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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**Jai Jinendra,**

On behalf of JAINA I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and spiritual new year. I appreciate the generosity of many of you who donated for Hurricane Sandy Disaster relief fund. Although, few Jain families were affected, unfortunately, many families lost just about everything they had. However, most of them will be taken care, that's not the case for public facilities. Therefore, we are in final phase of identifying school(s) that need our support in acquisition of computers, desks, chairs and landscape. With your help we have been able to raise nearly \$30,000, but still short of \$20,000 of our goal. Your support has been incredible, please continue!

I want to congratulate hundreds of you who fasted during Paryushan and Daslakshan Parva celebration. Several newspapers did a story on Jain Way of Fasting, but that is not enough. While Eid celebration is all over the news, very few non-Jains know about us. Folks, we have lot of work ahead of us to educate our non-Jain religious and civic leaders regarding Jainism and Paryushan Parva.

While we are on the topic of celebration, Diwali was once again celebrated by President Obama and Vice President Biden. The momentum to have Diwali stamp is once again in motion, we have been assured of high level congressional and Executive branch support. In 2013, JAINA is invited by White House community outreach associate director to organize a conference at the White House.

Several JAINA Led initiatives in partnership with charitable organizations are beginning to take shape. We are setting up infrastructure in support of our pilot projects of uplifting underprivileged Jain families from poverty with intention to produce measurable and sustainable results. To help us with these objectives, we have contracted professional staff in USA and India. Each one of our Regional VP's, Treasurer and Secretary are busy with many tasks on their respective hands. I wish to welcome Mr. Raj Patil from Toronto as VP from Canada. Our 2013 JAINA convention volunteers led by Sr. VP

Mr. Prem Jain is working very hard to create new and wonderful experience for all of us. Please see details inside and take advantage of early registration.

However, we need your help: Several JAINA committees are actively doing wonderful work, while others are dormant. Several directors are working very hard; while many have good intentions but don't get around to it. Yet, there are some JAINA directors who never attend a single meeting or conference call, or share information with you. Perhaps they are too busy! Please help them to reduce burden off of their hands and help them. With your help, our productivity and accomplishments will multiply ten times. Otherwise we will be one generation behind in planned goals. HELP OUR FUTURE GENERATION.

Finally, as the end of the year approaches, I encourage all of you to take advantage of JAINA's 501c3 status and make a donation. Your donations are tax-deductible, so don't miss out on a chance to help JAINA and lower your tax bill. Make your year-end donation to JAINA today!

Best Wishes and Happy New Year,

Dr. Sushil Jain

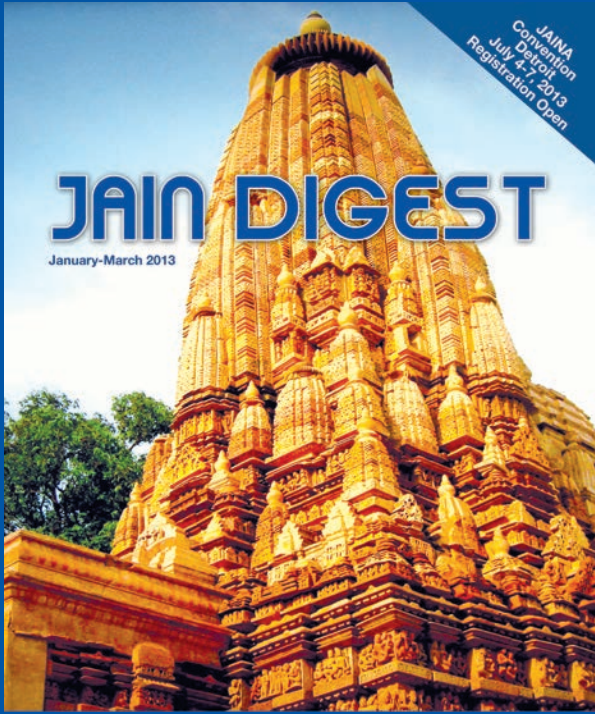


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## 'Appeal'

A young Jain woman is in need of a kidney transplant. Currently she is on dialysis. We are looking for a donor with blood type B or O. But in this day of technology doctors can work with anyone who is willing to donate by cross matching the donor with another person in a similar situation. This badly needed kidney will be life saver for her. All medical expenses will be paid by her insurance company. Several different types of testing will take place in order to determine compatibility. Testing can be done in your own home town. Please contact Palak Bhatt by either email at [laughz82@gmail.com](mailto:laughz82@gmail.com) or 614-571-9323.



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# Vice President and President wish Jains “Happy Diwali and Saal Mubarak”



## JAINA celebrates Diwali at the White House

Last week on Diwali day Jains along with others celebrated Diwali at the White House. Seven representatives from JAINA attended the celebration: Dr. Sushil Jain President of JAINA, Dipak Doshi- Treasurer, Yogendra Jain - NE VP, Dr. Manoj Dharmasi - Past JAINA President, Asha Jain from Washington DC, Haresh Shah from Wilmington DE, and Dr. Manoj Jain from Memphis TN. Along with JAINA leaders were South Asian American community, entrepreneurs, Obama Administration officials, as well as Members of Congress and the Diplomatic Corps. Vice President Joe Biden spoke of the “universal resonance of Diwali and asked guests to recommit themselves to providing for those less fortunate. In closing, the Vice President expressed his wishes for a peaceful and prosperous Diwali and that the lights guide the guests safely home. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a priest from a local Hindu temple draped a blue shawl around the Vice President’s shoulders as he lit the diya.”

President Obama also gave his annual message for Diwali and said “Today, here at home and across the globe, Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists will celebrate the holiday of Diwali the festival of lights. Diwali is a time for gathering with family and friends, often marked with good food and dancing. It is also a time for prayer and reflection about those less fortunate. It is a testament to the compassion of these communities that so many of them have helped those that have been devastated by Hurricane Sandy.”



*From Left: Dr. Manoj Dharmasi - Past JAINA President, Asha Jain from Washington DC and her husband Dr. Sushil Jain President of JAINA, Yogendra*

*Jain - NE VP/Boston, Dipak Doshi- Treasurer/Chicago, Haresh Shah from Wilmington DE, and Dr. Manoj Jain from Memphis TN.*



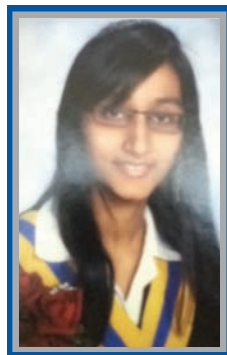
# JAINA ACADEMIC *Scholarship* PROGRAM (JASP) AWARDS FOR 2012

The Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA) is pleased to announce the selection of the five awardees of the JAINA Academic Scholarship Award for the 2012-2013 academic year. This is JAINA's first class of scholarship recipients, and the organization was very impressed with the high academic caliber of the candidates that expressed interest in the award.

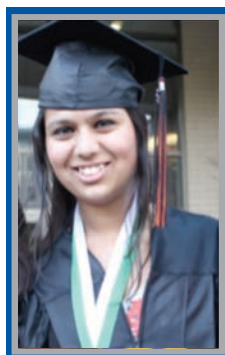
The selected candidates for this year's JASP awards are



**Mitali Shah**



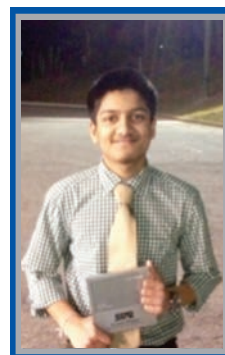
**Naisargi Shah**



**Neha Jain**



**Raj Shah**



**Tirth Shah**

**T**hese five award recipients represent a diverse class of young scholars from across North America. Mitali Shah of Schaumburg, Illinois will attend Loyola University in the fall to study environmental science and pre-medicine. Naisargi Shah of North York, Ontario plans to major in computer science at Ryerson University. Neha Jain of Westborough, Massachusetts will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology to study New Media Design and Imaging. Raj Shah and Tirth Shah of Commerce, Georgia, will both attend the University of Georgia. Raj will pursue computer science, and Tirth will pursue mathematics.

Dr. Sushil Jain, JAINA President, said "I congratulate the awardees and wish them the very best in pursuing their academic aspirations. We look forward to supporting many more students in the future as we expand this program."

The mission of JASP program is to attract, identify, and provide financial aid to practicing Jain students who will pursue bachelor's degrees at accredited universities across North America, and who have a demonstrated financial need. This program is guided by JASP committee members Udai Jain, Dr. Tansukh Salgia, Yogendra Jain, and Mehoor Kakabalia. The

program was launched in April of 2012 and has received substantial support from directors at various Jain Centers throughout North America. A variety of young people of unique backgrounds and interests submitted their scholarship applications both online and by mail.

A panel of four members, comprised of Mehoor Kakabalia, Himanshu Ajmera, Amar Salgia, and Tanvi Daga, evaluated each application according to pre-determined selection criteria. The five scholarship recipients were selected from among a wide and talented pool of applicants after undergoing a rigorous review process. Udai Jain, Vice President of JAINA, said "this selection committee has put in significant effort over the past two months to ensure necessary due diligence and selection of the awardees in the timeframes laid down. I thank each of members for their contribution toward this cause of JAINA in the academic field."

JAINA is proud to recognize and reward these hard-working young people in the Jain community. JAINA will continue and expand this scholarship program on an annual basis for accepted university students with financial need, and strongly encourages eligible candidates to apply in the future.





# The Success Story of the Jaina eLibrary



In just 4 years of the Jain eLibrary's operation, more than 15000 Jains, non-Jains, and academicians, from 96 different countries became registered users of the website. They have downloaded more than 150,000 books and articles.

The present website consists of 5300 Jain books, 3500 Jain articles by various scholars, 1000 Magazines and Souvenirs, 185 printed Manuscripts, and about 75 audio files. Over the period of 4 years, we have scanned, compiled, and uploaded more than 2,000,000 pages of Jain literature.

During last Paryushana days more than 1100 new users registered and downloaded about 10,000 books and articles without any delays or technical issues. We accomplished this monumental task by a team of very dedicated volunteers. Except for scanning work, all the work is handled by volunteers, including the development of the website.

