of the festival, which will be marked by folk performances and cultural events. The Department of Tourism has developed a pathway leading to the hillock, which is about 200 feet high, for the convenience of those visiting the cave that is likely to be added to the list of popular places of interest in the district. Besides the Chitharal site, there are 13 other Jain monuments spread across the State from Kancheepuram to Kazhugumalai to Sittanavasal to Uthamapalayam. Each of these temple has a fascinating history to narrate.



BHOGILAL LEHERCHAND INSTITUTE OF INDOLOGY CELEBRATING SILVER JUBILEE - Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology is scheduled on 11th October 2009 in Vijay Vallabh Smarak Complex, 20th Km. G. T. Karnal Road, P.O. Alipur, Delhi 110036 on the auspices of H.H. Acharya Shri Nityanandsuriji Maharaj Saheb. Noted Social Activist, Gandhian Philosopher & Indologist Prof. Ramji Singh, Former M.P., (Former Vice-Chancellor, Jain Vishwa Bharati, Ladnun, & Head, Department of Gandhian Studies, Bhagalpur University) will deliver a special lecture on "Jaina way of life with special reference to Ahimsa, Anekant and Aparigraha" on this occasion. Prof. Namwar Singh will be present on this occasion as Guest of Honour. Courtesy:

Dr. Balaji Ganorkar, Director, B. L. Institute of Indology, 20th Kmts. G. T. K. Road, P.O. Alipur, Delhi 110036, E-Mail: director@blinstitute.org.

AHIMSA & NON-VIOLENCE

PROMOTING AHIMSA AND - PARAMO DHARMA AT MANCHESTER - Jain Samaj Manchester raised over 10,000 £ for the Royal Society for Protection of Animals (RSPCA). They organised a whole day charity event on 12th September 2009. This was a historic achievement, setting an example to all Jain organisations, that we must identify with Vegetarian and Animal Welfare Groups of this country. Jains must Promote Ahimsa. Our future and our heritage depends on Jiv- Daya. Congratulations to all the hard working members of Jain Samaj Manchester. This is what Jains can and should do everywhere for aligning with forces promoting Ahimsa - Non-Violence, 'Ahimsa Paramo Dharma'. Are we assimilating enough with the outside world community for a better future for our planet? Actions speak louder than words from platforms and within the four walls. Virtuous circles can expand. Direction and Vision will count. Our younger Generation should come out vigorously to take the lead, as the Jain community at Manchester has shown the way. Courtesy: Fakir Chand J. Dalal, Sulekh Jain, Nitin Mehta.

NON-VIOLENCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY - BY MR. MANISH MODI

"The Rishis who discovered the law of non-violence were greater geniuses than Newton, greater warriors than Wellington. Non-violence is the law of our species as violence is the law of the brute." (1). Today, with the spread of education, people are willing to give up age-old prejudices and biases in the pursuit of spirituality and global peace. They want to find true peace. They are no longer willing to accept distortions and artifice in the name of religion. They are keen for peace and non-violence. If they are logically explained about violence in all its forms, they will master the concept of Ahimsa and its meaning, its importance and its value. All religions of the world teach us that violence is a sin and non-violence is a virtue. Nevertheless, despite this common teaching, one cannot claim that all religions perceive violence in the same light. Scholars of the world who have studied scriptures belonging to different religions, covering the past 2500 years, and have considered various codes of conduct, histories, and ethical teachings, are of the opinion that, the definition of violence and levels of acceptable violence are unique to each religion.....To read further please click here.

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INCREASING EXPORT OF MEAT- A CHALLENGE FOR JAIN COMMUNITY

According to the figures available from official sources, the export of meat from the country had been kept well-within a pre-determined level during the last few years, largely due to the efforts of Jain community. However, it is disheartening to observe that during the 11th five year plan period, the export of meat has been increasing year after year. During the year 2008-09, it has jumped from Rs. 1775 crores to 5112 crores. The planning Commission, inspite of the resistance shown by the jain community and its several institutions, has been determined to raise the export. A mid-term review committee has been constituted by the Planning Commission for this purpose. A National Meat and Poultry Board has also been established recently. It is possible to stop the merciless killing of animals in huge numbers only if the entire Jain community unites steadfastly and takes a strong stand in one voice in the whole country against the production and export of meat.

Jain community is being represented both in the States and Centre and these representatives must take it as their sole responsibility to oppose the heinous move from time to time to open new butcher houses in the country.

