

# Accomplishment of 2011 Four days Adhyatmic Seminar at Washington, DC (May 27 – 30, 2011) And Announcement of 2012 Seminar at Tampa, Florida (May 25 – 28, 2012)

Four days Adhyatmic Seminar (May 27 - 30, 2011) on event of 122nd Janma Jayanti of Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami was accomplished with superb success. Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh in USA, a Non-Profit Tax Exempt Religious Organization, arranged the event. Venue was Quality Inn & Suites, College Park, Maryland. Many Mumukshus from North America participated with great enthusiasm.

Eminent Scholars: Rajendra Kamdar, Dr. Rameshbhai Parekh both from India and other Scholars from USA conducted the four days Adhyatmic seminar. Main subjects of four days workshop were Samay Sar (Karta Karma Adhikar), Charitra Pahud, Five Labdhi, Path to reach Suddhatma Swaroop etc., Children's cultural program and their presentation on Chhah Dhala were appealing and interesting.

Besides whole-day busy workshop, Jinendra Pooja / Gurudev CD pravachan for one hour daily / Question Answer Sessions / Prayers & Vadhamana to Gurudev were included during the four days program.

New-coming up USA Scholars Dr. Siddharth Shah and Dr. Rakesh Shah did Swadhyay also for the benefit of participants. All the participants were presented with a bag containing DVDs / CDs / Books etc,

Shri Talakbhai & Shrimati Ranjanaben Shah of Maryland sponsored the Event. This couple's devotion towards Dev Shasta Guru is exemplary. They have participated such Annual Seminars at different places in North America every year.

All the participants were presented with a bag containing DVDs / CDs / Books etc., Also, sets of 16 pcs of DVD-MP3 containing more than 9000 pravachans of Gurudev were made available to participants at subsidized cost.

To view glimpses of this grand event, please click on the following Link.

https://picasaweb.google.com/kahanguru/SHIBIR2011WashingtonDC?authkey=Gv1sRgCIvs1aGEzt69Kg#

This Organization is arranging four days Adhyatmic Seminar at different places in North America on occasion of Gurudev Janma Jayanti during Memorial long Week End <u>every year.</u> For more information visit our web site: **WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

# Four days Adhyatmic Seminar / Gurudev 123rd Janm Jayanti event at Tampa, Florida. (From May 25 to 27, 2012).

With great pleasure, we are happy to announce that Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh in USA has organized Four days Adhyatmic Seminar while celebrating above Event during Memorial Long Week Ends From Friday 05-25-2012 to Monday 05-27-2012.

During this four days of Adhyatmic Seminar, We have planned Adhyatmic lecture series by invited Eminent Scholars, Pooja, Gurudev's CD tape Pravachans, "Janm Vadhamana" – celebration, program by children, Gyan Gosthi and Dev-Guru Bhakti.

Event is sponsored by Dr. Siddharth H. / Smita S. Shah and Dr. Rakesh P. / Rajul R. Shah of Tampa, Florida. These couples have sponsored Gurudev Janma Jayanti twice (118<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup> Year 2007 & 2009 respectively) in the past and they have been participating all Seminars every year. Their devotion towards Dev Shastra Guru is admirable.

#### Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh (JSMS) in USA

Warmly invites you all to participate this auspicious occasion. Please plan to attend and take advantage of this Grand celebration and Adhyatmic Swdhayay by the eminent Scholars..!!

All the programs will be held at:

#### WESTIN Tampa bay. (WESTIN hotels & resorts) 7627 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, Florida 33607. Phone: 813-281-0000 Web: westintampabay.com

The facility of Hotel selected is excellent <u>(it is five star facilities)</u> facing Sea and situated very close to <u>Tampa International Air Port and have Guest pick-up and drop off facility.</u> The room rates are high compared to Hotels we used so far. However we shall heavily subsidize the rate and make it affordable as usual for participants.

We hope, you will take benefit of our above gesture to accommodate all so that all can remain present during 2012 event in record number. We shall invite eminent scholars from India and one of the teachers will be dedicated for children to teach them Jain fundamentals, Pooja, Bhakti and inter act with them in English in parallel session. We shall have children's cultural program representing religious themes.

All parents are requested to encourage their young ones to accompany them. Hope, you will appreciate our efforts to make 2012 event most successful

A detailed time table of the program will be published at a later date.