Shri Mahavir Aradhana Kendra Koba (near Ahmedabad) Gujarat India is the primary Institute, fully supports this project in all aspects. The technical support was provided by its computer department, and Jain literature books were provided by its library staff.

Pujya Panyas Shri Ajay Sagarji Maharaj Saheb provided the vision and guidance to the eLibrary projects and edited several Pathashala books. He also guided their computer staff to develop a robust scanning program.

Hats off to Shri Mahavir Aradhana Kendra Institute and Pujya Panyas Shri Ajay Sagarji Maharaj Saheb.

*Pravin and Arti Shah*

Regards,  
Pravin and Arti Shah  
Members of Jaina Education Committee  
Members of eLibrary Project Team

## Power of Silence, Power of Moun Vrat



Many of us have noticed many practicing moun vrat (Vow to remain silent for a few hours or specific period) as an act of penance. Recently 'Moun Agiyaras' had been on 23rd December, 2012. But today honestly many of us don't know the basic logic behind moun vrats. Before coming to my topic I would like to ask you that what exactly violence means. You may say that violence means aggressively hurting any living being or damaging any property or any act where physically something is damaged. But as per Jainism at times violence may be caused through our spoken words. By our negative words we may hurt someone emotionally or provoke someone. When someone is angry he/she can deliver speech in such a manner that can provoke another person to be abusive or physically violent or can hurt the opposite person emotionally even to such an extent that opposite person may even commit a suicide. In appropriate words may tarnish any relationship.

Again even if spoken words are positive or negative each & every word does carry a specific vibration that actually affects complete universe. Again a huge amount of energy is consumed when we speak in our day to day life. And after speaking for a lengthy period of time one may generally feel exhausted. We generally have no control over our thoughts. Every moment we are bombarded by many positive and negative thoughts. Same actually affects our thinking pattern. Many do feel that they can't concentrate which actually affects one's spiritualistic and materialistic progress. If one wants to practice purity of speech & recharge his/her positive energy then they should try to practice Moun Vrat.

Moun Vrat is vowing to remain silent for a given period of time as per one's desire. Moun Vrat also eliminates the chances of any violence through speech. The practice of moun vrat saves our energy. Regular practice slows down a bombardment of thoughts. Moun vrat leads to the preservation of energy and a person feels more energetic, well determined. If you want to

grow stronger mentally and spiritually you should practice it regularly. It may deepen one's concentration power. If you are looking for peace of mind, then it is must for you. While practicing moun vrat if you practice meditation, then same may help you to correct your thinking pattern also. Combination of moun vrat and meditation actually helps one to become a master of his/her mind. Don't be a slave of your mind as for any materialistic progress or spiritual growth complete control over mind is necessary. A person may practice 10 minutes moun (silence) every morning & night, after getting up from bed and before going to sleep. At least we can minimize Himsa through words. After regular practice we may learn to control our mind as today our actions & reactions are controlled by your mind. And if we can learn to speak positive & good about everyone, then positive vibrations shall be generated. Let's wish eternal peace & spiritual bliss for everyone. Namō Jinanam.



# Jain Center of Central Ohio Pratishtha Mahotsav Ceremony

It was a very auspicious day for the Jains of Central Ohio to have its own temple now ready for regular traditional Pujas and prayers. Jain Centre of Central Ohio (JCOCO) is a very small and vibrant Jain community which was founded in 1991. Since its beginning it has focused on building its own temple, and now that dream has come true. The structure itself is a traditional Shikhar bandhi (Steeple and Dome) temple with an area of over 7600 square feet. The Ghabharo (inner Sanctum) has the presence of Shvetambar pratimajis of Adinath Bhagwan (our Mulnayak) and Parshwanath Bhagwan, and a Digambar pratimaji of Mahavira Bhagwan. In the Rangmandap we have Guru Pundarik Swami and Guru Gautam Swami and also marble patts of Sammet-shikhar Maha Tirth and Shratunjay Maha Tirth along with Navkar Mahamantra and Siddha Chakra patts. We also have Chakreshvari Devi, Saraswati Devi, Shri Manibhadravira, and Shri Ghanta-



karanveer in the rangmandap. There is an upasra where people can perform samayika, meditation, etc., library, and class rooms for adult and children religious classes; and a large multipurpose room. "We are very thankful that with the blessings of Dev and Guru and participation and support of all JCOCO members and well-wishers from all parts of US and outside, we were able to complete this magnificent temple in the heart of Ohio in a record 10 months period after the ground-breaking", commented Dr. Mukesh Shah, Chairman of the Board and Temple Pratishtha Committee.

During the Pratishtha Mahotsav, JCOCO was honored by the presence of dignitaries such as Shri H.H. Charukeerthiji Bhat-tarakji, Amrender Muniji, Dr. Taralaben Doshi, Shri Girishbhai Shah, Nareshbhai Shah, Narendrabhai Nandu, Narendrabhai

Shah, Ashutosh Vyas, and JAINA president Dr. Sushil Jain. Our Sanghpati (honorable host) for the event were Dr. Shri Nikhil and Rupa Doshi of Mansfield, Ohio and Shri Talakchand and Taraben Shah of Mumbai, India parents of Hiten Shah who oversees the temple construction project.

The four day program was full of activities such as colorful varghoda (Procession) various pooja vidhis to purify all moorties, live and auspicious Panch Kalyanak celebration drama was performed which was choreographed by Sona Mehta, Shivani Patel, Bhavna Prasanna and Vattsa Mehta and their team of 24

dred thousand dollars.

With moist eyes, Dr. Tansukh Salgia, Trustee and one of the senior most members, added, "This is truly a memorable day for the Jain Community here as our dreams of past 15 years of having our own temple has finally been realized." On Sunday July 22nd Jain Center Jain Center BoT Chair Dr. Mukesh Shah, Temple Committee Chair Dr. Nikhil Doshi, Trustee Dr. Dalsukh Madia and president Sona Mehta offer vote of thanks to Hiten T. Shah, the pivotal force behind the entire temple project and all volunteers and Pratishtha participants and all dignitaries. During



youths. A Bollywood-style movie entitled "MMCS: Ek Parmatma, Ek Dharm", directed and written by Rakesh and Neha Jain. Over all the Pratishtha ceremony was a remarkable once in a life time event enjoyed by Jain Sangh which is very united and committed to work together for the betterment of Jain community as a whole. Whole Jain Sangh was dancing and rejoicing when Vidhikar Narendrabhai Nandu announced that total collection of funds exceeded over eight hun-

the vote of thanks ceremony, the members of Jain Center played out a very special historical and ancient Jain drama named, "King Kumarpal" to conclude the celebration of the day. On Monday, July 23rd, the doors of the temple were official opened and on Tuesday, July 24th, the Jain Center held its very first "Bhakti Sandhya" performed by Shri Asutosh Vyas in the newly inaugurated temple.





# YOUNG JAINS OF AMERICA

OUR MISSION IS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UMBRELLA JAIN YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR ESTABLISHING A NETWORK TO SHARE JAIN HERITAGE, RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY



## YJA CONVENTION 2012

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### JAINS: EVOLUTION OF A MIND

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The 10th Biennial YJA National Convention 2012 was a revolutionizing experience for its attendees. From July 5th-8th at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, FL, nearly 600 young Jains gathered to experience YJA 2012 - iJain: Evolution of a Mind. Youth attendees left the convention inspired by the sessions they attended and the speakers they met. Attendees had the opportunity to connect with other youth and make lifelong friendships while learning how Jainism is a source of support at each phase from the teenage social network to a young graduate's career.

YJA 2012 allowed youth to connect, to learn, and to share their thoughts with one another on a variety of subjects.

Sessions, speakers, and new friends all came together to complete the Evolution of a Mind. Through a variety of fun, innovative, and interactive programming experiences, attendees engaged in wide-ranging activities and sessions related to atma (the soul), developing leadership, and creating a better community.

This year's convention featured a diverse group of speakers ranging from a variety of fields, including politics, social activism, and bodybuilding. Attendees experienced more of an interactive dialogue with speakers and not only learned about the evolving opportunities to practice Jainism in today's modern society, but also were challenged to ponder about issues facing our generation.

YJA 2012's social events provided an avenue for young Jains to make everlasting friendships. The weekend was full of fun and excitement as YJA 2012 brought a twist to tradition. The first night started off with Bollywood Mela Night - Garba with a Twist.







# SAMPLE OF SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

The night continued on to the ice cream and cupcake socials. The second night brought out the best of the best as attendees kicked off their shoes, sat back and relaxed for a non-stop flight from Tampa to India on Destination India. This talent battle flew through some of the most coveted regions of India, displaying talent from Jains all around the nation. The second night was topped off with a 90's Social for the younger crowd and a Masquerade Ball for the older crowd. The weekend ended with a formal full of illusions as everyone attended the Alice in Wonderland Formal and JNF reminisced at the JNF Starlight Slumber Party.

Overall, the goal of YJA 2012 was to provide Jain youth the opportunity to engage in spiritual, networking, and social activities. On top of enriching dharmic discussions, the convention offered unique social events from a range of activities that involve art (music, dance and drawing competition) to a night of memories (formal dinner and dance). The result was a large network of Jain youth built to carry our tradition to the next generation.



YJA 2012 - Tampa, FL

**Vivek Maru - Keynote Speaker.** Founder and CEO of Namati. Served as senior counsel in the Justice Reform Group of the World Bank. Work focused on justice reform and governance, primarily in West Africa and South Asia. Co-founded and co-directed for four years Timap for Justice, a grassroots justice program in Sierra Leone. Previously worked at Human Rights Watch and clerked for Hon. Marsha Berzon on the Ninth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Graduated from Harvard College, magna cum laude, and Yale Law School.

**- Prem Jain - Keynote Speaker.** Co-CEO of Insieme Networks. Served in various senior positions at Cisco. First VP of JAINA and JAINA director for JCNC. Founding advisory member of The Ahimsa Center, focused on interdisciplinary teachings and learning about nonviolence and its practical applications at various levels. Current board member of JERF.