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 5. M. A in Social Work
 6. A certificate course in SCIENCE OF LIVING and PREKSHA DHYAN

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR JAIN ACADEMIC STUDIES NOW OPEN ADMSSION TO ISSJS 2010 - ISSJS invites enquiries and applications now for ISSJS 2010. This is a great opportunity to study Jainism and the Jain community in an experiential based academic settings in India in the summer of 2010. ISSJS was established in 2005 and so far nearly 122 scholars and students from 9 countries and more than 20 universities of the world have attended the last 4 ISSJSs. In addition to class room lectures by eminent scholars of Jainism, the other great features of this program are the meetings and interactions with the Jain professionals , practitioners, monks, nuns and visits to temples, historical and architectural places. The emphasis is on the study and learning of philosophy, art , history and culture of the Jains.

Another great feature of this unique program is that nearly full cost (except \$400-500) of the program such as tuition, course material, boarding and lodging in India for the entire stay are paid for by ISSJS to all participants. In addition, some full time faculty and Grad students attending the advance program/module also receive economy class return trip plus some cash stipends. ISSJS 2010 offers 5 different modules as opposed to 3 in ISSJS 2009. Full details of the program along with the application forms are available on ISSJS web site; www.jainstudies.org.

HONOUR / AWARDS

ENVIRONMENTALIST AJAY JAIN TO RECEIVE "WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE 2009" - Environmentalist Ajay Jain from Indore has been selected for "World Economic Development Award for Business Excellence 2009". This award is given jointly by Economic development Forum, New Delhi and Indo-Thai Chamber of Commerce, Bangkok. The award will be presented in Bangkok by Indian Ambassador H.E. Latha Reddy on 31st October at the 21st International Achievers Summit on "Emerging Promoting Partnerships Globally". The summit shall be attended by eminent personalities, leaders, diplomats, and business delegations form India and other countries.

Ajay Jain has been working with a vision of Clean, Green and Healthy Environment. His company Eco-Pro Environmental Services Indore has been providing consultancy to many National, International organizations and various Urban Local Bodies in field of environment and waste management. He has excelled in the field of Biomedical and municipal waste management.

In the year 2001 he formed company "Hoswin Incinerator Pvt. Ltd." and developed Central India's first Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility at Indore and later on developed six other similar facilities in other parts of India. Biomedical waste is very infectious and is a cause for spread many life threatening diseases like HIV, Hepatitities Tetanus etc. There are very few people willing to work in this sector due to the threats of Biomedical waste. Environmentalist Ajay Jain had took it as challenge and business opportunity. Since then he has been working actively to destruct the Biomedical waste so as to ensure that such waste is handled without any adverse effect to human health and environment. In the region where Ajay Jain has been working, considerable reduction in the spread of infections due to Biomedical waste has been witnessed and dramatic reduction in the number of cases of needle prick to health care workers, municipal workers and rag pickers. Ajay Jain have provided training to more than 2000 health care workers. Environmentalist Ajay Jain is also known for development of various Low cost technologies in the final of municipal waste management, non recyclable plastics and Biomass Gasifiers.

ACHARYA HASTI AHIMSA AWARD TO PT. NIRMAL JAIN

Eminent social worker, Pt. Nirmal Jain from Jalgaon in Maharashtra was honoured with Shri Acharya Hasti Ahimsa Award this year for his unstinted and self-less efforts to popularise and propagate ahimsa and vegetarianism in the country during the last 22 years. The award was presented to him in the holy presence of Sadhvi Mahasati Shri Maniprabhaji. The award was constituted by Shakahar Sadachar Parishad and Ratan Lal C. Bafna Foundation Trust of Jalgaon.

DR. VIJAY SINGHI TO HEAD SIKKIM JAIN BODY

The members of Shri Jain Swetambar Terapanth Sabha, Sikkim elected Dr. Vijay Singhi as the president of the Sabha in a meeting held on September 12. Dr. Singhi further nominated four persons as working committee members and five as working body members. According to a press release, the members nominated for working committee were Krishan Bothra as vice president, Ashok Singhi as general secretary, Sundeep Malu as treasurer and Amit Jain as publicity secretary. The working body has Jayant Lunawat, Manish Kr. Jain, Manjeet Chhallani, Pramod Jain and Amrit Singhi as its members.

