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Accomplishments of Four days Adhyatmik Shibir at Tampa, Florida, USA.

Four days Adhyatmik Shibir (May 25 - 28, 2007) on event of 118th Janma Jayanti of Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami was accomplished in a grand way. Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh in USA, a Non-Profit Tax Exempt Religious Organization, organized the event. Venue was Days Inn, Tampa, Florida, USA. Many Mumukshus from far away places in USA, and India, Nairobi participated with great enthusiasm.

Jain Scholars Rajendra Kamdar, Dr. Kirit Gosalia, MD, Rasikbhai Sheth conducted the four days Shibir.

Main subjects of four days workshop were Panchastikay / Chhah Dhala / Gurudev / Vachanamrut. Panchastikay was elaborated and presented into various charts on the board and was made very easy to understand. Chhah Dhala was presented (Script, Singing Stanzas, and relevant Pictures) with slide shows on big screen with projector. Dr. Kirit Gosalia also conducted the Parallel Sessions for children, which were very useful / interesting.

Besides whole-day busy workshop, Jinendra Pooja / Gurudev tape pravachan / Question Answer Sessions / Children's' dialogues / Awards distribution / Prayers to Gurudev were also included during the four days program.

All the participants were presented with Gurudev Vachanamrut Book nicely covered with ornamental fabric.

Dr. Siddharth H. Shah, MD and Dr. Rakesh P. Shah, MD of Florida sponsored the event.

This Organization is organizing four days shibir at different places in North America on occasion of Gurudev Janma Jayanti during Memorial long Week End every year. Last Year it was at Niagara Falls, Canada. Please visit our web site: WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG.

SHIBIR DURING MAY 2008

During next year i.e. 2008, Adhyatmik Shibir will be organized (on event of Gurudev 119th Janma Jayanti) at New York City, NY. (May 23 – 26) We have received Invitations / Sponsorships for the years 2009, 2010 in advance.

Celebration of 94th Janma Jayanti of Prashm Murti Bahenshri. Sponsored by Kantibhai / Pravinaben Kamdar Parivar of Chennai, India. August 26 – 30, 2007.

Four days events will be celebrated at Songadh in a magnificent way by this Family. Congratulations to them for their devotion & dedication towards Songadh Tirth Bhoomi.

Shilanyas of upcoming Jain Temple at Phoenix, AZ.

From October 26 to 28, 2007 this ceremony will be performed for magnificent upcoming Jain Temple. Man-Stambh will be added attraction to the Temple. This will be an unique Temple in North America. Ceremony will be performed by “Mangalayatan” Parivar in India under the guidance of Shri Pawan Kumar Jain. All are cordially invited to participate this grand event. For further information: Dr. Kirit Gosalia. 602-863-1073.

Dakshin Bharat Yatra (13 Days) by Mumukshus in India: Train will leave on November 06, 2007 from Bombay for South India pilgrimage. Shravan Belgola, Mudbhidri, Karkal, Poonur Hills, Belur and other pilgrim places are included in this great pilgrimage. Train will return to Bombay on 20 November 2007. Eminent scholars will accompany the participants for Swadhyay during journey. This is a rare opportunity for Mumukshu. To participate, please contact: Ashish Gandhi, Bombay. Ph: 28835204.

Fifth pilgrimage of Mangalayatan students.

Before starting their study these new students took pilgrimage to Songadh Tirth Bhoomi. They all started on 18th June 2007 to visit Songadh, Umralla, Vankaner, and other centers. In Songadh they listened Gurudev pravachan and participated Swadhyay by Rameshbhai Salal and briefings by Br. Chandubhai and Shri Mithalalbhai.

Scholars' visitation to North America.

During May 2007 **Shri Rajendra Kamdar**, visited Jain Center at Houston, Pittsburg, PA. He conducted four days shibir at Pittsburg Jain Center. He conducted four days Adhyatmik Shibir at Tampa Florida from May 25 – 28, 2007, while celebrating Gurudev 118th Janma Jayanti.