**- J. Ashwin Madia - JNF Keynote Speaker.** After graduating from law school, J. Ashwin joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a prosecutor, defense counsel and legal advisor and was one of the first attorneys to successfully defend a fellow Marine from discrimination based on sexual orientation. He later served in Iraq, in a non-combat role, and assisted in strengthening Iraq's criminal justice system by working with Iraqi judicial officers. He then ran for Congress in his home district in Minnesota where he received the Democratic nomination but lost, barely, to the Republican candidate. Since then, J. Ashwin has opened his own law firm and has specialized in employment and civil rights litigation. His speech about using core Jain principles to live a better life and pursue a meaningful professional career was enjoyed by all of the JNF attendees.

**- Robert Cheeke.** Best-selling author of the book Vegan Bodybuilding & Fitness - The Complete Guide to Building Your Body on a Plant-Based Diet. A two-time natural bodybuilding champion. Considered one of VegNews Magazine's Most Influential Vegan Athletes. Tours all over North America giving talks about his story transforming from a skinny farm kid to champion vegan bodybuilder.

**- Jain in the Media: Interactive Mediums.** These days, we deal with numerous forms of media. Some, like film, take up your day, stunning you with both visuals and audio that stretches the bounds of the imagination. Others, like music, color your day with beats and lyrics. Books, posing queries, telling stories, etc. all play a major role in society. In recent years, increasing interest has been expressed in a new field called Interactive Media. While most media can be passively consumed, interactive media demands more of the audience. It demands cooperation, thought, and even a bit of attention. What role can Jainism play in this new and exciting world? How will it be reflected in Interactive media?

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# Young Jains of America



**Young Jains of America (YJA)** is an organization under the Federation of Jain

Associations in North America (JAIN), with aims of establishing a network to share Jain heritage and religion with youth from ages 14-29.

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if you would like to get involved!

## National Dinner

On October 5, 2012, YJA organized a “**National Dinner**” where cities all over the U.S. hosted dinners for local Jain youth. While enjoying great vegetarian and vegan food, the youth played educational games and discussed Jain topics. Thank you to all of our local representatives and Regional Coordinators for putting on such a successful national event!

# Young Jains of America



## 5 New Updates to the YJA Website

1. New Regional Pages <http://yja.org/regions>

Mid-Atlantic: [http:// www.yja.org/regions/midatlantic](http://www.yja.org/regions/midatlantic)

Mid-West: <http:// www.yja.org/regions/midwest>

Northeast: <http:// www.yja.org/regions/northeast>

Southeast: <http:// www.yja.org/regions/southeast>

South: <http:// www.yja.org/regions/south>

West: <http:// www.yja.org/regions/west>

2. Meet the 2012-2013 YJA Executive Board  
<http:// yja.org/about/board>

3. Updated Calendar with our upcoming events and Jain Holidays  
<http:// yja.org/about/board>

4. YJA Blog - current, practical and interesting posts relating to practicing  
<http:// yja.org/yjablog>

5. Fall 2012 Young Minds Issue  
<http:// yja.org/publications/youngminds>

Interested in signing up for our bi-monthly newsletter? Email [newsletter@yja.org](mailto:newsletter@yja.org) with your Name, Location and Email

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In November, a few Bostonians participated in a 5K walk to raise money for lung cancer. A great time for a great cause

## UPCOMING EVENTS

YJA continually hosts a variety of events including dinners, educational webinars, community service events and our very popular regional retreats. Keep checking [www.yja.org](http://www.yja.org) for the latest updates. Below are few dates to keep in mind!.

12/8 YJA Northern California Community Service Event

12/9 YJA 'Habitat for Humanity' & Laser Tag in New Orleans, LA

12/15 Raleigh, NC Volunteer Event

12/15 YJA Group Dinner (Boston)

12/16 YJA SoCal "Gives Back" Community Service Event

Save the Date: 1/11/2013 • 1/13/2013 - YJA Mid-West Region Annual Retreat

Save the Date: 4/5/2012 • 4/7/2013 - 4th Annual YJA West Retreat



# Mountain of Blessings

Submitted by Dilip V Shah



Last July hundreds of Jains in New York and New Jersey gathered at various Jain centers to celebrate 90th birthday of Gurudev Shri Chitrabhanuji.

Gurudev had expressed his desire that the celebration should be called a day to collect blessings and not a celebration of birthday since his mission in life is to receive and share blessings from whoever he meets. And the blessings came from all over the world in hundreds of messages by phone calls, emails and greeting cards recalling memories of decades of personal associations, blessings and lectures still fresh in their minds. All the messages received were compiled in an album and presented to Gurudev in appreciation of his so many years of service to the Jain community all over the world.

The celebrations at each Jain center began with singing of Manglik by American students of Gurudev from Lighthouse Center in Michigan and Jain Meditation International Center in New York. Most of these devotees of Gurudev have adopted Indian names like Nirmala, Subodh, Jeevan or Prema given to them by Gurudev to represent their new life as practitioners of meditation, yoga and Veganism. To hear CHATTARI MANGALAM or Navkar Mantra from them was really an moving experience for everyone in the audience and it set the tone for the rest of the evening.

At the Jain Center of America (JCA), Bhattarak Shri Charukeerti Ji spoke of the admirable life Gurudev has lived and message of Ahimsa he has spread across the globe. Jaybhai Shetty, the Chairman gave the history of how early Jain migrants established one of the first Jain Centers in America and how Gurudev has inspired with not only the JCA in New York but also with many of the Jain centers across the North America along with JAINA and YJA. A ten-minute play by the members of the youth group on veganism was very much appreciated by everyone.

Anop Vora, past President of JAINA spoke how thousands of lives Gurudev had touched and changed for better. Jainism has thrived and flourished in North America because of the solid foundation built by Gurudev's vision, efforts and persistence. He told everyone that Gurudev's coming to America and contribution in creating JAINA has earned him the title of "Most influential spiritual leader to change Jain History in the west". As a gesture of their appreciation of Gurudev's tireless nourishing of the Jains in the NY area, The Jain Temple of NY announced that they would support Gurudev's initiative for academic education of Jainism by raising funds for the next year's International Scholars Conference at Claremont Lincoln University in California.

Celebrations were held at the grand new Temple of the Jain Center of New Jersey in Somerset. This was the very first program scheduled after the pratistha. Over 600 members came to be part of the historic event – 90th Birthday of their beloved Gurudev and see him in person. Program was organized by Gunvant Shah. He provided plenty of alternatives to dairy products and urged everyone to try. Prof. Gary Francione, spoke on three things Gurudev did that have changed the landscape for Jainism in the US. First was a spark of Jainism that he ignited and gave birth to community of Jains in the US by starting Jain Meditation International Center in New York as the very first place where Jains could come and pray together – without any sectarian

differences. Next he brought Yoga and meditation as heart of Jainism. Third and most important, an emphasis on Ahimsa Gurudev has put in our daily lives. He quoted Bhagwan Mahaveer's message from Achranga Sutra on prohibition against torture or killing of animals and compared it with Gurudev Chitrabhanujis insistence on Veganism as true practice of Ahimsa. Gary's forceful presentation of reasons to go vegan was the most admired speech of the three days events.

Dr. Sushil Jain President of JAINA recounted his own family ties with Gurudev and his accomplishments in inspiring so many Jain Centers all over North America and formation of JAINA with Acharya Shri Sushil Kumar Ji. He proposed planting of a tree in each Jain center as a gesture of recognizing Gurudev's legacy and offered JAINA's financial support in planting a first tree at the Jain Center of NJ. He was followed by H.E. Amrendra Muni Ji who told everyone to follow Gurudev's example and live the message of Mahaveer – reading and praising Bhagwan's message is not enough.

The programs at all three centers were highlighted by the inspiring musical performance by Kummar Chaterjee who had flown in specially from Mumbai for this celebration. He gave a melodious recitation of Anand Ghan Ji's stavans like AB HUM AMAR BHAI NA MARENAGE and BAHER BAHER NAHI AAWE. He followed these by classical rendering of NAMOTHTHUNAM and LOGGUS Sutras that so moved the audience that many eyes had tears down their faces.

Gurudev spoke on four important characteristics everyone should strive for: Maitry (amity), Pramod (appreciation), Karuna (Compassion) and Madhyastha (equanimity). But living an Ahimsak life is a must. Ahimsa in words, thoughts and action. One cannot claim to be a true vegetarian if he/she also consumes milk and milk products. He urged everyone to watch the documentary film "Fork over Knives" and learn about the cruelty visited upon the speechless animals. The only reason people are consuming milk and cheese is tradition and ignorance about modern dairy farm practices. There is plenty of literature out there enumerating adverse health effects of milk.

He told everyone that he did not have particular desire to live to be a hundred or one hundred twenty years – they are just numbers devoid of any significance in a spiritual life. What he worries every day before he puts his head to the pillow at the end of the day is how many blessings he gained that day. Number of years is not a good measure of a man but number of blessings collected is what is to be treasured.

Everyone wished a long life to Gurudev and are looking forward to his 100th Birthday celebration.