SANTOSH SINGH JAIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CCCA FOR 40TH TERM

Eminent distributor Santosh Singh Jain has been re-elected President of the distributors body Central Circuit Cine Association for the fortieth consecutive time. Jain, who is already in the Limca Book of Records for the feat of holding office for so many terms, is the father of Jitendra Jain, who is currently President of the Film Federation of India which is the apex organization of all film bodies. At the 56th Annual General Meeting of CCCA, the Santosh Singh Jain panel won all the 16 seats of the Executive Committee for the year 2009-2011. The elections of Executive Committee was held on 15 September at Santosh Sabhagriha, Film Bhawan, Indore.

In the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the elected members, the other office bearers elected are Vijay R Rathi as the Vice President, Jitendra Jain as the General Secretary and Sanjay S Surana as the Treasurer. The CCCA is the sole representative organisation of the Film Industry comprising Film Distributors and Film Exhibitors of the Central Circuit - Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Vidarbha and Khandesh Regions of Maharashtra.

A total of 16 members were elected - four each from Distribution and exhibition segments from C P Berar Region, two each from Distribution and Exhibition segment from C I Region, and two each from Distribution and Exhibition segments from Rajasthan Region – as the Executive Committee of CCCA.

NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS

The Basic Thought of Bhagwan Mahavir - By Dr Jaykumar Jalaj, Edited by Manish Modi, Seventh revised edition 2009, Published by Hindi Granth Karyalay, Mumbai, 2009 220 x 140 mm 32 pages. 978-81-88769-41-4 Paperback Rs. 20. "Bhagavan Mahavir had an unflinching and thorough perception of the manifoldness of reality as well the expansive, independent, vivid and self-sufficient nature of matter, both living and non-living. This perception is the key to his lofty and sublime thoughts. For comprehending this perception, micro-classifications into endless types and sub-types may only be a primal need. Sometimes they may push the original facet of Mahavir's thought out of the focus of our vision. Mahavir believes in non-imposition. He disfavours the attractions for punya (merit) within us. For him it is only the purity of emotion and not its goodness or evil that may free the soul from all bondage of karma and the possibility of rebirth."

The author, Dr. Jaykumar Jalaj has spent a lifetime studying and putting into practice the teachings of Bhagavan Mahavira in his day to day life. This book is a result of the insights he has gained. The book was originally written in Hindi, and is already into its 22nd edition in 6 years. This is the 7th edition of its English translation. The book is also available in Gujarati, Marathi and Kannada translations. It is a very meaningful, thought-provoking and full of the inspiring thoughts of Mahavir. The book can be obtained from: Hindi Granth Karyalaya, 9 Hirabaug C P Tank, Mumbai 400004.

Christianity and Jainism: An Interfaith Dialogue - Professor Padmanabh S. Jaini - English, 2009 220 x 140 mm 32 pages, ISBN 978-81-88769-42-1 Paperback Rs. 30, Published by Hindi Granth Karyalay, Mumbai, 2009.

'Christianity and Jainism: An Interfaith Dialogue' is a great conversation between Professor Padmanabh S. Jaini and Sir Mark Tully of the BBC broadcast on the BBC in the program 'Something Spiritual'. Amongst the topics covered are the attributes of the soul, Jain views on abstinence, and the importance of jijnasa - the search for truth. This search is common to all traditions, sometimes termed as mysticism, sometimes as a union with god.

One of the highlights of the book are the contrasting views of Jainism and Christianity on the concept of Divine Grace. The Jain view on divine grace is explained from the religious and scriptural perspective as well as the layman's perspective. Prof. Jaini ends by explaining the Jain perception of the worldly soul as being like "a piece of gold lying deep within the ore" and that by applying "the right cleanser", the soul can be purified. This is a deeply insightful conversation, between two articulate and knowledgeable men who re-examine their own faith while studying another faith. Courtesy: Mr. Manish Modi E-Mail : manishymodi@gmail.com

READER'S MAIL

From: P K Jain, E-Mail : ee_rituraj@yahoo.co.in - On this auspicious occasion of " Anant Chaudas ", there was no mention of our holy day on any of the news channels whereas Ganesh Visarjan was highlighted with a live coverage of over 30 minutes on most of the TV channels. Even DD News made no mention of Jains Why ? Are we useless people ? Parsis, Buddhists, Gurjars and several other minorities find due coverage/footage, then Jains are being ignored ? Why ? Can Jains not raise their voice against this favouritism ? Please take up this issue on a wider scale and raise a loud audible voice !! Er. Promod Kumar Jain B. Tech. IIT Delhi.

