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Pearls in The Ocean

—Acharya Mahashraman

- ◆ Decision without planning and planning without a decision cannot get successful.
- ◆ Do not fear criticism, get fearful wrong deeds.
- ◆ Dreams never get fulfilled, commitments do.
- ◆ Decision without planning and planning without a decision cannot get successful.



Highlights of this issue:

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- ◆ Being straightforward is good but you should also have the capability to hear straight as well.

- ◆ Do good of others, worship God with sincerity, by doing this you will generate positive power.



News from JVB Orlando Center

Akshaya Tiritiya Celebration



On may 11th the auspicious event of Akshaya Tiritiya was celebrated under the guidance of Samani Bhavit Pragyaji and Samani Sangha Pragyaji. The event commenced with the chanting of Navkar mantra and Stavans. Physically the Samanijis sanctified the occasion by their presence. Samani Bhavit Pragyaji gave an impressive talk on “ways to liberation”. The adult group presented a program “Check your talent competition”. The winner of the program was Vijay Lunawat. The children put on a beautiful play on “life of lord Rishabha”. The ladies presented an Akshaya Tiritiya song. The celebration concluded with Swamivatsalya. Everyone enjoyed the event and looked forward to next years.

Matunga Group (Bombay)

On June 8th a big tour and travels group visited the JVB Orlando Center from india. The group was enthusiastic to learn about Jainism. Samaniji held a Swadhyay on “Theory of Karma” and presented ways to avoid bad karmas in current life. A question and answer session followed on the related topic of Karma. The group expressed their views that it was very informative and interesting. They enjoyed their visit to the center and commented very well on the lectures and meditation techniques. The group was so impressed that they planned to visit Acharya Mahashraman back home in India.

Huntington, Kentucky

On the invitation of Dr. Mahvir Prasad, Samani Bhavit Pragyaji and Samani Sangha Pragyaji visited the Jain community on June 14th to 18th. The first day started off with the detail explanation of Pratikraman and lectures on “Key to happiness”. The next three days there were discussions on Leshya which aroused curiosity amongst the audience for color meditation. They felt they could lit the practice of yoga and meditation in their daily schedule. The group was very taken by the discussions and happy that they came out learning useful things from the Samanijis visit.

Tampa, Florida

On July 7th the Samanijis visited the Jain Center of Tampa for their monthly program. Many professional were in attendance including doctors, professors, and scientist, who expressed their views such as— we are fortunate to have Samanijis in our city from the JVB and to gain the knowledge of their teachings on “how to live” and “add value to our lives”. Many were inspired by preksha meditation and developed interest in spiritual learning.

Jain Society of Central Florida

On Sunday August 4th, Samanijis visited JSOCF where they blessed the Jain Pooja at their spiritual center on the request of Jitendra Kotadia and Sunita Kotadia. Samani Bhavit Pragyaji presented her lecture on “Atmavad”. On this auspicious occasion another scholar Pandit Maheshji participated and expressed his views. He was very impressed by Samanijis lectures and life style. He also made a special trip to the JVB Orlando center to discuss various topics.

Jacksonville, Fl

On the August 16th—18th, Sa-Sangha Pragyaji attended a pro-“Steps Towards Progress”. A held at Bajrang Kundalia’s tion of Yashaswi, Samanijis prosperous future and sang a was held by Samani Sangha by Jain and non-Jain commu-



mani Bhavit Pragyaji and Samani gram and presented lectures on spiritual group discussion was house. On the birthday celebra-gave blessings for her bright and inspirational song. Kids program Pragyaji. The event was enjoyed nities.

News from JVB New Jersey Center

June 15, Path of Ahimsa was celebrated under the guidance of **Samani Sanmati Pragyaji and Samani Jayant Pragyaji**. This Special program is held to give tribute to Tirthankar Rishabhdev and Acharyas. On this occasion Gyanshala Students Gaurav Shah, Apurva Jain, Ashita Bothra, Tanvi Shah, Aditya Jain and Palak Shah gave their speeches. The guest speaker scientist **Sangeeta Bafana** has delivered very informational speech on the topic. How to prevent from Cancer. Samanijis pravachan was on "Spiritual health keeps us physically healthy". The MC was done by Kavika Daga. Mool and Shanti Singhi had prepared dinner for all. JVBNA extends special thanks for both of them.

A 2-day Family camp was organized by JVBNA on June 8 & 9 at Shri Jain Tirth Siddhachalam. The theme of the camp was "Family Enrichment". All sessions were very inspiring and full of knowledge. More than 60 members attended this Camp. The camp was very much appreciated. Rohit Jain (President), Sheetal Daftary (Secretary), Sudhir Jain (Dep. Treasurer), Abhshek Challani & Sonia Jain (Volunteers) made this camp successful.



Gyanshala Annual Function was organized the next day of the camp. JVBNA Gyanshala student have presented their annual projects in various ways. People were so much impressed to see Gyanshala students' presentations. It was not only the success of the students but also the grand success of the Coordinators Sonya Doshi, Alka Jain and all Gyanshala teachers and volunteers as well. Special thanks to Madhumita Sacheti. Mr. Surendra Kankariya (Chairman) wished a bright future to all students, teachers and Volunteers. Samanijis blessed the Students on this occasion. All the students awarded with trophies and gifts.



Mahaveer Jayanti at Jain Center of NY- May 12, on the occasion of Mahavir Janma-Kalyanak Samanijis showered their blessing to Jain Center of NY. Jain Center of NY is very active center in this region.