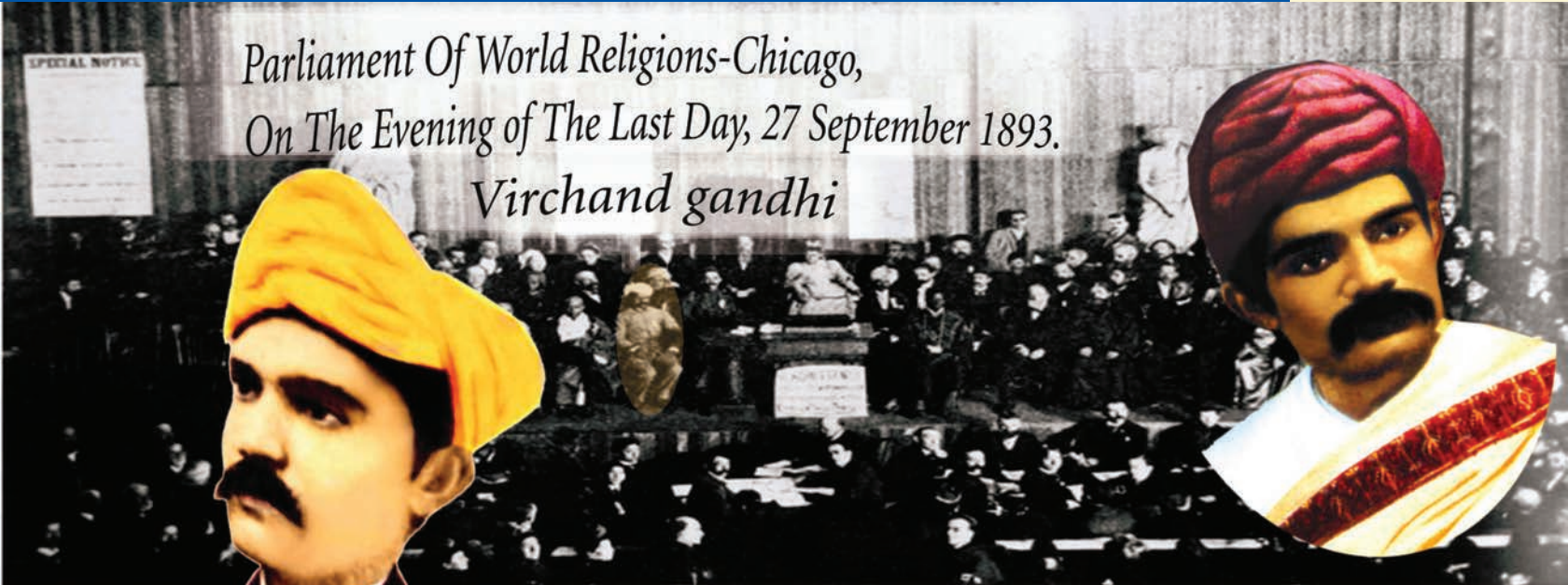


# Story of a Benevolent, Virtuous & Dauntless Jain

By Pravin C Shah & Pankaz Hingarh



*Parliament Of World Religions-Chicago,  
On The Evening of The Last Day, 27 September 1893.  
Virchand Gandhi*



*1893, Parliament Of World Religions-Chicago,  
Virchand Gandhi*



**V**irchand Gandhi (August 25, 1864 - August 7, 1901) who was contemporary to Swami Vivekananda & Mahatma Gandhi has been recognized for his historic, captivating participation in world's three international events i.e 1893's Parliament of World Religions, 1893's World's Real Estate Congress, 1899's International Congress of Commerce.

Virchand Raghavji Gandhi (VRG) was born in an aristocratic & virtuous Jain Family in Mahuva, Gujarat. Before his birth Jain Shashan Devi Padmavati had appeared in dreams of Raghavji Tejpalji Gandhi and had conveyed that his wife would be giving birth to a Jain Shashan Prabhavak son & a miraculous idol of Lord Parswanath would be discovered before his birth by them in their house. Idol was discovered & a baby boy was born. He had a natural charm and aura of leadership & compassion. VRG graduated in BA with honors from Bombay's Elphinstone College in 1884. Virchand Gandhi was a multilingual person & knew 14 languages. VRG

had deeply studied Jainism, Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism, Western philosophies, Yoga, Indian economics, international trade, etc. and had turned as an exponent of Indian culture, religions. It is noteworthy that at the age of 21 VRG became the first Hon. Secretary of the Jain Association of India in 1885.

Virchand Gandhi, during his preparation for solicitors' examination, as a friend used to help Mahatma Gandhi in understanding Study of Indian Law by telling different Stories of Vakils and Stalwarts like Sir Pheroze-shah and Badruddin Tyabji.(reference : Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography, In Story of My Experiments with Truth, part2, chapter III )

For the 1893 Parliament of World Religions, leading distinguished personalities were invited as representatives of various religions on a common platform for the first time. Param Pujya Acharya Vijayandsuri (Muni



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Atmaramji) a world acclaimed Jain monk was invited to participate in the first ever parliament held in Chicago, USA. But the principles of right conduct for a Jain monk prevented him from going abroad. One of the vows of a Jain saint is not to travel across water as it is tantamount to violence against sea creatures.

Since he wanted Jainism to be represented at this conference, he trained and deputed 29- year old, charismatic Virchand Gandhi. VRG was probably first Jain & first Gujarati youth to officially visit USA for any international event.

At same event Swami Vivekanand and others from India came to represent Hindu and other Religions/ Faiths. At parliament though Virchand Gandhi was there to represent Jainism but in same event few nasty comments by some fanatics on Hinduism and Indian Culture was intolerable to him. On the 25th September 1893, valiant Virchand Gandhi expressed his patriotism by defending Indian culture, Hinduism and then later further discussed on Jainism. He also praised King Akbar for his respect for all religions. His expression was echoed in the parliament, which displayed his patriotic love for India and its religions.

We learn from renowned Henry S. Olcott's (co-founder of Theosophical Society) authentic book 'Old Diary Leaves' that Swami Vivekanda (Hinduism), Virchand Gandhi (Jainism) and Dharampala (Buddhism) captivated western public at parliament.

After this event Virchand Gandhi was acknowledged as an interesting participant in 1893, World's Real Estate Congress also in 26th Oct. 1893's New York Times. VRG's forceful speeches and his fearless yet courteous expressions created a deep brilliant image that the American people were magnetically attracted towards him and at their request VRG prolonged his stay for two years and was invited twice later in 1897 and 1899. VRG made his mission to educate the Western layman about India and its religions.

He delivered as many as 535 mesmerizing lectures mainly in Chicago, Boston, New York, Washington in the USA, and England, France, Germany and other European countries. At all these places he was well listened, felicitated and presented with medals. He was also widely covered by USA's many leading newspapers, periodicals and Gazettes e.g. New York Times.

He also spoke on a plethora of subjects like Indian international trade system, Indian economic and industrial outlook, ancient history of Indian civilization, science of eating, yoga, concentration, hypnotism, astral vision and astral body, occultism and vegetarianism.

In 1894 regarding VRG, Swami Vivekananda from 541, Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, wrote to the Diwan of Junagadh "Now here is Virchand Gandhi, the Jain whom you knew well in Bombay. This man never takes anything but mere vegetables even in this terribly cold climate and tooth and nail tries to defend his countrymen and the religion. The people of this country like him very well. But what are they doing who sent him over? They are trying to outcast him."

Virchand Gandhi was a visionary too. He talked about economic and



political freedom five decades before India became independent. In 1894 he conscientiously translated a rare book ' Unknown life of Jesus Christ' from French to English. Virchand Gandhi attained bar-at-law at London.

As a reformer in the Western countries he established a) The Gandhi Philosophical Society, b)The Society for the Education of Women in India, Chicago (SEWI), c)The School of Oriental Philosophy, & d)The Jain Literature Society in London.

As a humanitarian he collected and sent Rs 40,000 and a shipload of grains from the USA to India during the worst famine of 1896-97.

As a National Figure, he attended the Indian National Congress session held in Pune as the representative of the Bombay province in 1895.

As a International Figure, he as a sole delegate from India participated in world's 3rd important historic Conference, i.e. International Congress of Commerce by Philadelphia Commercial Museum on seventh day session on 19th October, 1899 and lectured on " Trade relations of United States of America and India"

On 21st March, 1895, under the auspices of the Harvard Religious Union he lectured on religion of India and same was primarily informed in The Harvard Crimson Daily of March 13, 1895

Mark Twain and Virchand Gandhi, two historical Figures were together in Mumbai on 25 January, 1896, where Virchand Gandhi accompanied him to show Byculla Jain Temples and previously on another occasion Mark Twain's Newspaper Buffalo Express had

covered Virchand Gandhi.

Unflinching Virchand Gandhi had settled pilgrimage tax dispute at Shree Palitana Tirth and had legally succeeded in closing slaughter house from holy shrine Shree Sammet Shikhar Tirth by winning Pig-gery case.

He practiced Universal Brotherhood and advocated non-violence. He died only at age of 37. In 1901 on his last trip to west, his health mysteriously deteriorated, resulting lung hemorrhage and hence in July he returned to India. And on 7th August, 1901 VRG demised. His lifetime ambition was to serve the country, mankind, Jain Community and spread Lord Mahavir's message of universal love and nonviolence across the world. In 2014 is his 150th birth anniversary.

His one popular 'world peace prayer' quote as per Jainism "May peace rule the universe; may peace rule in kingdoms and empires; may peace rule in states and in the lands of the potentates; may peace rule in the house."



# Claremont Lincoln University Opens a



Last fall, the nation's first interreligious university, Claremont Lincoln University, located forty miles east of Los Angeles, California, saw its opening convocation, at which it celebrated a new partnership with the Jain community. This fall, only one year since the beginning of the Jain Studies program, Claremont Lincoln University celebrated the inauguration of a new Center for Jain Studies, dedicated to furthering the work on Jainism. The Jain Studies program at Claremont Lincoln has become not only the most active program at the University, but also the most active Jain Studies graduate program in the nation—already administering over a dozen programs, including hosting an annual international Jain conference; offering graduate-level Jain dharma courses each year; bringing expert Jain scholars to the area for special lectures and events; hosting an annual Ahimsa Day celebration; and coordinating a summer Jain dharma study abroad program in India for local and national scholars.

With this much Jain activity happening on campus, the University sought to deepen collaborations with its Jain partners even further and, with philanthropic support from the Jain community, launched a Center that will serve as the hub for the many Jain Studies projects flowering out of this intimate partnership.

The Center's inaugural ceremony on October 8th was held at Mudd Theater at Claremont School of Theology just before the national panel discussion of the Parliament of the World's Religions, in which the Jain tradition was represented by former President of JAINA, and one of the senior advisors for the Jain Studies program at Claremont Lincoln, Dr. Sulekh Jain.