MISCELLANEOUS

SEVERE PUNISHMENT FOR TRADERS OF HUMAN ORGANS

In order to render the entire process of donating human organs after death more transparent and easy for the donors, the Government of India has now decided to make suitable amendments in 'Human organs Ordinance-1994'. The amendments will help in exerting a strict check on illegal sale and providing severe punishment for those concerned or involved in the illegal trade. The decision was taken in a meeting of the cabinet held on the 17th September, 2009. Mrs. Ambika Soni, Minister for Information and Broadcasting informed after the cabinet meeting that the amendment now provides for proper removal, preservation, safe custody and transplant of human organs. The hospitals carrying out these activities are also required to get their registration done.

BUTCHERS ATTACK ANIMAL RIGHT ACTIVISTS IN BHAVNAGAR

Nine Muslim butchers attacked four Hindu animal right activists in Bhavnagar as the activists had rescued buffaloes meant for slaughter. Injured activists were taken to hospital in critical condition. Workers of Hindu organizations rushed to the District Superintendent of Police office and demanded stringent punishment to those responsible for the attack. The animal right activists: Shah Brijesh Himmatlal, Kamdar Chirag Hasmukh, Naresh Vaghji Havani and another Haresh were attacked when they were sitting near Kumbharwada Gaushala. Muslim butchers arrived here in car and bike. They attacked using steel pipe and wooden sticks. One Haresh fled from the place but other three were badly beaten in critical condition. Two of the attackers Khatki Gafar Usman Kalva and Hanif alias Iso Usman Kalva were later arrested by the police. Local BJP, VHP and Jain Sangh leaders have demanded strict action against the attackers.

JAINS SHOULD NOT BE RIVALS AT THE POLLS: NAV PADMASAGARJI MAHARAJ

Mumbai: Jain Saints want the community to exploit its collective strength in the state assembly elections. They have urged Jains not to contest against one another; instead, they should vote for the same candidate. Community leaders claim that one in five voters in Mumbai and its suburbs is a Jain. According to their estimates, of around 98 lakh voters in 36 constituencies in the city, 18-19 lakh are Jains. The sadhus' advice, which the community usually accepts, comes amid reports that two prominent Jains may be fielded by the Congress and the BJP from the posh Malabar Hill constituency. The BJP is believed to be considering the names of sitting MLA Mangat Prabhat Lodha, and Shaina NC. Surendra Savai and Rajkumar Bafna, both Jains, are believed to be in the race for the Congress ticket.

At a meeting on September 12, community leaders decided that no two Jains should contest against one another. Jains and Marwaris are from the same place -- Rajasthan. Marwaris have more or less the same culture as Jains, so we do not want two members of the community to fight against each other," said Ganivarya Nav Padmasagarji Maharaj, who is the force behind the "one community one voice" campaign. Suryodayasagar Suriswar Maharaj said: "For us, the party does not matter. One who favours non-violence and respects life will get our support."

Lodha is considered part of the extended Jain family. He had defeated Sushil Kumar Shinde's son-in-law Raj Shroff in the 2004 assembly polls. It's not clear whether Bafna has also withdrawn from the race for the Congress ticket. The community leaders say of the 2.8 lakh voters in Malabar Hill, one lakh are Jains. Besides, 40,000 to 50,000 Gujarati-Marwari voters will also support a Jain candidate, Nai Padmasagarji Maharaj said. "Borivili, Kandivili, Vile Parle, Mira Bhayander, Ghatkopar and Sion Koliwada have a sizeable Jain population, whose votes could influence results," he said, adding that the community

votes could prove decisive in at least 16 assembly segments. The Sadhus have also asked Jains in other parts of Maharashtra to not contest against one another. The Jain population in the state is pegged at around 42 lakh.

WORSHIP ANCESTORS AND BE BLESSED -NOTED ASTROLOGER DR. S. K. JAIN

Noted astrologer Dr. S K Jain has said that people worshipping one's 'pitras' (forefathers) on Mahalaya Amavasya will be blessed by them. According to Dr. Jain, forefathers should be worshipped by offering black gingelly seeds and 'kusha' grass. Mahalaya Amavasya is observed by people of all communities. One must avoid journey on this day and desist from taking important decisions. If we worship God by chanting the 'mantras' appropriately on that day, the 'pitrus' and the demi-gods will be satisfied. Chanting of God's name with 'japa mala' will protect the society from evils and natural disasters and there will be peace and happiness in the world.