(In the past for this event we had informed to Mumukshus the dates June 15, 16, 17, 2012 But feed- back from many Mumukshus requesting to keep the dates during Memorial long week-ends as per practice in vogue since the beginning. As such we kept the dates as announced above).

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#### **Three Ways to Register**

#### **<u>1. Lodging and Boarding both:</u>**

(Includes 3 nights hotel and all the meals) \$125.00 per person (\$250.00 for two persons) (Room: double occupancy)

For One person only, we shall accommodate another person in a room. If you do not want to share with anyone and want to stay alone in a room \$250.00 for single person in a Room. Children age 14 and under staying in parent's room are totally free of charge.

2. Lodging (All meals only - No Hotel stay) FOR Local Participants (Includes all meals from Friday evening to Monday noon)

If you have any friends or family nearby and wish stay at their home, but want to attend all the programs: \$75.00 per Person - for all the meals, Morning breakfast, Tea (twice): May 25 to May 28, 2012.

3. Lodging (Meals: lunch, dinner, tea Per Day) Local Participants

If you want to attend just one or two select days: <u>Saturday OR Sunday - \$25.00</u> <u>Per Person Per Day</u> Friday OR Monday - \$15.00 Per Day

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**Please note:** 

Registration with fee is required for people who need lodging (meals) and boarding (hotel) & only meals for four days for local participants.

Accommodation for out of town guests

Please visit above web site of Hotel to know about amenities available in Hotel and also map / direction from Tampa International Airport.

For air port pick up and drop off: please call Westin (phone: 813-281-000) mentioning Jain Swadhyay Mandir Seminar.

Reception at the Hotel (Friday May 25, 2012 between 3-00 PM to 6-00 PM in Hotel Lobby)

Before this please make sure to mail in your attached registration form with check before the due date: March 20, 2012. We have limited Rooms available in this five star Hotel, with this offer of \$125.00 which include lodging boarding for all the days' event. As such First come First served will be the criterion.

Please try to make your airline reservation to Tampa International Airport. If you are driving from out of town, please try to arrive at Hotel during the reception time, which is between 3-00 to 6-00 PM on 05/25/2012.

Lodging (Meals)

All the programs are arranged in a spacious Hall of Hotel at 7<sup>th</sup> floor.

Friday - Evening dinner, Saturday - Breakfast, Lunch, afternoon tea & Dinner Sunday - Breakfast, Lunch, afternoon tea & Dinner Monday – Morning Tea / Breakfast and Lunch.

Gurudev Janma Jayanti / vadhamana will be celebrated on Sunday 05/26/2012 between <u>10am - 12pm.</u>

All registered Guests will be provided with Wrist band and a name ID Badge.

Please mail in your Registration Form with check in favor of: "Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh" before March 20, 2012 At following address:

> Samir Shah <u>16218 Muirfield Dive</u> Odessa, Florida 33556 Phone: 813-649-8979

Please download the attached registration form, Fill out completely and send with appropriate check as soon as possible at the above Address.

<u>As explained very well as above that \$125.00 per person is for meals, Tea, breakfast & Hotel</u> <u>stay only for three nights: May 25 to 27, 2012 & breakfast, lunch on 05/28/2012.</u>

<u>As such as per Hotel regulations: For incidental charges such as if purchases made from the</u> <u>Hotel facility/ making long distance calls / View TV movie etc., you are advised to provide your</u> <u>Credit Card information to the Hotel Management while checking in on Friday 5/25/2012. In</u> <u>view of this please do bring your Credit Card with you.</u>

### **Membership for JSMS**

#### Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh (JSMS) is USA based organization. JSMS is a non-profit tax exempt religious organization ID # 36-4068758. <u>Brief of introduction of JSMS is as Follows:</u>

JSMS was started in a humble way by a Mumukshu as solo work during 1992 and it was formally registered as Non-Profit religious organization with Federal Government during 1996.

Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami was instrumental in starting a new revolution in the percept and practice of Jainism as envisaged by Bhagwan Mahavir and his predecessors.

#### Sole aim of this Mission (JSMS) is to pervade this Tatvagyan among desirous Mumukshus in North America.

Since last eleven years, every year we organize four days Seminar while celebrating Gurudev Janma Jayanti at different places in North America (during Memorial week-ends).