In the celebratory ceremony Professor of Jain Studies, Ms. Brianne Donaldson, Dharma Traditions Coordinator for the past year, administering the majority of the Jain projects and activities, recounted the Jain Studies program and its accomplishments so far. The new Center Coordinator, Ms. Lidiya Potapenko, spoke on the central importance of ahimsa (or non-violence) in Jain dharma, and announced that the Center's mission was to put compassion and non-violence to work in the world around us.

Dr. Nitin Shah (Loma Linda University), past President of the Jain Center of Southern California and one of the main donors behind the opening of the new Center, spoke on the importance of education in the current world. The opening celebration also featured a short cultural program of music, dance, and theater performances by Anjal, Priyash, Vaishali, and Mahesh Jain—members of Claremont Lincoln's local Jain partnership organization, the Jain Center of Southern California (JCSC) in Buena Park.

The new Center for Jain Studies is dedicated to facilitating and promoting open discourse, innovative scholarship, creative expression, and the practical application of Jain teachings in today's

world. In all of its projects, the Center will especially encourage connections between Jain dharma and other wisdom traditions, and will raise awareness of the larger interconnected ecological environment in which we live. To find out more about the new Center for Jain Studies at Claremont Lincoln University, please visit [jain.claremontlincoln.org](http://jain.claremontlincoln.org).



*Left to right:* Dr. Sulekh Jain and President Jerry D. Campbell take turns lighting electric flameless candles during the Lamp lighting Ceremony at the opening of the Center for Jain Studies.



Dr. Nitin Shah (Loma Linda University), one of the main donors for the new Center for Jain Studies, speaks on the importance of education.



# Historically First Time all Jain Sects have jointly demanded National Minority Status



**O**n 18th December, 2012 in Delhi from Rajghat to Sansad Marg, a prodigious adhikar rally was carried out with a forceful demand for national minority status for Jain community by Viswa Jain Sangathan (VJS) were for first time all sects came together for a common cause. Jain Saints from all sects wholeheartedly supported this project & addressed basic layman explaining its necessity for Jain community nationally. Credit for conceiving & delegating this unique rally goes to VJS's National President, Sanjay Jain & his passionate team members. Rally's sole objective was that **Jain community must be included in the National Commission for Minorities by issuing a 'notification' under Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 by Union Cabinet (Union Ministry Minority Affairs)**

Best part of this colossal rally was that it was supported by leading leaders & Saints of other religions also i.e Christians, Sikhs, Muslims, who justified demand of Jain community for national minority status. **National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 currently consists of the following communities: Muslims, Christians, Parsis, Sikhs, and Buddhists.**

Leading religious personalities who came ahead & captivated this rally were *Digambar Munibhagwant 108 Shri Viharsh sagarji, Shwetambar Munibhagwant Shri Nayepadam sagarji (JITO's Mentor), Sthanakwasi sects Munibhagwant shri Ravindramuniji, Acharyashri Lokeshji muni (Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti), Bhattarak shri Ravindra ji (Jambudeep, Hastinapur), Father Dominic Emmanuel, Imam Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, Paramjit Singh Chandok, many other respected prominent Jain saints, Nirmal Kumar Sethi (National President- Digambar Jain Mahasabha), J J Jain (Jain Milan), Anikt Jain (Pulak Chetna Manch). Acharyabhagwant Dr Shiv Muni Ji & Munibhagwant shri Pulaksagarji, Sadhvi shri Gyanmati mataji (Hastinapur) also supported cause. At this event Petition letter with demand of National Minority status was handed over to respected Govt. authorities with desire of prompt results & if Jains are deprived of its rights then they may go on mass hunger strike (Fast).*

World renowned Jain Scholar & hard core Jain activist Late Bal Patil had tirelessly worked hard for pursuing Indian Govt. with demand of National Minority Status for Jain Community from 1997 till he died but was not successful as all Jain Sects were not united on national minority issue then.





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As per hardcore national minority activist Dhanpal Solanki, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister had himself clarified many times that Jains are an ancient minority. Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar under Article 25 clause II of the Indian Constitution made it crystal clear that Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, are a distinct religious minority. On 25th January, 1950, a Jain delegation was led to our late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and other central leaders to draw their attention to the anomalous position of the Jains under sub-clause (b) of Clause 2 of Article 25 and a petition was submitted. Jawaharlal Nehru clearly assured the delegation that the Sikhs, Buddhists & Jains are not Hindus and thus all the rights of the Jain minority community, particularly their

Govt. of Karnataka. Here Jains in Belgaum and Dharwar District of Karnataka State live in severe deprivation and are sending their children to beg for food and other basic needs. They are not even literate, as they have never gone to School.

In Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, Jharkhand, here we have tribal Jains, who have preserve ancient Jain religion, but they live in severe poverty and do not have access to their basic needs like Food, education, health-care, housing or economic opportunity. Here also Jains are found to be begging for their basic needs. In forest or in farms, they do some labour work and earn their livelihood through meagre wages daily.



religious, cultural, educational rights will be protected in an Independent Secular India through the Indian Constitution.

Dhanpal further elaborates that there is an irrational fallacy that all Jains are a rich minority. So by that argument Parsis are much better than the Jains, so they are included in the minority list nationally and **very important is that "Minority" is not determined on the bases of their financial status, but on the bases of their population. There are thousands of Jains in India particularly in the State of Karnataka in the Belgaum & Dharwad district live below poverty line (BPL) and live in severe deprivation. Even in State of Rajasthan district like Pali, Jalore, Rajsamand, Udaipur, here Jains are both educationally & economically backward. In states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand, here there are several tribal Jains, who live in such deprivation that they are found begging. This is a painful fact. May be the Prime Minister 15 point welfare program for the Minorities could help them to come out of their backwardness and deprivation.**

Even in the Earlier Census, Jains were counted separately right from 1851 to 1951-2011. According to the 2001 Census, Jains constitute 0.40 per cent of the total population & **current census 2011, Jains account for 0.50 per cent of the total population of the country.**

**It's a myth that all Jains are rich minority.** In the State of Karnataka, where Jain community have already been granted OBC Status by the

In Rajasthan's Marwar and Mewar regions like Pali, Jalore, Barmer, Sirohi, Udaipur, Bhilwara, Pratagarh, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand district, here Jains are most educationally and economically backward and also been victims of communal riots some years back from the communal saffron forces.

**In the Kutch region of Gujarat, there are several Jains who live Below Poverty Line & have no source of livelihood.**

**Even in rural Maharashtra, here thousands of Jains live distress and poverty. They are mostly poor farmer and small shop-keepers.**

Even Article 29 & 30 of the Indian constitution recognises that Religious & linguistic minority have a Fundamental Right to run & manage and administer their own educational & religious Institution. Which gives direct protection to Jain religious pilgrimage, which are illegally taken over by fundamentalist forces and Jains will have a right to set-up their own education institute and thus manage and give their community students administration up to 50%. Eg St. Stephen's College, New Delhi & St. Xavier's College, Mumbai who are Christian Minority institute.



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Under Articles 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966 (ICCPR) of United Nation Human Rights, (UNHR) guarantees minority rights in the following terms: as “In those States in which ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities exist, persons belonging to such Minority groups shall not be denied the right, in community with the other members of their group, to enjoy their own culture, to profess and practice their own religion, or to use their own language.”

The concept of “Minority” is not only in India, It’s around the world, as India is asignatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted on December 18, 1992, a Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities.

## LATE BAL PATIL HAD DOTTED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF SAFEGUARDS FOR THE JAIN MINORITY:

1. **The value and scope of safeguards for Jains in particular will be a full provision for the protection and promotion of their culture, political and economic position in the community. Special provision will have to be made for education, health and other social services, employment in Government Services, temples and other historical and cultural monuments, facilities for publication of sacred literature and promotion study and research in the universities as well as other bodies which the State might set up.**

2. **As regards political safeguards for ensuring the right and privileges of the Jain community should be on parallel lines to those provided for the other minorities. The Jains should be given special representation in the administrative, executive, judicial, diplomatic, foreign and military services of the nation, of course, subject to the Government rules and regulations which shall be applicable thereto. They should also be given special representation in the Central and Provincial Legislatures, local self governing bodies, as well as in all the official committees set up from time to time by the Central and Provincial Governments.**

3 **With regards to the economic safeguards it is suggested that the legitimate interest of Jain commerce, industry and trade should be protected against any communal discrimination. In all measures which involve distribution of national wealth the community should be given a special position in consonance with the present position of the Jains as well as general principles accepted for other communities.**

## LATE BAL PATIL DOTTED RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SAFEGUARDS FOR THE JAIN MINORITY :

1. **No legislation affecting religion, culture, philosophy, temple, Maths and their property as well as the personal law of the Jains should be introduced without the consent of the Jain community and their accredited representative in the Central and State Legislatures.**

2. **So long as the legal system is based upon the principles of modified Hindu and Muslim law, the Jain law should be accepted as binding as the personal law for the Jain community.**

3. **Special provision for education in all stages of the State systems of education.**

4. **Special provision for research and study of Jainism in all its aspects in the universities and other bodies set up for the purpose.**

5. **Special provision for the publication and distribution of the sacred literature of the Jains.**

6. **Special provision for the preservation of Jain monuments, temples.**

7. **Special protection for private institutions and organizations in their legitimate activities for the protection and promotion of Jain interests.**

*The Jains are an ancient community of India with its own independent ancient culture, religion, philosophy, ancient religious heritages, unique worship and rituals, social customs and manner. It is now recognized amongst oriental scholars that Jainism is essentially a non-Vedic religion and Jains are unquestionably a minority religious community.*

*National Minority Status would help community to protect & preserve its values, individuality, ancient heritages, rituals, traditions, institutions (Religious & Educational) & also to protect community also from fanatics & vandals. Jain laws would be applicable for Jain community from they have been deprived.*

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the former President of India had quoted ““There is nothing wonderful in my saying that Jainism was in existence long before the Vedas were composed” **In case the Jain community is not included in the National Commission for Minorities by the Central Govt, this will be inconsistent with and also contravenes Articles 14, 15, 16, 25, 29 & 30 of the Indian Constitution that guarantee, right to equality, right to equality before law, equality of opportunity, freedom of conscience and protect the citizens from discrimination by the State on grounds of religion, language, caste or creed and rights of minorities to their protection of their cultural, religious and educational rights.**





# Another Most Ancient Jain idol vandalized in Rajasthan:

**O**n 12th December, 2012 in Rajasthan in Narlai (Pali district), an ancient Jain Idol of Bhagwan Neminath was vandalized at a 6000 year old Jain pilgrimage called Narlai's Girnar Tirth by some anti-social elements. Tirthankar's Idol's head is dismantled, idols hands are damaged & silver ornaments are stolen. And Just a couple of months ago, an image of Lord Mahavira was destroyed by miscreants in Lucknow, and before same an image of Lord Adinatha was vandalised in Karnataka (Allur - Chitapur taluka, Gulbarga district). Nationally & internationally Jain community demands justice & protection for its Jain heritages & its people. Globally Jains are minority population wise, yet they have significantly contributed in economic growth of country & are peaceful law abiding Indians. Globally all those who learnt about same are horrified. This 6000 years old Jain tirth was a remembrance of Jainism & contribution of Lord Krishna's son whereby Lord Krishna was first cousin of Lord Neminath. Same has raised doubts on security of Jains and its heritages. This news was covered by Dainik Baskar, Rajasthan Patrika, Dainik Navjyoti, Pratahkal. And these newspapers links could be read at <http://www.herenow4u.net> Globally the whole Jain community is in deep sorrow. Globally Jain community expects inquiry & safety of its heritages and its people.