During 2007 JAINA Convention at Edison, NJ, Subhashbhai Sheth of Vankaner, India, delivered three lectures on Samaysar / “True Happiness”

Shri Subhashbhai Sheth is once again visiting USA from August 22 to September 26, 2007 for lecture series and conducting camps. He will visit Jain Centers at Las Vegas, Nevada / Jain Swadhyay circle at Lansdale, PA, New York City and Tampa, Florida. **He will help celebrate Das Laxan Parva at Tampa, Florida.** This eminent, saintly and selfless scholar is well known to all in North America as he has been visiting North America since 1993 almost regularly. He has recently retired as High School Teacher. His itinerary is as below:-

Jain Priest Mr. Subhash Sheth's lecture tour on Jainism in U.S.A.
Schedule 2007

S.No.	Date	City	Contact
1.	Aug 22 –29 Wed - Wed	Las Vegas, NV	Atul Gandhi 702-255-8741
3.	Aug 30 – Sept 09 Thu - Sun	Lansdale, PA (<u>Airport : Philadelphia</u>)	Pravin N. Shah 215-362-5598
4.	Sept 10 – 15 Mon - Sat	New York, NY <u>Road Journey from Lansdale to New York.</u>	Dr. Haresh Shah 718-275-3049
4.	Sept 16 – 25 Sun - Wed (Das Laxan Parva)	Tampa, Florida <u>Tampa International Airport</u>	Dr. Siddharth H. Shah 727-934-6141
5.	Sept 26 –	Leaving for Bombay, India	

Our New Web Site: WE HAVE NOW OUR OWN WEB SITE. PLEASE VISIT WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG. We are indebted to **Mr. Minesh Doshi**, Director of renowned professional co., and dedicated disciple of Gurudev, from Ahmedabd, India for accomplishing this wonderful work. We are also grateful to Paresh C. Shah of Ahmedabd for helping into this matter. **We have now put all Jain Scriptures / Books published from Songadh, which you can read / Gurudev all pravachans on Samaysar, which you can listen on this web site. Thanks to Neilay Dedhia of Bombay, India for making such significant additions to this web site.**

PRIMER OF JAIN PRINCIPLES (OUR PUBLICATION).

This is an English version of Word Famous publication: "Jain Sidhdhant Praveshika" by one of the most illustrious and celebrated personalities, Pundit Gopaldasji Baraiya. Since many years this Book available in Hindi, Gujarati and other languages has been acknowledged as reference book, guide and search of Jain Principles, in many Jain Pathshalas, for self-study etc., in India and elsewhere in the world.

There was a popular demand since many years to have authentic English version of such incredible work for the benefit of English knowing people who are always eager to know more and more about Jainism. Dr. Kirit Gosalia, MD, a Jain scholar and Cardiologist by profession (Phoenix, AZ) has fulfilled this dream. After couple of years' detailed work, he put all the knowledge into an easy to understand English format by keeping the original theme intact. Dr. Melvin Donaho, PhD has reviewed this book.

This hard cover 256 page nicely printed book is divided into five chapters (1) The Substance, Modes and Attributes (2) The Karma (3) Soul's condition due to the association with the Karma (4) Spiritual development stages (5) How to know a substance. These are all covered by 668 Questions and detailed explicit Answers. Besides this, it contains comprehensive Index, Interesting Charts and Tables for easy access to the Fundamentals.

It can be of great benefit for the Jain Pathshalas, Study-Groups and Self-Study person as curriculum, guide, reference book and sort of Jain Encyclopedia. For those who are interested and keen to study Jain Philosophy in English language, this publication will be a boon for them.

In USA, this publication is available. Please contact as under for your requirement: -

(1) Hasmukh Shah. Phone: 727-934-3255. Email: kahanguru@gmail.com or hasmukh33@yahoo.com (2) Jyotsana V. Shah. Phone: 570-287-7457. Email: jyotsana2@yahoo.com

NOMINAL PRICE OF THIS BOOK IS \$3.00 ONLY.

Jain Tatva Darshan: Set of Part 1 to 5: Parts 1 and 2 have been rewritten by Dr. Pravinbhai Doshi, FRCS, and the size of these two parts are made similar to parts 3, 4, 5. These are readily available. During Niagara Falls Shibir (May 26 – 29, 2006) we had presented this set of five volumes to all the participants. These big sized five volumes are nicely printed and comprise almost all the Jain fundamentals. These sets have been mailed to Mumukshus who are members of this organization. **THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED TO STUDY AND HAVE THIS SET OF FIVE VOLUMES, MAY PLEASE LET US HAVE THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES. We have limited sets available in stock.** Check of only \$10 (ten) in favor of "Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh" should be mailed at above address, to take care of packing, shipping charges. Under the gracious & benevolent guidance of Niranjambhai Modi of Michigan, his younger brother Sudhir Modi of Grand Rapids MI, USA, has contributed to publish these five volumes. Thanks to Modi Family for such noble cause.

