REFLECTIONS ON 3RD VEERAYATAN GLOBAL CONFERENCE AT RAJGIR, BIHAR, INDIA

On the auspicious occasion of the 80th birthday of Puyja Acharya Shri Chandanaji the three day 3rd Global Conference celebrates the contribution of the truly international Veerayatan community who for the past forty-five years have supported Acharyashri in her tremendous work to transform the lives of millions of people in India and abroad through Seva, Shiksha and Sadhana.

Message to all from Acharyashri

First, the tremendous work carried out by Veerayatan to transform the lives of millions of people in India and abroad through Seva, Shiksha and Sadhana, must continue and expand further. Acharyashri envisions the building of more schools as part of the immense 200 Schools Project ('Tirth Vikas'), the creation of 'Samosharan – The World of Harmony' to further the spiritual advancement of mankind and a new centre at the foremost Tirth Kshetra of Palitana incorporating facilities to care for the Palitana sadhvi sangh as well as a school and vocational training center for local community children.

Acharyashri's second message to all the delegates was to 'Celebrate Life', that is to look at all the positive things in our life and appreciate what we do have and make every effort to live by good values, become a good world citizen, and give a smile, all of which in turn will lead to a blissful existence.

These two messages truly encapsulate the thought that underpins the Veerayatan ethos of Compassion in Action.



Delegates from many countries attended the conference, held in a state of the art conference center in Rajgir.

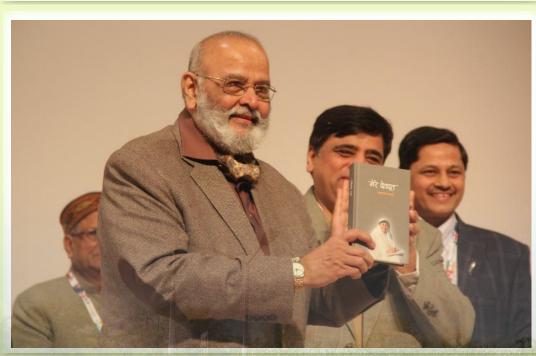
Acharyashri's Birthday

Each and every person attending the Conference was united through their unconditional love and admiration for Acharyashri, who continues in her twilight years to work tirelessly

for the betterment of mankind.

A documentary film, 'Ek Adhyaya Aur', produced by Sadhvi Shilapiji, was premiered at the convention and showed the remarkable work Veerayatan under Acharyashri's guidance has carried out over 45 years. 'Mere Devdoot', a book written by Acharyashri was also launched. This book describes and sets out those experiences in Acharyashri's life which have left an indelible imprint on her, shaping her thoughts, her resolve, and her admiration for the incredible people she has met during the course of her own journey through life.







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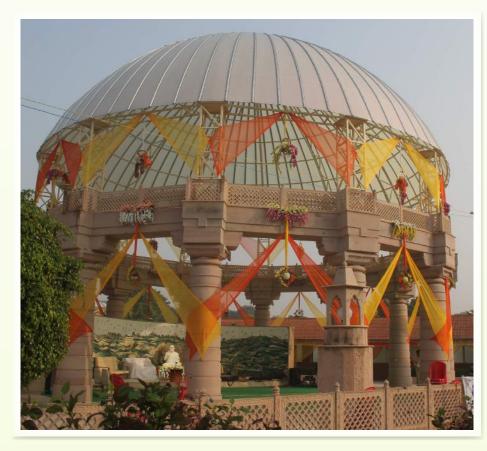
Memorial to Rashtrasant Upadhyaya Shri Amar Muniji Maharaj

THE INSPIRATION BEHIND VEERAYATAN









A beautiful and life-like memorial statue of Upadhyaya Amar Muniji was unveiled - surrounded by the Vaibhargiri Hills, it will be a haven of peace and tranquillity and provide solace and comfort to all who spend time there.

Launch of Veerayatan Global

Recognising that a tremendous amount of good work is being carried out worldwide by supporters of Veerayatan, Acharyashri launched Veerayatan Global as a conduit to connect, communicate and collaborate with each other internationally to share achievements, best practices and good news! An Executive Committee to be guided by Acharyashri and Sadhvi Sanghamitra has been formed to implement this initiative which will include regular e-flash news, developing volunteering programmes and utilise the talent of youth in furthering Veerayatan's mission of Seva, Shiksha and Sadhana. This initiative will hopefully prove to be a lasting legacy of the 3rd Global Convention and one which will bear fruits for decades to come.



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Mega-Eye Camp

One of the pillars of the seva work which has been undertaken by Veerayatan for many decades has been the eye operations at Netra Jyoti Seva Mandiram at Rajgir. To date about 250,000 successful operations have restored the precious gift of sight to the local population of Bihar. To celebrate this work a mega eye camp (over 10 days) had been organised to provide free eye operations to thousands, sponsored by many donors from India and abroad.







Veerayatan is not just an organization that runs schools, colleges, hospitals and hostels, it is much, much more than that. It is an extraordinary institution re-living Tirthankar Mahavir's value of Karuna





Inauguration of New B.Ed College Building at Pawapuri

With well-established schools technical colleges in Pawapuri and Lacchwad in Bihar and Jakhania and Rudrani in Kutch, the addition to this impressive list is the B Ed College in Pawapuri which has been training teachers for the last seven years to deliver high quality education and moral values to the children of Bihar.





The Amazing Students of Veerayatan

The children from the Veerayatan Schools in Kutch and Bihar enthralled the international audience with cultural programmes showing the vibrancy, colour and spectacle of our beautiful and rich heritage.

The value of giving is so contagious - the children of Lacchwad donated 8000 rupees of their own money towards the eye camp - without any prompting from any of the teachers or the sadhvijis, purely from their heart!