## Lets learn more about Narlai and its importance as per Jainism.

Friends Narlai is an ancient village 6km. north west of Desuri in Jodhpur Division in Rajasthan. Described in Shashtras as Naduldagika, Nandkulavanti, Nadulai, Naradpuri, etc. Historically son of Lord Krishna, Pradyuma Kumar had established temple of Bhagwan Neminath at Narlai whereby Bhagwan Neminath was 22nd tirthankar in this cycle. Its said that Neminathji's this tirth at Narlai must be approximately 6000 years old and also same is famous as Narlai's Girnar. As per many Jain holy scriptures and many holy hindu purans Lord Krishna & Bhagwan Neminathji were first cousins & were very close to each other. Lets learn more about Narlai and its importance as per Jainism. Apart same narlai had been of great importance in Jain History. As another ancient temple here is of Lord adinath which was originally built by King Samprati Maurya (great grandson of King Ashoka Maurya) and renovated in 1686 Vikram samvat. And earlier here a parswanathji's temple was destroyed in medieval times and later in 1187 Vikram Samvat, sheth Mandan Sanghvi brought original idol of Bhagwan Parswanath from Narlai and got it installed in sesali Village and today its part of 108 parswa-

nath. Again its said that idol was also from King samprati's era. So now one can estimate importance of Narlai for Jains. Jainism greatly flourished at this place under the patronage of the chauhan rulers. These temples were destroyed during mughal attacks & therefore was rebuilt by Jain sangh's of various places. Narlai also remained a holy place even in medieval times. Aantikuala mentions the temple of Parswanath in his Gauai Paravartirthamala written in 1610 AB. Samayasundara, a poet of the seventeenth century AD, has given a lively and beautiful description of Naaulai & its Neminath Temple in his poem, shri Aitavijaya also refers to it in his Tirthamala. Narlai is the birth place of sri Vijaysensuriji, the disciple of Shri Hirvijaysuriji who had given discourses of Jainism to Badshah Akbar. Shri Hirvijaysuriji was honoured with the titles of " Panyas" & "Upadhayaya" in this very place during Vikram years 1607-08. Narlai is nearer to world famous Ranakpur-sadri and nearest railway station for Narlai is Falna & Rani-station in Rajasthan.

Demand for National Minority Status for Jain Community is justified to protect its ancient heritages and people from vandals and fanatics.





# 'Ban on Plastic Bags' @ Jain Kashi, Moodabidri:

**A**ncient Jain pilgrimage, Moodabidri has also been referred as Jain Kashi. Moodabidri is worldwide famous for its 18 huge Jain basadis & its meticulous architecture. The word 'Basadi' is actually derived from the Sanskrit word "Vasathi" which means mandir or temple. Moodabidri is located approximately 37 km to northeast of Mangalore in the Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka, India. Moodabidri was an ancient centre of Jain literature. As per Jain history, around 3rd century BC also Jains lived in and around Moodabidri. Its 'Thribhuvana Thilaka Choodamani basadi' is popular as thousand pillared temple (Savira Kambada Basadi). In its 'Guru Basadi' the rare Jain palm leaf manuscripts of 12th century A.D. known as 'Dhavala texts' were discovered. Commentary on different parts of two Digambar Jain Agams are referred as 'Dhavala', 'Jaya Dhavala' and 'Mahadhavala' whose essence and message are the teaching of Jina. 'Guru Basadi' was earlier known as 'Parshwanatha Basadi'.

Such an important Jain heritage needs to be preserved. As an initiative 'The Udupi City Municipal Council' & 'Moodabidri Town Municipality Council' had resolved to ban

plastic carry bags from 15th September, 2012 at this Jain Kashi. Same is good news for complete Jain community & now it's their turn to jointly come ahead and maintain this ancient Jain heritage.



# Jain Center of Greater Boston

**J**ain Center of Greater Boston Pathshala and JAINA had a very active this past year in sharing Jain Dharma and Jain Way of Life with outside community. The presentations were done by Yogendra Jain, author of Jain Way of Life and JAINA NorthEast VP. Activities included:

**Presenting Jainism and Non-Violence at a High School** – Last year at Acton-Boxborough 40 High School Grade 11 and 12 students were taught Jainism, Meditation and relevance to Non-Violence. The teacher, Laura Hirshfield, over the summer coordinated with ISJS – JAINA's Jain Studies Program committee, a trip to India with 15 other High School teachers to learn about Non-Violence. Laura is planning to develop a course to teach other teachers in her high school and area high school on integrating Non-Violence in High School curriculum (with some elements of Gandhi, MLK, and religion/Jainism sprinkled). Last week I presented to Ms. Hirshfield's two 12th grade classes (see attached photo) again – notice Ms. Hirshfield's T-Shirt and posters on the walls. She is planning another summer program with of taking 25 Teachers for a Non-Violence Immersion Program to India.

**Seminar on Jainism at U Mass Amherst** – A seminar on Jainism was presented at UMass Dartmouth on Jain Dharma. Teachers from different parts of the US attended. The conference was sponsored by The Uberoi Foundation for Dharmic Traditions & Center for Indic Studies. Later in the evening the students visited the temple and enjoyed dinner prepared by our members.

**Hosting Students from Olin College (Engineering College)** – Over two days, 15 students from Olin college's Anthropology class came to visit the temple. One of the day was a Pathshala day and another day was a weekday. In addition to a presentation on Jainism, Ranjan Ben and Mita Ben led the students in Jain Puja.





# Ahmedabad: National Seminar on Shree Ashtapad Tirth

**A**s per Dr. Rajmal Jain (Convener), Ashtapad Research International Foundation (ARIF) Ahmedabad, India had conducted a National Seminar on Ashtapad Tirth in context to evolution & dispersion of Jainism on 15th -16th December 2012 at Gujarat Vishva kosh Bhawan Usmanpura, Ahmedabad, organized by following committee members, Dr. Rajnikant Shah, Dr. Kumarpal Desai, Dr. Jitendra B. Shah, Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Ms. Archana Parikh, Dr. Rajmal Jain.

ARIF has been deeply involved in probing Shree Ashtapad Maha Tirth since last 10 years under the leadership of Dr. Rajnikant Shah. Outcome and conclusions of various efforts and campaigns to Tibet have been summarized in two Granths published recently in 2011-2012. Under presence of P.P Acharyashri Nandigoshvijayji M.S., presidency of Padmshri Dr. Kumarpal Bhai Desai, Chief Guest Shree Gyan Chand Jain ( Chairman, MCBS and NICIT, Gandhinagar), Dr. Narendra Bhandari (Renowned Scientist) following topics were discussed :

a) Overview of Probing of Ashtapad Maha Tirth conducted by ARIF, b) Geographical and archeological perspectives of Adhai Dweep, c) Evolution of Jainism in Adhai Dweep, d) Possible natives of Tirthankars, e) Possible sites for Ashtapad in Adhai Dweep, f) Possible sites for Ashtapad in Badri Kailash, g) Possible sites for Ashtapad Himalayan regione, h) Modern dispersion of Jainism

As we all know that first tirthankar, Bhagwan Shree Rishabdev had attained nirvana on Shri Astapad Tirth. His son Chakravarty Bharat had constructed a four directional temple monument on this mountain to commemorate nirvana of Bhagwan Shree Rishabh Dev ji. But today this important tirth is physically untraceable and exploration & probing of Shri Astapad Maha Tirth is done by ARIF.

## Some of the lists of Eminent Speakers were:

1. Dr. Rajnikant Shah, USA, Ashtapad Exploration
2. Dr. Jineshwar Das Jain, Jaipur, Adhai Dweep Archeology
3. Dr. Lata Bothra, Kolkatta, Jain History
4. Dr. Kumar Pal Desai, Ahmedabad, Renowned Jain Scholar
5. Mr. Pradeepp Ji Kasliwal, Indore, Badrinath Ashtapad Scholar
6. Dr. Rajmal Jain, Ahmedabad, Jain scholar
7. Dr. P. S. Thakkar, Ahmedaad, Satellite borne imagery analyst
8. Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Ahmedabad, Jain scholar & Renowned Scientist
9. Dr. Jitendra Shah, Ahmedabad, Eminent Jain scholar
10. Dr. Hampana Nagarajia, Bangalore, Jain history







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## 2013 JAINA Convention Update

Jai Jinendra,

JAINA Convention Board cordially invites all Jains in North America to attend the 17th Biennial JAINA Convention to be held in Novi, Michigan (a suburb of Detroit) from July 4th to July 7th, 2013. The convention, a premier event to bring North American Jain community together, will be hosted by Jain Society of Greater Detroit. Volunteers have been working for months to organize this event and to make it a memorable experience for all attendees.