CRIME

BROTHER KILLS BROTHER IN JAIN FAMILY (DELHI)

A man and his three associates were arrested in the national capital for stabbing his 36-year-old businessman brother for property. Atul Jain and three others, including a minor, were held for murdering Sandeep Jain in Vikaspuri in west Delhi, a police officer said. Sandeep's body was found in a park in the capital. Atul Jain was a taxi driver and had no source of permanent income while his brother, who ran a sweetshop, was doing well. Atul decided to kill his brother to take over his business the officer said.

ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE BOOKS NARESH JAIN IN RS 5,000 CR HAWALA SCAM

An alleged Dawood Ibrahim aide accused by the US of funding terrorist activities, Naresh Jain, has been booked by the Enforcement Directorate for running an alleged hawala operation running into over Rs 5,000 crore. The detention followed the recovery of unaccounted cash totalling about Rs 60 lakh from the residence of Jain's brother Shyam, located at Pitampura in North Delhi. Officials said that the raids were carried out on eight premises of Jain and his family members. Naresh moved his base to the Capital from Dubai six months ago because of the growing interest of the US and other countries in his activities. Jain was on the radar of US and other countries since a sting operation codenamed "Operation Khyber Pass" conducted by Italian police and US' Drug Enforcement Agency about six months ago.

His operations are believed to be spread over Nigeria, Italy, Afghanistan, China and Pakistan among many other countries. Jain was summoned for questioning by ED on Thursday. He was found staying in his brother's Pitampura home. Jain, who has been booked under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, was earlier arrested by Dubai police along with his six associates in 2007 as part of their crackdown on money launderers. The arrest was effected after inputs from the US and UK's Serious Organised Crime Agency warned that Jain was involved in laundering drug money for various terror groups including al Qaida and Taliban.

Naresh Jain's connections with some leading Indian politicians and industrialists - for whom he was allegedly laundering money out of Dubai - and his links with the D-gang were apparently some of the factors that had led to his arrest along with six other Indians. Dubai cops had seized bank accounts of 21 expatriates after they were found allegedly involved in laundering money to Italy and the UK. Jain was said to be on the radar of US intelligence agencies ever since he was spotted at the marriage of Dawood's daughter in Dubai in 2005. He had allegedly been using his hawala network spanning across continents to facilitate financial transactions of Dawood's narcotics trade.

Jain's brother Shyam was questioned by the DRI in 2007 for his alleged involvement in the pulse export scam. Jetking International, one of the three firms the DRI found to be behind the export of pulses despite a government ban, is owned by the Jains. Intelligence sources said Shyam had left the country soon after his brother and some of his close relatives were arrested in Dubai in the money laundering case. Besides the Rs 60 lakh, ED officials also claimed to have found foreign currency worth a little over Rs 3 lakh, documents showing foreign bank accounts, unaccounted investment and hawala transactions worth several thousands of crore of rupees. Papers showing transactions of several crores of rupees with different Pakistan and Afghanistan based persons and entities were also found and seized, officials said.

It was also alleged that Jain was using certain companies and accounts in New York for depositing proceeds of crime (drug money) and transferring the funds generated illegally to drug barons in locations such as Turkey. The ED is also said to have identified about 40 front companies used by Jain for his money laundering activities. Jain, who also owns a copper mine in Congo, has admitted many of his transactions with importers and exporters in India and abroad before ED. Earlier in 2006, Italian authorities in collaboration with US Drug Enforcement Administration and SOCA had first come to know about Jain's activities through a sting operation called "Operation Khyber Pass".

DEVLOK GAMAN

Samadhimaran of Muni Shri Vishudh Punyasagarji at Dungarpur - Digambar Jain saint, Shri Vishudh Punya Sagar ji Maharaj accepted samadhi and left for devlok at Aaspur village in Dungarpur district of Rajasthan. His revered guru, Acharya Shri Abhinandan Sagar ji maharaj was present at his bed side at the time of death. Devotees and followers of Digambar sect as well others reached the place to have his last darshan and pay homage.

Shwetambar Sthanakwasi Jain saint Shri Hira Chand Muni Maharaj - left for his heavenly abode at Jodhpur at the age of 80 years in the morning of 8th September, 09 after completing santhara in a period of eight days. He hailed from Pali town in Rajasthan and had accepted diksha 32 years ago. Devotees from far and near on hearing the sad news arrived to pay their last homage to the departed soul.

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