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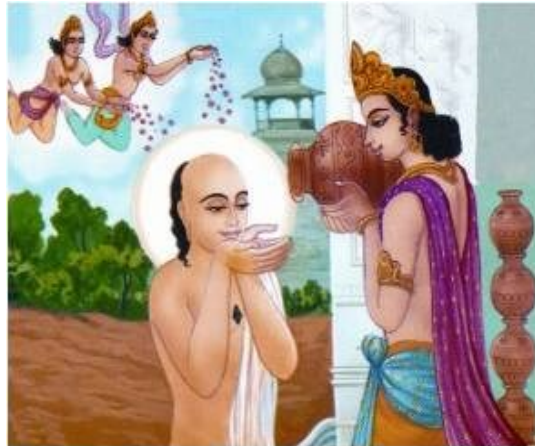
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The month of April is very pious for Jains because of the celebrations of two important festivals, Akshay Tritiya and Mahaveer Jayanti. These festivals evoke the memories of Bhagwan Rishabh and Bhagwan Mahaveer.

Bhagwan Rishabh was the profounder of 'Karma Yug' and 'Dharma Yug'. After living a life as a karma yogi, he observed a penance of 13 months and became a dharma yogi. Bhagwan Rishabh then showed the path of spirituality to mankind.

The day of Bhagwan Mahaveer's birth is celebrated as Mahaveer Jayanti. His sermons on Anekaant, Aparigraha, and Ahinsa emerges as solutions to all worldly problems. The teachings of this great practitioner of penance are ever relevant because of his emphasis on 'Practice before preaching' principle.

We offer our homage and make multifold obeisance to these two supreme, illumined personalities.



News from JVB Orlando Center

JVB Orlando 21st Annual Spiritual Camp January 13 – 15, 2017



Why Meditate? That was the theme of the 21st Annual Spiritual Camp hosted by Jain Vishwa Bharati, Orlando. The camp was conducted by Adarniya Samanis Bhavit Pragyaji & Kanchan Pragyaji from Orlando Dr. Satya Pragyaji & Dr. Rohini Pragyaji from Miami. Samani Bhavit Pragyaji gave an insight to the Guiding Principles of Life and the importance of Why Meditate? These lectures were wonderfully supported. Samani Satya Pragyaji delivered a speech on the topic of meditation and science, Samanijis Kanchan Pragyaji and Rohini Pragyaji conducted sessions for the youth and children and were ably supported by Komal and Kuldeep. A group discus-

sion led by Kamlesh Shah brought awareness of and highlighted the importance of taking Anuvrats in a shravak's life. A unique cultural program was the highlight of Saturday evening. Teams of participants were asked to combine their dreams into a story and present it in front of the audience in the form of a skit. "My dream, your dream" saw camp attendees of various ages collaborate and perform together. Over 200 people, adults, youth, and children benefited from yet another successful camp.

JVB Family Camp Houston, April 14th-16th

The 17th Annual Spiritual Camp was attended by Samani Bhavit Pragyaji and Samani Ratna Pragyaji. Their attendance and participation was enjoyed by all.

Welcome and Farewell



The JVB Orlando community recently celebrated a unique combined program of welcome as well as farewell on March 20, 2017. Samani Bhavit Pragyaji bid a farewell to Samani Kanchan Pragyaji by praising her selfless support and welcomed Samanis Ratna Pragyaji and Pranav Pragyaji. JVB President Mr. Ashok Shah and Chairman Mr. Kamlesh Shah both spoke on this occasion and the ladies sang a melodious song. The entire program was convened by Mr. Devang Chitalia.

Mahaveer Jayanti Tavares, Fl. On behalf of the Jain Group of ShantiNiketan, this interesting and educational program was attended by over 150 highly professional Jain as well as non-Jain residents of our community on 1st April. A brief introduction of both Samanijis was given by Dr. Ramesh Shah. Samaniji Bhavit Pragyaji spoke very effectively on the subject, "Power of Forgiveness" accompanied by a meticulously prepared presentation. Her learned speech included a number of practical examples based on our day to day life in a very easy to understand style. Everyone admired her suggestion of "installing an air conditioning factory in mind, a sugar factory in mouth and a love factory in the heart"! A brief Q-A period followed this lecture. Samaniji Ratna Pragyaji made meditation and sang a beautiful song.



Mahaveer Jayanti Orlando, Fl. Under the spiritual guidance of Samani Bhavit Pragyaji and Samani Ratna Pragyaji, the JVB Orlando celebrated Mahaveer Jayanti on April 29, 2017. Samani Ratna Pragyaji sang a song.

