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FOUR DAYS ADHYATMIK SEMINAR / Celebration of 120th Janma Jayanti of Adhyatma Yug Purush Pujya Gurudev Shri Kanjiswami in USA, during May 2009. As we have been doing every year we have organized FOUR days Adhyatmik Shibir (**May 22 to 25, 2009. Friday to Monday.**)

Venue:

DAYS INN, Tampa North, 701 E. Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33612.

Phone: 813-977-1550. Fax: 813-977-6556.

Nearest Airport is Tampa International Airport. Siddharth / Smita Shah and Rakesh / Rajul Shah of Tarpon Springs and Palm Harbor, Florida have sponsored this event.

These couples often help to sponsor scholars from India for lecture series / camps in North America.

Please fill out the Registration Form (attached in this News-Letter) and mail it to: Samir Shah, 16218 Muirfield Drive, Odessa, Florida 33556. (Phone: 813-649-8979.) with registration fee of **US \$110.00 by check / MO (made payable to "Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh") per each participant for Dinner / Lunch / Breakfast and accommodation for above mentioned dates, before April 11, 2009 positively.** Since we have limited rooms, "First come first served" will be the criterion. If you are traveling by Air, please let us know in advance the Flight number so that we can arrange to receive you at the airport.

Those who do not wish to stay in Hotel and wish to participate whole day program, should pay \$20 per person, per day for breakfast, lunch, tea, dinner. Such participants should please inform Samir Shah well in advance.

We suggest participants should reach by 3-00pm on May 22, 2009 (Not earlier than this), so that they can join the program from the very beginning in the right earnest.

An Eminent Scholar **Rajendra Kamdar** from India has kindly consented to help conduct four days shibir. He will elaborate in detail on Adhyatmik Jain Scriptures. Besides this; we have invited well known Scholars Rasikbhai Sheth, Baroda, India, Dr. Kirit Gosalia, Phoenix, AZ and others who will also conduct some of the sessions of the shibir along with Rajendra Kamdar.

Rajendrabhai, who is visiting USA since 1993 for lecture series and conducting camps, is known to all of us. He is also a celebrated Jain scholar in India, UK, East Africa, where he has been traveling regularly for lecture series and conducting Jain classes for adults and young Jains despite his busy schedule as Chairman of Delhi Public School at Rajkot, India.

Rasikbhai Sheth (India) and Dr. Kiritbhai Gosalia, MD (Phoenix, AZ) are very well known to all of us. Both had conducted Adhyatmik Seminars during May 2007 and May 2008 at Tampa and New York City. Dr. Dinker Shah, MD, from London, UK, will participate as Guest of Honor. He will also take one or two classes.

Besides this, new upcoming scholars from USA: Dr. Siddharth H. Shah, Dr. Rakesh P. Shah, Sudhir Modi, Sonalben Modi who are all doing swadhay and studying scriptures regularly. They have consented to speak / elaborate on some of the important subjects related to fundamentals of Jain Philosophy.

Highlights of the four days programs: Whole day Workshop on Jain philosophy, scriptures / Gurudev CD pravachans / Question-Answer sessions / Children's Dialogues on Jainism theme / Jinendra Poojan / Bhakti / Showing DVD on Jain Tirth, Gurudev Life / Prayer to Gurudev on Janma Jayanti event (on May 24).

During the above event, every day morning Jinendra Pooja will be conducted by **Jyotsanaben V. Shah** of Kingston, PA. Please bring Jinendra Pooja Sangrah Books / Pooja Books narrating Pooja, Stavan, Bhakti towards Guredev, if you have such books.

Program details as under: - (Time Table for each scholar's lecture / presentation and other activities will be given at Seminar)

May 22 (Fri) To check in. by 3-00pm / Lecture by Scholars / Gyan Gosthi.
May 23 (Sat) Seminar (Scholars will conduct) / Children's' presentation.
May 24 (Sun) Celebration of Gurudev Janma Jayanti (for One hour) in the morning after Pooja and Seminar Program for rest of the Day.
May 25 (Mon) Pooja / Lecture of Scholar. Viday / To disperse by 12-00pm

Our Web-Site: PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE:-

WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG. We are indebted to Mr. Minesh Doshi, Director of famous professional Co., and an ardent disciple of Gurudev, from Ahmedabd for developing this web site. We are also grateful to Paresh C. Shah of Ahmedabd for helping into this matter.

Event News:-

Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami: 120th Janma Jayanti at Songadh, India:

Dadar (Mumbai) Dig. Jain Mumukshu Mandal will celebrate this event at Songadh, in a grand way from April 22 – 26, 2009. All are invited to participate. Phone: 2846-244334.

SHIVPURI (MP): Installation of Gurudev Shri Kanjiswami statue in a Swadhyay Hall of Jain Temple, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, India. Event from January 16 to 18, 2009. Phone: 79492-233779.