Adhyatmik Books / Scriptures: Approx. 2000 numbers are available. Recently we have received many more books. Contact Jyotsana V. Shah for your requirement. 570-287-7457.

Acknowledgement: -

(1) We are thankful to Mrs. Kalpana Anil Shah (1081 Oak Knoll, Pomona, CA 91768) for getting this News Letter printed & mailed, since the very beginning. Both Kalpana & Anil are devotees of Pujya Gurudev and Songadh Tirth. Anilbhai is our Director / Jt. Treasurer

(2) We are grateful to Siddharth Hasmukh Shah, MD and Rakesh Popatlal Shah, MD for sponsoring 118th Janma Jayanti event with four days Shibir from May 25 – 28, 2007 at Tampa, Florida. USA.

(3) We are indebted to Dr. Kirit Gosalia and Rasikbhai Sheth for conducting four days shibir, with Rajendra Kamdar at Tampa, Florida May 25 – 28, 2007.

Following audio cassettes on discourses by Gurudev Shri Kanjiswami are available.

Discourses on Scriptures	Qty	Scripture written by
SAMAYSAR	529	Acharya Shri Kund Kund
Niyamsar	188	"
Pravachansar	261	"
Astha Pahud	196	«
Panchastikay Sangraha	77	«
Samadhi Tantra	44	Acharya Shri Pujyapad
Istopadesh	56	"
Purusharth Siddhi Upay	54	Acharya Shri Amrut Chandra
Samaysar Kalash Tika	263	"
Padmanandi Panchvishti	20	Acharya Shri Padmanandi
Yogsar	45	Acharya Shri Yogendu Dev
Parmatma Prakash	215	«
CHHAH DHALA	50	Pandit Daulatramji
Vachanamrut	175	Pujya Bahenshi

Discourses are in Gujarati and Hindi. Price of each cassette is \$2.00 only (inclusive of packing & shipment). Good qualities of blank cassettes available in USA are used for recording. For your requirement, please contact: Videha R. Dedhia. Phone: 908-233-8229. All these Pravachanas are also available in MP3. One MP3 comprise about 26 lectures (each of one hour). Please let us know your requirement

- On Internet:**
1. Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami: <http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/kanji.html>
 2. Our USA Organization: WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG
 3. Jain Tatva Darshan: www.atmadharma.com

Organizational: Every year we invite, arrange and coordinate program of two to three scholars from India. These dedicated, selfless scholars are visiting various centers for lecture series, conducting camps / workshops. Besides this, all the Adhyatmik literature, scriptures, cassettes, CDs, MP3 as mentioned above are made available at concessional price. Members of this organization receive not only this publication (Atma Darshan), but also ATMA DHARMA monthly magazine (Gujarati or Hindi) published from India, free of charge (if they are already not receiving this magazine). This monthly publishes Pujya Kanji Swami's appealing and interesting discourses on Jain Scriptures, other adhyatmik articles, thoughts, News, Events etc.; We also distribute free books on Jain philosophy, to our members. Recently we presented set of five volumes of Jain Tatva Darshan (Part 1 to 5) and Primer of Jain Principles to all members.

We Organize shibirs and celebrate Gurudev Janma Jayanti with three / four days shibir every year (During May Memorial long week ends) and at different locations in North America.

Membership is \$101.00 only. Please encourage our efforts by becoming member and also sending your donation. **We have Federal Tax Exempt ID and your donations are tax deductible.** Please keep this mission in mind when you have good event in the life or memory of beloved ones.

We shall consider our efforts aptly rewarded, if even a few people are encouraged from activity of this mission to direct their lives on the right path to achieve real happiness.

Received following from the Mumukshus during May / June / July 2007:-

\$ 1473.00	Sudhir / Sonal Modi, MI	Donation
\$ 1001.00	One Mumukshu, FL	"
\$ 201.00	Neilay Dedhia, India	"
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\$ 118.00	Ilaben Rasiklal Gandhi, NV	"
\$ 101.00	Atul / Bharti Gandhi, NV	Membership
\$ 101.00	Nemchand / Hema Chheda, TX	"
\$ 151.00	Ramesh / Pragna Shah, WA	Donation + Membership

We are grateful to Donors for their generosity.