Monthly Jaap & Pravachan by Samanijis- Virendra & Neena Jain, Surendra & Sumitra Kankariya, Rajan & Renu Sanghani.

Program at different Families-Ramesh & Suba Parmar, Ajay & Alka Jain, Ashik & Suman Borar. **Samaniji Visited Family-** Ashok & Kusum Jain

Regular Activities- Meditation & Yoga (Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.30pm), Agam Studies (Thursdays 7.30pm-8.30pm), Weekly Prayer, Meditation, Discussion (Saturdays 10am-11.30am except 2nd Saturdays of the month), Gyanshala for Children & Gyansabha for Adults (2 Sundays of the month)

Upcoming Events- Paryushan Mahaparva (Sep 2-9), Kshamapana & Bhikshu Jaap (Sep 28), Gyanshala starts (Oct 6), JVBNA 10th Anniversary & Diwali Milan (Nov 17)...

News from JVB Houston Center

JVB Preksha Meditation center has been conducting various activities under the guidance of Samani Parimal Pragyaji and Samani Vikas Pragyaji. We have weekly events like Samaniji's pravachan, Gyanshala for Kids, Swadhyaya for Seniors, Yoga and Meditation classes. Some of the activities in this period included:

Monthly Meditation Camp

Since 2011, our center has been conducting monthly Meditation camp, on 2nd Saturday of the month. We had these camps on 15th June and 13th July. Samani Parimal Pragyaji discussed about "Change your personality through breathing". She also made the attendees practice Preksha Dhyani.

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This monthly event for youth (age 20-45) has become a boon for the youth who have been entangled in their regular family, business and personal issues. We had 3rd monthly session on "Work Life Balance" on 27th July in which Alokji Jain (Director JVB) coached the attendees on this topic.



Quarterly Workshop

Our center has been organizing quarterly workshop especially on Medical & Health issues where a Doctor or an expert is called upon to present his/her views and address questions from the Audience. On June 9th, we had workshop on "Pulmonary Issues" conducted by Doctor Ajay Jain which was found very informative and educative. Samani Parimal Pragyaji also spoke on how one can get rid of such disease with the help of "Preksha Therapy".



Samaniji Travel

Samanijis travel to different cities from time to time and it was time to visit San Antonio during 10-11 Aug. Samani Parimal Pragyaji provided knowledge on "Four Gatis" and "Grammar of Life" during their sessions on these two days. Samani Vikas Pragyaji conducted session of Jainism as well as memory quiz with children.



Cleansing Camp for Women

Samanijis organized "Stomach Cleansing" camp for ladies. They educated and trained the group on how things like Constipation, Gas, Acidity, Liver Problems, Bellyaches etc. can be cured with 'Preksha Chikitsa'. Everyone found this workshop extremely helpful and proposed that such workshops should be conducted more often.

Gyanshala

Gyanshala for kids age 4-17 started at JVB on 1st September. This program is in its 8th year where kids learn about Jain Prayers, Jainism, Hindi & Yoga.

News from FIU Miami

Acharya Tulsi's Birth Centennial Celebrated at the JAINA Convention, Detroit

The biennial JAINA Convention was held this year from July 3 to 7 at Detroit, USA. The theme for this year's convention was "Jainism, a global impact". As part of the centenary celebration of the renowned Jain Acharya and visionary, Acharya Tulsi (1914-1997) two special sessions on Acharya Tulsi were held in this year's convention.



Samani Charitra pragya, vice chancellor, Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Landnun, India was

the keynote speaker of the special session devoted to Acharya Tulsi's life and work. The event started off with an English version of Anuvrat Geet, a resonating composition of Acharya Tulsi, followed by a lively documentary, "A glimpse of a legacy of a legend: Acharya Tulsi". Mr. Prem Jain, President, JAINA, following the speech spoke about the unprecedented visionary effort of

Acharya Tulsi of initiating Saman order and it's far-reaching effect on the spread of Jain teaching outside India.

Samani Unnata Pragya presented Acharya Tulsi's contributions to Jain Academia. The revolutionary steps, the traditional rejuvenations and innovative incentives were the areas of highlights.

Dr. Deepak C. Jain, ex-Dean, INSEAD and Chairman, Jain Education and Research Foundation recalled his only meeting with Acharya Mahapragya and the insight and inspiration he received in regards to wisdom World. The audience stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the holy soul. A special session for youths explored Anuvrat Movement and its modern relevance. Dr Samani Chaitanya Pragya delivered a talk on Jain Universe and Philosophy of Non-violence.



Displays and Gifts

A 20 feet long scroll paintings depicting the biography and heritage of Acharya Tulsi was displayed at the main entrance hall of the exhibition. Volumes of auto-biography of Acharya Tulsi and more than 125 books authored by him were displayed. DVDs of Acharya Tulsi's sermons with English subtitles were gifted to all.

FIU Showcased at the JAINA Convention, Detroit



Academic achievement of JERF was presented at JAINA by Dr. Neptune Srimal, President of JERF. The Jain Studies program of FIU was represented by the new Bhagwan Mahavir Professor, Prof Steven Vose. Vose also presented his research work, "Protecting Shatrunjay in Medieval India and other stories of Jain Heroism." Significant steps taken by JERF made a long lasting imprint in this event. A major initiative involving Jain youths was spearheaded by Dr Kirti Jain, Director, JERF and Prof Dipak Jain, Chairman, JERF. The academic work was applauded by all and more ventures of progress awaits to be history.