MANGALAYATAN, Sasni (UP): Annual Event celebration: February 01 – 05, 2009. Program in highlight: Jinendra Poojan / Gurudev CD pravachan / Scholars' lectures / Religious classes / cultural program by students etc.

Bahenshri Champaben 96th Janma Jayanti Event: Entire Maharashtra Mumukshu Sangh will celebrate at Songadh from August 03 – 07, 2009.

Panch Kalyanak Pratistha Mahotsav at Phoenix, AZ: This is a marvelous & unique newly built Jain Temple with Man-Sthambh in the forefront. (Dec 20 – 25, 2008). Mangalayatan Parivar will conduct ceremony. All are invited to participate.

Jain Scholar Rajendra Kamdar's visit USA Schedule 2009

This scholar will visit Houston (Texas) and Pittsburgh, PA for lecture series and conducting workshop, before reaching Tampa, Florida on May 21, 2009 to conduct four days Shibir.

Das Laxan Maha Parva: Scholars from Songadh will visit USA to help celebrate this event. Centers / study groups interested to host scholar should please contact us.

2008: During this year Eminent Scholar Subhash Sheth helped celebrate Das Laxan Parva in Jain Temple at Tampa, Florida, USA.

4 Days Seminar & Gurudev 121th Janma Jayanti during 2010: we will organize this Seminar and event at Los Angeles, CA.

Pratistha Mahotsava at Tampa: This magnificent Jain Temple was inaugurated with grand ceremony from Nov 27 – 30, 2008. Three Digamber Jain Idols of Adinath, Simandhar Swami and Siddha Bhagwan were also installed along with other Idols.

Worldwide Classroom on Telephone.

We are pleased to inform you that "Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh, USA (JSMS)" has joined to begin a new Series with scholar Rajendra Kamdar, Rajkot, on "Shri Niyamsaar" in Gujarati. If there will be enough demand from the participants the speaker will be requested to conduct it in Hindi. It is scheduled to start at 8.55 am (EST) on Saturday; November 15, 08. It will be held **for one hour every Saturday.** You may log on to any of the following websites if you do not have the granth "Shree Niyamsaar".

http://www.atmadharma.com/shastras/niyamsaar_guj_txt2.pdf

http://www.atmadharma.com/shastras/niyamsaar_hin_txt.pdf

All from your our family should be encouraged to attend these classes.

To join these free telephone conferences please follow this procedure:

1. Call 1- 231-962-8000. You will then hear a recording which will ask you to dial the Access Code.
2. At that time you dial 591613#
3. The recording will repeat this access code and ask for your confirmation by dialing 1
4. You dial 1 to confirm.
5. You will then enter the conference. Please announce your name and the city. You will then be greeted by 'Jai Jinendra' from the participants who may have already joined the conference.

Please make sure you join the conference 5 minutes before the scheduled starting time and introduce yourself with your name and the city. If you happen to join late, please do not announce your name so that the on-going class will not be disturbed. These are interactive classes, so feel free to ask questions or give your responses when requested by the speaker and make sure to be as brief as possible.

Occasionally in the past, we had problems with some static noise during the conference.

We have been advised to take the following precautions to minimize it.

1. Use the landline instead of cell phone as far as possible and be near the base unit in your home. Keep the phone on MUTE throughout the class until you want to speak. You can MUTE or UNMUTE your phone by dialing *6.
2. Make sure you do not have any noise making activity in your surrounding. Please do not talk to your family members during the class.

3. In case the battery would go down in the speaker's phone he will need two to three minutes to change over to another phone. Please be patient, remain silent and hold on until he returns.

Please feel free to inform your friends in and outside U.S.A. especially in Europe, Africa and Middle East to let them know about these classes and encourage them to take advantage of this "Mountain Coming to Mohammad" or "Ganges Coming to our Homes"!

For more information, please contact Coordinator: Niyati Jhaveri. Nj19pa@yahoo.com or us.

Annual Adhyatmik Shibir for children at Songadh (Dec 24 to 29, 2008).

About 300 children mostly from Bombay / Gujarat will participate this Seminar, which will be very interesting, educational, informative for them and their parents. Celebrated Scholar Br. Pundit Vrajlal Shah, Dr. Pravinbhai Doshi, Subhash Sheth, Rajendra Kamdar, Ramesh Mehta will conduct the classes of Shibir. Neilay Dedhia, Bombay will also conduct some classes.

New Year Greetings

On this Auspicious Day and beginning of New Year on 1st January 2009, Greet you with all the brotherly / friendly love and affection to remind soul's wealth and its enjoyment.

Greeting is a special intend of the human race to only remind the often forgotten Self – Soul in one form or the other.

In our day to day life we follow / observe this calendar for all activities / planning. This New Year beginning Day is the occasion to remind one and all of the invaluable, inexhaustible and incalculable wealth of the Self – Soul.