Akshay Tritiya Celebration JVB Orlando Jain Vishwa Bharati, Orlando had double celebrations on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Under the guidance of Samani Bhavit Pragyaji and Samani Ratna Pragyaji, the Sangh celebrated Akshay Tritiya and the anniversary of their center. The program conducted by Mr. Devang Chitalia and Mr. Viral Doshi, began with meditation and jaap. The Gyanshala children informed the Sangh about the process of diksha, Samovasaran, etc. with a poster presentation. The ladies presented a melodious song on Bhagwan Rishabh. The adults presented a unique play called, "God of Management." Both the Samanijis spoke on the occasion. Samani Bhavit Pragyaji presented facts on Bhagwan's life in a unique way, in the form of a question and answer session. Approximately 175 people participated in this successful and enlightening program which culminated with a Swamivatsalya. The program was enjoyed by all.





News from JVB Houston Center

New Year Welcome, 2017: JVB Houston Center New Year, 2017 started on a spiritual and positive note with a special 2 hour program under spiritual presence & guidance of Samani Vikas Pragyaji and Samani Maryada Pragyaji. The program started with Samani Vikas Pragyaji welcoming & blessing JVB community members in New Year and everyone chanted a special "Navagraha Shanti Mantra" for 30 minutes, followed by her inspirational lecture titled "Shubh Bhavishya Hai Samne." She inspired everyone to look ahead with positive thoughts, dreams and spiritual practice in their lives. A special Art Competition based on Jainism Teachings such as Punya or Papa, Moksha, Samvar or Nirjara for JVB Gyanshala kids was conducted by Samani Maryada Pragyaji along with Gyanshala Coordinator, Kajal Jain.



Samanijis Farewell, 2017: 125+ members of JVB Houston community were in full presence to witness a warm & memorable farewell to Samani Vikas Pragyaji & Samani Maryada Pragyaji. Gyan group Bhagwan Mahavir Stavan, Darshan group's farewell messages, short entertaining skit presentation by JVB members based on Samanijis teachings, a fun jeopardy Bhaktambar game presented by Senior most Charitra group kids, short video presentation of JVB's Eventful year of 2016, Heartfelt Speeches and farewell bhajan of Arham Bhajan Mandali were some of the highlights of this afternoon.

Diabetes Workshop & Holi ke Hindi Bol: Sewa International along with JVB Preksha Meditation Center & VYASA organized a free community workshop "Multifaceted holistic approach to Diabetes through Yoga" by Dr. Sudha Rajan on January 28th and Holi ke Hindi Bol was hosted in association with ICC & IHA, Greater Houston on March 5th. Both of these community events were attended by over 100 people and JVB Houston Center was acknowledged for hosting these well received community events.

Gyanshala Holi Picnic, 2017: JVB Gyanshala Holi potluck picnic was celebrated in full spirits by Gyanshala teachers, parents and students alike at George Bush Park on Sunday, March 5th. Despite bad weather, everyone enjoyed the afternoon filled with home cooked food, fun games, music and loads of colors.

Samanijis Welcome Program, March 26th: 120+ JVB community members got together to give a warm & Texas size welcome to Samani Kanchan Pragyaji and Samani Pranav Pragyaji who are stationed at Houston center for the very first time. Beautiful presentations such as Welcome Geet by Gyanshala Charitra group kids, Bhakti dance by Gyan group kids & a short drama presentation by Gyanshala parents were put together by JVB Cultural team. Both Samanijis appreciated Executive team's dedication and team work and encouraged all members to continue their support for a healthy and progressive community.



Samani Ji's Presentation on Jainism at BrithShalom Congregation: Samani Pranav Pragyaji with guidance from Samani Kanchan Pragyaji worked very hard to put together an excellent presentation on Jainism 11th grade students on April 5th evening at their Centre, as a part of interfaith dialogue. Although the title of the talk was: "ABC of Jainism", it covered virtually all aspects of Jainism and Samani Pranav Pragyaji Ji delivered it very effectively using an interactive style such that the attendees could participate in the discussion during the presentation. There were some intriguing and interesting questions from the students as well as Rabi Morgan. After the presentation was over, the students as well as Rabi Morgan expressed their sincere appreciation to Samani Ji's for their time & efforts.



Monthly Preksha Meditation Workshop: Regular Monthly Preksha meditation workshops were conducted by JVB Board member, Alok Jain even in Samanijis absence. The thoughtful theme of lecture "Preksha Meditation- A practitioner perspective" followed by meditation and relaxation techniques was appreciated equally by young as well old.



