



We are fortunate and blessed to have a thought-provoking talk in Shree Jain Sangh of Essex & East London, exploring our spiritual journey by Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji during SJS's Silver Jubilee Year.

Talk - By Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji

Date - Saturday 28 May 2016 – at 8.00 PM

Venue: Hariben Bachubhai Nagrecha Hall
198 -202 Leyton Road
London E15 1DT

(Everyone should be seated by 7.50 PM SHARP to welcome Sadhviji and get her blessings)

Please confirm your attendance before 20th May 2016, by contacting Jayendra Mehta on 0208 599 6612 between 8.00 PM – 9.00 PM or via email, jay.mehta@hurtigruten.com

Kindly pass this message and invitation to all your family members and friends, especially our elders, who may not have access to emails. Remember, by doing this you are doing some “SEVA”.

The talk by Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji Maharaj will predominantly be in Gujarati.

Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji Maharaj of Veerayatan is a dynamic and inspiring leader, striving to make a change in the world. With the blessings of her Guru Acharya Shri Chandanaji, she renounced the world in 1986. At the heart of all she does is Tirthankar Mahavir's message of love, compassion and non-violence.

In 2001, Sadhvi Shilapiji was pursuing her Ph.D. in Comparative Religions at Kings College, London when she heard about the devastating earthquake in Kutch. She left her studies immediately revoking and rushed to this remote district to console the victims and initiate the enormous task of relief and rehabilitation in the earthquake-affected area. From that day on, Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji has devoted a major part of her life to helping the needy and the downtrodden in Kutch. Realising the need for education at all levels in this backward region, she set up primary, secondary and technical education along with vocational training centres at several sites in Kutch.

More recently, she has been instrumental in setting up the latest Veerayatan Centre in Nepal following the earthquake in 2015. Veerayatan's aim is to transform the lives of the earthquake affected people of Nepal. Veerayatan, within 10 days of the earthquake, had established a makeshift school and sewing training centre in one of the major relief camp areas in Katmandu where young displaced children attended the school.

Vocational training classes for young mothers have been started and each of them is so motivated to make a difference in their lives.

Veerayatan wants to make a difference to lives in Nepal and provide victims of the earthquake with a more stable and comfortable environment so as to make them confident in all walks of their lives and to create opportunities. Children are recognizing that through effort and discipline, a change for the better can occur – as they go about their daily studies the room resonates with their voices as they sing to themselves the following line from the prayer they have learnt Hey Prabhu Veer : ‘So karana, so achha Karana’ - ‘Whatever you do, do well!

With Sadhvi Shilapiji’s leadership and motivation, Shri Chandana Vidyapeeth Jain School was established in London and other countries for the Jain community. The thousands of people she has inspired describe her as brilliant, heart-warming, dedicated to service, passionate, a deep thinker and someone who has profound faith. The unique way in which she conveys the message of spirituality enables her to reach out to many young minds across the globe. She has succeeded in awakening people to reach their highest potential in whatever they do and her presence is truly unforgettable.