Directory: Please fill out the enclosed Membership Form (regardless you are already a member) and mail to us so as to compile the Directory of Mumukshus living in North America.

Our Revered Gurudev has achieved the path of complete freedom. He enlightened this path from all directions. Our obligation & gratefulness towards him is infinite. How can we forget it?
- Pujya Bahenshri.

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Vairagya Samachar: *Anandbhai Nanalal Jasani, (93 years) Trustee of Songadh Trust, Philanthropist and great disciple of Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami passed away at Bombay, India on May 08, 2007. His daughter Videha Dedhia is our Director. As desired by Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami this Jasani Family had built magnificent Jin Mandir at Songadh. All the Mumukshus will miss this great grand dedicated noble person. We pray for eternal peace for his soul.*

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Samaysar :

Stanza 38:

“Ahamek khalu shuddho darshanGnanmayah sadarupi
Napysti mam kinchidpyanyat parmanumatramapi”

Absolutely pure, having the nature of perception and knowledge, always non-bodily, I am indeed unique. Hence not even an atom of alien things whatsoever (whether living or non-living) is related to me as mine.

Stanza 184:

Yatha kanakmgnitaptmapi kanakbhavam na tam prityajati
Tatha karmodayatapta na jahati gnani tu gnanitvam

Just as gold, however much it is heated, never loses its natural attributes, so also the right knowing self (soul) “however much it is burnt by the associated Karmas, does not lose his basic natural attributes of pure knowledge.

- Acharya Kund Kund.

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OCTOBER 26-28, 2007

Shilanyas - Ground Breaking Ceremony

We are very much excited to let you know that Jain Center of Greater Phoenix is planning to build a Shikharbandh Jain Derasar on a 4-acre land in Phoenix location. We sincerely invite you, your family and your friends to be part of the great ceremony. Your presence will glorify occasion. Shilanyas is an auspicious celebration of laying down the foundation stone. Shilanyas ceremony includes varieties of programs such as Panch Parmesthi Vidhan Poojan, Snatra Poojan, Asta Dravya Poojan, lectures by Jain dignitaries, Jinendra Bhakti, and cultural program. Shilanyas ceremony will be performed according to the Jain Scriptures.

We want to make sure you mark your calendar for these auspicious dates. Derasar will ensure that the spiritual and cultural beacon will continue to enlighten the many generations to come. This is an invitation for you to participate in the epic journey of building an architectural magnificence. This is an opportunity for you to mark your spiritual legacy.

Friday - Oct 26, 2007

2:30pm to 2:45pm - Dhwaja (Flag) Sthapana & Mandap Inauguration
2:45pm to 3:15pm - Mangal Kalash Sthapan
3:30pm to 5:00pm - Panch Parmeshti Pooja Vidhan
5:00pm to 5:15pm - Aarti/ Mangal Divo
5:15pm to 6:15pm - Dinner
6:30pm to 8:30pm - Bhakti/ Gurudev Rakeshbhai's video message/ Dandiya



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Jai Jinendra

Saturday - Oct 27, 2007

7 am to 8:30 am - Jaap at Derasar by Pratistha Acharya
8:30 am to 9 am - Jaal Yatra and Bhagwan Sthapana
9 am to 10:30 am - Snatra Pooja and Shanti Path
11:00am to 12:30am - Panch Parmeshti Pooja Vidhan (continue)
12:30pm to 12:45pm Aarti/divo
12:30pm to 1:30pm - Lunch
3:30pm to 4:30pm - Swadhyay / Lectures by Scholars
5:00pm to 6:00pm - Dinner
6:30pm to 9:00pm - Bhakti/ Jinchandra Maharaj Saheb's video message / Cultural program

Sunday - Oct 28, 2007

7 am to 8:30 am - Jaap at Derasar by Pratistha Acharya
8:30 am - 9 am - Jinendra shobha yatra - Procession
9 am to 10:00 am - Panch Parmeshti Vidhan (continue)
10:15 am to 10:45 am - Aasht Prakri Pooja
11:00am to 1:30pm - Shilanyas ceremony
11:00 am to 11:30 am - Shila Abhishek /Manglik/Shila Ropan
11:30 am to 12:00 pm - Vidhi for Shilanyas
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - Shila Sthapana, Tamra Patra, and other shilas
1:30pm to 2:30pm - Lunch