**Please register now** at the convention website: [convention.jaina.org](http://convention.jaina.org) "Early Bird" Registration is \$129/adult (further information can be found at the convention website). "Early Bird" Registration is the lowest amount to register for you and your family. As we get closer to the convention, the price will go up in steps so please register now!

We are also expanding use of social media to communicate with you and provide up-to-the-minute information frequently. Please "like" the Facebook page: [Facebook.com/JAINAConvention2013](https://www.facebook.com/JAINAConvention2013). We encourage everyone to post your pictures, reach out to other attendees / friends / family who will be attending, and engage with the convention now. Try it out and have fun with it! Social media enables us to experience the events we attend before, during, and well after it is over. In fact, during the JAINA Convention in Detroit, we will have Twitter posts as well as Facebook updates to give you up-to-the-minute information and news from the convention.

**Don't delay!** Clear your calendar and start planning your trip with your family and friends to attend the next JAINA Convention in Novi, Michigan from July 4th to July 7th, 2013. Stay tuned for more updates of all the exciting activities, speakers, evening entertainment, youth and children's programming, etc.

For the most current information please visit us on: [convention.JAINA.org](http://convention.JAINA.org) and Facebook page: [Facebook/JAINAConvention2013](https://www.facebook.com/JAINAConvention2013).

Thank you and see you in Detroit!

Prem Jain, Convener



## **CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Theme **Jainism: The Global Impact**
- Religious & spiritual discourses by prominent sadhu, sadhvis & scholars
- Sessions on Quality of Life (Health & Well-Being)
- Entrepreneurship and Professional Networking
- Family and community reunions
- Separate programs for Jain Networking Forum and Youth
- Kids Club at no charge for age group 5 to 13 years
- Variety of Entertainment Programs
- Delicious Jain and Vegan Food
- Accommodations at convenient area hotels with discounted group rates
- Free shuttle between Convention center and hotels

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Keynote Speeches on “Jainism: Global Impact” Theme
- Spiritual Development sessions with distinguished speakers
- International Jain Leaders Forum
- Sessions on Personal Development, Making Social and Ecological Impact
- Yoga and Meditation
- Jain Networking Forum
- Youth Activities
- Supervised Kids Club activities at no charge
- Exhibits & Vendor Booths

## **VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS**

- Unique Bollywood Style Entertainment with American Symphony – more than 50 artists/musicians on stage and with multi-media presentation
- Return of acclaimed “Jains Got Talent” Entertainment Show
- “Let’s Celebrate Together” Cultural Program featuring performers from Jain Centers around North America
- Garba-Raas for all age groups

## **WORLD-CLASS LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

- Jain Temple
- Henry Ford Museum
- Greenfield Village
- Ford Rouge Factory Tour
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor





## **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL PROGRAM & "JAINS GOT TALENT"**

JAINA has a tradition of showcasing artistic talent among youth and adult members of each society through a cultural program as well as a talent competition. We invite and encourage your Sangh to participate in two programs: our Cultural Program and "Jains Got Talent". Both of these energetic programs will be a part of the evening programming.

### **"Let's Celebrate Together" Cultural Program:**

The cultural program is an interactive and artistic way of keeping our Jain traditions, heritage & values alive. Through this program, each individual as well as each Sangh gets an opportunity to participate, present & showcase their Jain beliefs & activities. Deadline to submit application for this program is February 28, 2013.

### **"Jains Got Talent":**

"Jains Got Talent" is a competition to show the talents of various singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and other performers. This gives an opportunity to talented amateurs or unknown performers to showcase their talent in front of their own community.

Deadline to submit application for this program is April 1, 2013

For more information and to submit the application, please visit [convention.jaina.org](http://convention.jaina.org).

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

JAINA seeks everyone's support in making the 2013 JAINA Convention one of the most successful, educational and rewarding JAINA events. Show your generosity and love for Jainism. Your generosity allows the event planners to keep costs to a minimum while having world class speakers and programming. JAINA's biennial convention is one way to keep the traditions of Jainism alive from generation to generation throughout the world.

We ask for your sponsorship through donations. Your contribution will greatly enhance the success of our convention. It is also an opportunity for promoting your business to the Jain community in North America and beyond. There are several sponsorship opportunities, which are listed below. Custom designed sponsorship opportunities are also available.

- Sanghpati - \$31,000
- Corporate Sponsor - \$25,000
- Diamond - \$15,000
- Platinum - \$11,000
- Gold - \$3,100 to \$7,500
- Silver - \$1,100 to \$3,100
- Emerald - \$2,500 to \$3,500
- Ruby - \$1,100 to \$2,500
- Topaz - \$750 to \$1,100
- Patron - \$251

If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact:  
[development2013@jaina.org](mailto:development2013@jaina.org)



## **ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

A souvenir book will be published to commemorate this Convention. It will be distributed to all of the Jain centers across North America, as well as in India. The book will be read by about 10,000 Jain followers and will have many great articles about Jainism and about the theme of the convention, "JAINISM: THE GLOBAL IMPACT".

You, your family and friends have a great opportunity to be a part of this historical 17th Biennial JAINA Convention, by placing an advertisement in the souvenir book. The advertisements rates are as follows (please note, all advertisements will be printed in color):

| <b>Advertisement size</b>  | <b>Cost</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Full Page (8.25" x 10.5")  | \$ 1,100    |
| Half Page (8.25" x 5.25")  | \$ 600      |
| Quarter Page (4 " x 5.25") | \$ 300      |

If you are interested, please reserve your place by contacting: [souvenir2013@jaina.org](mailto:souvenir2013@jaina.org) at your earliest convenience, as we have a limited number of pages in the souvenir. THE DEADLINE is APRIL 30th, 2013.

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

JAINA has reserved a limited number of rooms at discounted group rates at the following hotels (located 2 to 3 miles from the Convention Center). Bus transportation will be provided during the convention between these hotels and the Convention center. Rooms must be booked on or before June 12, 2013 to receive group discount rate.

- Hilton Garden Inn Detroit-Novu Hotel
- Double Tree by Hilton Detroit-Novu Hotel
- Crowne Plaza Detroit-Novu Hotel
- Comfort Suites Wixom Hotel

A credit card or deposit will be required and the hotel has a certain cancellation policy. Please review term and conditions before making reservation. For detailed information regarding hotel reservation, please visit <http://convention.jaina.org>





**17<sup>th</sup> Biennial JAINA Convention**  
**Suburban Collection Showplace**  
**46100 Grand River Ave.**  
**Novi, MI 48374**  
**July 4-7, 2013**



**REGISTRATION FORM**

Register online at <http://convention.jaina.org>

**STEP 1: CONTACT INFORMATION:** This information **must** be completed in order to receive your registration confirmation. Information marked with \* is required.

|                               |       |                 |       |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Primary Registrant Last Name* |       | First Name*     |       | Middle Initial   |                  |
| Address: Street/ Apt#*        |       |                 | City* | State/Province*  | Postal/Zip Code* |
| Home Phone*                   | Cell* | Email*          |       |                  | Country/Region   |
| Name of your Jain Center:     |       |                 |       |                  |                  |
| Emergency Contact*            |       | Primary Phone:* |       | Secondary Phone: |                  |

**STEP 2: INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES: (Convention Registration is Mandatory)**

|   | Early Bird<br>NOV 15 TO JAN 31 | Phase I<br>FEB 1 TO APR 15 | Phase II<br>APR 16 TO JUN 25 | On-Site Only<br>Begins JULY 4 |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ADULTS (AGE 18 & UP)  | \$ 129                         | \$ 149                     | \$ 169                       | \$ 189                        |
| CHILD/YOUTH (AGE 6 UPTO AGE 17)                                       | \$ 109                         | \$ 129                     | \$ 149                       | \$ 169                        |
| <b>Additional Cost for the following optional activities/services</b> |                                |                            |                              |                               |
| JNF (AGE 21+)   | \$ 75                          | \$ 90                      | \$ 105                       | \$ 120                        |

**Note: - No registration fees for Children under age 5. Fees for optional activities will still apply. Online registration ends on June 25th, 2013. On-site registration begins July 4, 2013.**

**STEP 3: CONVENTION REGISTRATION** Please list all attendees including infants.

| Last Name                                     | First Name | Middle Initial | Sex<br>M/F | Age | Individual<br>Registration Fee | Add JNF<br>(Age 21+) | TOTAL<br>FEES<br>(US\$ / Person) |
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| General Donation (\$ 100 suggested)           |            |                |            |     |                                |                      | +                                |
| <b>Total Registration Fees (US\$)</b>         |            |                |            |     |                                |                      |                                  |
| No. of attendees requesting VEGAN food: _____ |            |                |            |     |                                |                      |                                  |

**Hotel Reservation**

- Hilton Garden Inn Detroit-Novu Hotel - located ~ 3.0 miles from SCS Convention Center
- Double Tree by Hilton Detroit-Novu Hotel - located ~ 2.1 miles from SCS Convention Center
- Crowne Plaza Detroit-Novu Hotel - located ~ 2.5 miles from SCS Convention Center
- Comfort Suites – located ~ 2.0 miles from SCS Convention Center

For detailed information regarding **Hotel Reservation**, please visit <http://convention.jaina.org>

**Jain Networking Forum (Ages 21+)**

- JNF will bring the global impact of Jainism to Jains ages 21 and up to ensure as many interactions between people are facilitated in as many ways possible through ice-breakers, interactive sessions, panels, and meet & greet events.
- JNF plans to offer 2 nights of off-site social events to extend the experience late into the evening to ensure professional, personal, relationship, spiritual, social, and/or community service ambitions are fulfilled, since we know JNF-ers have a wide variety of interests to engage in the Jain Networking Forum! Please note JNF at JAINA Convention 2013 registrants must also register for the convention, since the events will be held at the convention center.
- JNF capacity will be limited to the first 200 male and 200 female attendees & registrants thereafter will be placed on a wait-list.
- For detailed information regarding **Jain Networking Forum**, please visit <http://convention.jaina.org>

### Youth Activities (Age 14 – 20)

- Youth activities aim to educate young Jains on various aspects of Jain philosophy and its application to the modern world during the daytime. Youth activities have the mission to expose youth to programming about living out Jain values in their personal and professional life with concrete skills.
- Youth Activities have planned evening social activities that offer the best entertainment from prior conventions using the Motor City & Motown theme. The evening social activities will be in parallel to adult cultural programs.
- Most of the youth activities will be held at Crown Plaza Hotel. It is recommended that you stay there if you are part of the youth group.
- For detailed information regarding **Youth Activities**, please visit <http://convention.jaina.org>

### Kids Club (Age 5 – 13)

- Special activities are being planned for kids for Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Kids (who are registered for the convention) between the age of 5 and 13 will automatically be registered for Kids Club.
- For detailed information regarding **Kids Club**, please visit <http://convention.jaina.org>

### Transportation & Parking Services

**Transportation:**

- During the convention, Buses will be available between the convention center and designated hotels.
- For transportation between airport and hotels, please visit <http://convention.jaina.org> for more details.