JVB booth presentation at Vedic Fair: To participate & raise community awareness, JVB Houston Center put up its booth at Annual Vedic fair on April 9th. JVB Gyanshala Charitra group student Vani Jain led the booth and beautifully gave a short and brief live presentation to local radio channel and ended her presentation by chanting Namokar Mahamantra.

17th Annual JVB Family Camp, April 14th-16th: Under auspicious guidance of 4 Samanijis, 17th Annual Family Camp which centered on a positive theme of "Path of Prosperity" was a successful 3-day and 2 night retreat attended by 125+ people on Easter Weekend in calm & scenic surroundings of Radha Madhav Dham, Austin Texas. Campers from all over Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Orlando, Virginia, Tulsa and Greater Houston area nurtured their soul through powerful discourses, Yoga, Meditation & Relaxation techniques. Samani Bhavit Pragnaji's brilliant discourses on "Power of Knowledge & Power of Forgiveness", Samani Kanchan Pragyaji's



3 in 1 Celebration - Path of Ahimsa Program: Under the auspicious presence & guidance of Samani Kanchan Pragyaji & Samani Pranav Pragyaji, JVB Center celebrated three major events, Mahavir Jayanti, Akshay Tiritiya & Meenaji Shah Varshitap Parna on Sunday, April 30th with a magnificent musical "Path of Ahimsa program". 150+ community members were present to witness a resplendent ceremony of art, music which highlighted Bhagwan Rishabhdev and Bhagwan Mahavir's.



Visit www.jvbhouston.org for events and activities.



News from JVB New Jersey Center



New year Jaap and AGM, EC Oath, Samanijis' Mangal Kamana:

On Jan 1, JVB NJ, with blessing and the guidance from Acharyashri Mahashraman and Samani Sanmati Pragyaji & Samani Jayant Pragyaji, welcomed the New Year 2017 with Jaap and Mangal Bhavana led by Samanijis. Outgoing EC led by President Madhumita Sacheti conducted the Annual General Meeting as it shared highlights of 2016 via a photo show prepared by Ashish Jain, and expressed gratitude towards Samanijis, Board, and members for their support through the year Launch of Gyanshala North.



Samanijis spoke about the significance of New Year. Samani Sanmati Pragyaji said that New Year marks the confluence of success and dreams at JVB NJ as the outgoing EC can take comfort from its exemplary success as the incoming EC starts with fresh dreams. Samanijis conducted a fun interactive session with the audience involving riddles and the program ended with Mangal Path. Madhumita Sacheti and Sheetal Daftary were presented certificates for successful completion of Jainism 101 Online Class. Ashish Jain was the MC for the event mantra meditation to channelize chakra energy and connect with higher consciousness.



Samanijis Japan Visit: Samani Sanmati Pragyaji and Samani Jayant Pragyaji along with the blessing of Gurudev, started their 6 days trip to Japan on March 13, 2017. On this trip, they conducted three workshops of three hours each at Kyoto, Osaka, and Noyoga and two workshops of five hours each in Tokyo. About 175 Japanese attended these workshops.



"Jain Sidhanth", "Mahavir Jeevan Darshan", Jain Darshan, and Jain Margdarshan, Preksha Dyan, "Karmavad", "Mokshmarg" were the topics

of Samanijis' pravachans. In collaboration with Preksha Association and Japanese Oki-da-Yoga center, President Mr. Sakamoto, who is a recipient of "Preksha Award" along with the vice president Masato Nakamura, organized this program. Machiko translated the English pravachans and workshops into Japanese. Everyone who attended the workshops, were impressed and benefited by the information present.

Samanijis' Swagat Samaroh in NJ and Holi Milan Celebration: Holi Milan was celebrated with



pomp and festive colors on March 25, 2017 at Shree Swaminarayan Temple in Somerset under the auspicious presence of Samani Sanmati Pragyaji and Samani Jayant Pragyaji.

Masters of ceremony, Akshada Chordiya and Anshul Jain graciously welcomed JVB families to Holi

Milan followed by Navkar Mantra. The president, Shilpa Bhansali, welcomed The program consisted of melodious bhajans sung by the bhajan group, various dances by children, women, and young adults and skits by Gyanshala students of Edison and Cresskill, NJ.

Samanji Sanmati Pragyaji and Samani Jayant Pragyaji addressed the families and spoke about their experiences in India and their trip to Japan.