Let us resolve this day to formulate self efforts in a big way to achieve the Samyaktva (Self Realization) during this life time. If not, at least to plant the roots for this great cause, so as to accomplish it during the next couple of lives.

Wishing you and all the near and dears an early dawn of Samyaktva (Self Realization) on this New Year Day.

Enlightenment - Self knowing and seeing Self - is a rare occurrence in the human race only, though its seed could grow in any one of the four gatis. Nonetheless it is very much in each and every soul in all the four gatis in its latent state. Pancham Gati - Siddha Gati - is the obvious / revealed state of the potency of soul

Knowing and Seeing – "Upayoga" – is the inseparable capability of all the soul and functioning ceaselessly from the beginning-less time and shall be so for endless time. Though it is rooted in the soul, soul due to its beginning-less ignorance entertains only wrong knowledge and belief of itself.

Our prayer for the New Year Wish: Let all soul be blessed with eternal happiness, equanimity, amity and let divinity prevail everywhere in the Universe.

In reality: Let us follow as advised by **Bhagwan Kund Kund Acharya** in one of the concluding Gathas: 412: of Samaysar:

Mokkhapape appanam thavechi tam chev jhahi tam chey / Tattheva vihar niccham ma viharsu annadavesu //
“Establish your self on the path of Moksha (Liberation), meditate on it, experience it, always move into it, do not move among other things”.

- Hasmukh M. Shah

Adhyatmik Books / Scriptures: Approx. 2000 numbers are available. Recently we have received many more books including Tatvarth Sutra, Chhah-Dhala, Gurudev's "pravachana" on Natak Samaysar and Pravachansar. Please contact Jyotsana V. Shah for your requirement. Phone: 570-287-7457.

Acknowledgement:

1. We are grateful to Siddharth / Smita Shah and Rakesh / Rajul Shah of Tarpon Springs and Palm Harbor, Florida to sponsor four days Seminar and 120th Janma Jayanti event at Tampa, Florida. Siddharth and Rakesh are both Physicians and inspite of their busy schedule they do swadhyay daily for two hours.

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

New Publication: Mokshmarg Prakashakna Kirano (Gurudev Shri Kanjswami's lectures on Mokshmarg Prakashak by Pundit Ratna Todarmalji). This hard bound volume of 358 pages in Gujarati language is now published fourth time by Songadh Trust. It was last published third time 43 years ago. There was great demand for this book as Gurudev has elaborated on this great work of Todarmalji in a very interesting and easy to follow language. **Dr. Rakesh / Rajul Shah of Palm Harbor, Florida** have sponsored this publication on permanent basis by donating Rs.85000 to Songadh Trust. Our congratulations to this couple.

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 Bariya. 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.

One more New Publication: “Unda Adarsh Atmarthi” narrating life and Adhyatmik

accomplishments of Pandit Ratna Himatlal Jethalal Shah, main disciple of Gurudev and translator of Five Paramagams into Gujarati, on his 100th birth day. This hardbound big volume is full of Himatbhai’s writings, illustrations / photos printed on superior paper, is a must for all to keep and review regularly. You will not leave this book if taken in hand to read / review. This incredible book is by published by Songadh Trust, India. Phone: 2846-244334.

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 gifted five volumes of Jain Tatva Darshan (Part 1 to 5) which are written by Dr. Pravinbhai Doshi, FRCS, the celebrated scholar at Rajkot, devoting number of years in writing such invaluable literature on Jain Philosophy. He visited USA twice for lecture series.

We Organize shibirs and celebrate Gurudev Janma Jayanti with three days shibir every year and at different locations in North America.

Membership is \$101.00 only. Please encourage our efforts by becoming life members 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.

On Internet: 1. This organization: WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG

2. Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami: <http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/kanji.html>

3. Jain Tatva Darshan: www.atmadharma.com

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We are grateful to Donors for their generosity.

New Minimal price of cassette:-

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

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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	Puja Bahenshi

Discourses are in Gujarati and Hindi. Price of each cassette is \$2.00. **However as a special consideration we will giveaway above cassettes at token price of 0-50 C. per each provided you order one set.** For your requirement, please contact: Videha Dedhia. Phone: 908-233-8229. All these discourses are also available in MP3 CDs. Please let us have your requirement.

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Vairagya Samachar: Mahendra M. Shah (63) Hasmukh M. Shah & Ramesh M. Shah's brother passed away at New York on Sept 29, 2008. He was disciple of Gurudevshri and had built one Atithi Grha at Vighnahara Parswanath near Navsari. We pray for his soul rest in eternal peace.

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

Very Important: Please let us have your EMAIL Address so as to keep you posted about important events/ news immediately.

For any question regarding the Seminar at Tampa, Florida please call Samir Shah 813-649-8979 / or Smita Shah 727-934-6141.

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