**Parking:**

- Prepaid parking arrangements have been made at the convention center for all the attendees.

### Convention Registration Terms & Conditions

- JAINA, its affiliated Jain Centers and their Directors, Officers, Coordinators, and Volunteers shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to registrants and/or to any of their guests.
- Online and paper **registration will close on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2013**. Thereafter, you will be able to register onsite only.
- Onsite registration begins at **9:00 am on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013**. Only Credit cards will be accepted during onsite registration.
- **All cancellations regardless of reasons prior to May 1, 2013 will be entitled to 50% refund of all collected fee amount.**
- **Cancellation after May 1, 2013 will be entitled to 25% refund of all collected fee amount.**
- **Absolutely no refunds** for cancellation(s) shall be given after **June 16, 2013** regardless of reasons.
- All cancellation requests must be in writing, sent by e-mail to [cancellation2013@jaina.org](mailto:cancellation2013@jaina.org)
- Cancellation refunds will be sent by check or credit to credit card based on payment method. Please allow 30 days after the convention for refund to be processed.
- JAINA reserves the right to change convention plans (programs, activities, sessions, speakers, food menu etc.). No refund requests will be entertained due to any such changes.
- Parent or legal guardian must sign liability waiver if participant is under 18 years of age for participating in independent activities.
- Registration confirmation will be mailed or e-mailed to you. Each **registrant must bring confirmation letter/e-mail and picture ID** to registration desk to collect registration material and placement of ID wrist band. Wrist band may be reissued for \$10 and bring picture ID for verification.
- Bounced checks will incur a US \$50 return check fee. The processing of paper registration form will take 3-4 weeks.
- Date of online registration and Postmark of registration form will determine applicable registration fees.

### Travel

How do you plan to travel to Detroit? (Select one)

- a) Air      b) Car      c) Other

**STEP 4: SIGNATURE:** Primary registrant must sign and date below.

**I have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions on this registration form.**

**SIGNATURE OF PRIMARY REGISTRANT:**

**Date:**

**PAYMENT OPTION 1:**

Charge my CREDIT CARD below. I accept all the Terms & Conditions on this form.

**GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FROM STEP 3:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my:     Master Card |       Visa |       Discover

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\*CVV Code is the last three numbers on back of credit card

**PAYMENT OPTION 2:**

Please make your check (US\$) payable to: **JAINA CONVENTION**

Mail registration form and check to: **JAINA Registration Committee, 1152 Congress Ct, Troy, MI 48085.**

**EMAIL:** [convention2013@jaina.org](mailto:convention2013@jaina.org)

**PHONE:** 1-248-716-JAIN(5246)

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**JNF Registration Form**  
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Please attach a photograph of yours if you wish it to be available on the website, along with your profile.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** This information must be completed by **Each Participant**. Duplicate this form if needed.

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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
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**PERSONAL PROFILE** (Please circle whatever applies)

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| <b>Email Address:</b>  |                    | <b>Best Phone Number to contact:</b>   |                     |
| <b>Education:</b>  |                    | <b>Profession:</b>   |                     |
| <b>Primary Language:</b>                                     |                    | <b>Are you willing to relocate after Marriage?</b> Yes<br>No   |                     |
| <b>Living Status:</b> Alone<br>With Family<br>With Roommates |                    | <b>Marital Status:</b> Single<br>Divorced with Kids<br>Divorced without Kids<br>Widowed with Kids<br>Widowed without Kids<br>Separated with Kids<br>Separated without Kids |                     |
| <b>Food Habits:</b> Vegetarian<br>Jain Vegetarian<br>Vegan   |                    | <b>Visa Status</b> US Citizen<br>US H1 /H4 /L1 /L2<br>US Green Card<br>Canadian<br>Indian<br>UK / European<br>Other  |                     |
| <b>Do you Smoke?</b> Yes<br>No<br>Occasionally / Socially    |                    | <b>Do you Drink?</b> Yes<br>No<br>Occasionally / Socially  |                     |
| <b>Sex (M/F)</b>   | <b>Age (Years)</b> | <b>Height (Feet + Inches)</b>  | <b>Weight (Lbs)</b> |

**TELL US MORE ABOUT YOURSELF** (Please write in the space provided. Use additional sheets, if needed)

What do you like to do in your free time?

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What kind of Music do you like listening to?

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What are some of your favorite foods?

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What are some of your personal goals?

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What are some of your professional goals?

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How would your friends describe your personality?

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What are some of the attributes you are looking for in your ideal mate?

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I agree to share this information with the other participants of the JAINA Convention 2013 and on the website.

**SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# JAINA Financial Summary – YTD 2012

From the Desk of Dipak Doshi, JAINA Treasurer

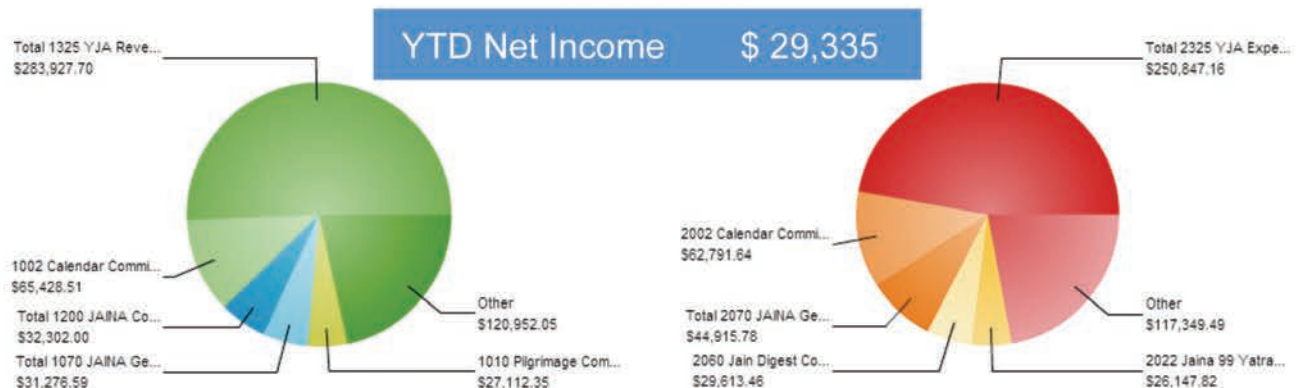
## Income Ending Dec 25, 2012 (unaudited)

| Income                                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1002 Calendar Committee Revenue          | 65,428            |
| 1003 Education Committee Revenue         | 13,556            |
| 1006 LRP Committee Revenue               | 347               |
| 1007 Media Committee Revenue             | 4,677             |
| 1008 JNF Committee Revenue               | 3,754             |
| 1010 Pilgrimage Committee Revenue        | 27,112            |
| 1011 Jiv Daya Committee Revenue          | 19,700            |
| 1014 Public Affairs Committee Revenue    | 4,251             |
| 1022 Jaina 99 Yatra Committee Revenue    | 15,743            |
| 1030 WCS Committee Revenue               | 15,127            |
| 1055 Academic Scholarship Fund Revenue   | 21,000            |
| 1060 Jain Digest & MIS Com Revenue       | 1,170             |
| 1065 Overseas Donation Committee Revenue | 17,984            |
| 1070 JAINA General Fund Revenue          | 31,276            |
| 1100 Interest Income                     | 1,073             |
| 1200 JAINA Convention Revenue            | 32,302            |
| 1325 YJA Revenue                         | 283,928           |
| 1375 YJP Revenue                         | 2,567             |
| <b>Total 2012 YTD Income</b>             | <b>\$ 560,995</b> |

## Expenses Ending Dec 25, 2012 (unaudited)

| Expenses  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 2002 Calendar Committee Expense                     | 62,791            |
| 2003 Education Committee Expense                    | 22,029            |
| 2006 Long Range Planning Committee Expense          | 2,600             |
| 2007 Media Production Committee Expense             | 11,110            |
| 2008 Jain Networking Forum Committee Expense        | 205               |
| 2010 Pilgrimage Committee Expense                   | 1,045             |
| 2011 Jiv Daya Committee Expense                     | 3,925             |
| 2014 Public Affairs Committee Expense               | 8,458             |
| 2021 Jain Milan Committee Expense                   | 1,912             |
| 2022 Jaina 99 Yatra Committee Expense               | 26,147            |
| 2030 World Community Service Committee Expense      | 13,115            |
| 2050 Tirthoddhar (Vaiyavach Fund) Committee Expense | 22,060            |
| 2055 Academic Scholarship Fund Expense              | 8,200             |
| 2060 Jain Digest Committee Expense                  | 29,613            |
| 2065 Overseas Donation Committee Expense            | 17,286            |
| 2070 JAINA General Fund Expense                     | 44,915            |
| 2200 JAINA Convention Expense                       | 4,525             |
| 2325 YJA Expense                                    | 250,847           |
| 2375 YJP Expense                                    | 877               |
| <b>Total 2012 YTD Expenses</b>                      | <b>\$ 531,660</b> |

**NOTE:** Excludes pending transactions of 2012 YJA Convention, Q4 Jaina Link, and 2013 JAINA Convention.



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