We invite eminent scholars from India and also local scholars to conduct the seminar. Scholars are also invited to help celebrate Das Laxan Parva and conducting classes at various Jain Centers.

JSMS provide all Adhyatmic literature, CDs of Gurudev Pravachans on all scriptures, Atma-darshan bimonthly, gift of books written by eminent scholars.And on web <u>www.kanjiswami.org</u> you can read / down load Atma Dharma monthly (Gujarati and Hindi).

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.

# If you are still not a member of JSMS, we urge you to become a member by Filling out the attached form and send in just \$101.00 for membership.

As a member, you will receive Atma Darshan, a News Letter published by this Organization.

This News Letter contains news about our all activities, upcoming events and Information about Scholars' visit / program. Members are also occasionally gifted books written by eminent scholars / DVD, CD on religious lectures, video etc.,

Please visit JSMS official web site for detailed information about this Organization. www.atma-darshan.org

#### Data Base for Brighter Future

Special Request to all:

We are creating a vast data base of all the Mumukshu in North America and we need your help.

If you have any friends or family who has not received this email from JSMS, Please feel free to forward to them. Also, with their consent, please inform us about their full name (including spouse), their address & phone # and their email address.

We thank you for your support and cooperation.

Let us all come & join together and make this upcoming event a memorable one for everyone!

For further information, please contact: 1. <u>Samir Shah: 813-649-8979.</u> Fax: 813-920-8292. Email: <u>samirmrr@yahoo.com</u>

> 2. President: Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh in USA Hasmukh M. Shah

Email: hasmukh33@yahoo.com / JSMSUSA@GMAIL.COM Phone: 727-934-3255 / 727-534-5168 (Cell)

Pujya Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami 123<sup>rd</sup> Janma Jayanti will be celebrated at Songadh (Saurashtra) from April 19 to 23, 2012. This event is sponsored by Pujya Sadgurudev Shri Kanji Swami 123<sup>rd</sup> Janma Jayanti Mahotsava Samitee, Ahmedabad.

#### 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

NOMIMAL PRICE OF THIS BOOK IS \$3.00 ONLY.

#### <u>Most Important Stanzas from Shri Samaysar</u> <u>Samaysar / Stanza 11:</u>

"Vavaharo abhudattho bhudattho desido du suddhanayo Bhudatthamassido khalu sammaditthi havadi jivo".

Vyavhar naya (practical point of view) does not reveal the real (facts) The Nischay naya (absolute pure point of view) is real, said by the supreme holy Gurus. A soul that takes the shelter in real pure point of view is one with right vision / faith.

#### <u>Samaysar / Stanza 38:</u>

"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.

#### <u>Samaysar / Stanza 73</u>

"Ahamekko kalu suddho nimmamao nanadamsanasamaggo Tamhitthido taccitto save, ede khayam nemi"

I am really one, pure, without the sense of attachment or mine-ness and full of complete knowledge and perception. Firmly resting in the true consciousness of such a Self, I shall lead all these "asravas" such as anger etc., to destruction.

#### <u>Samaysar / Stanza 146:</u>

"Savanniyain pi niyalam bandhani kalayasain cha jaha purisam Bandhadi evam jivam suhamsuham va kadam kammam"

#### A shackle (Chain) made of gold is as good (or exact) as one made of iron for the Purpose of chaining (Binding) the person. Similarly *karmas* whether Good or Bad binds the Soul (Jiva).

#### <u>Samaysar / Stanza 184:</u>

"Yatha kanakmgnitaptmapi kanakbhavam na tam prityajati Tatha karmodayatapto 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 <u>natural attributes of pure knowledge</u>

Wishes of New Year 2012: Let all soul be blessed with eternal happiness, equanimity, amity and let divinity prevail everywhere in the Universe. <u>Let us follow as advised by Kund Kund Acharya in one of the concluding Gathas: 412: of</u> <u>Samaysar:</u> *Mokkhapahe 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".

## Four Days ADHYATMIC Seminar at Tampa, Florida 123<sup>rd</sup> Janma Jayanti of Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami. May 25 – 28, 2012 **Registration Form**

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| Arrival   |      |      |                            | Yes /<br>No   |
| Departure |      |      |                            | Yes /<br>No   |

**Registration Fee – For 3 nights' hotel & 4 days of meals:** 

1. For two persons in one 2 bed room =  $125.00 (1^{st} \text{Person}) + 125.00 (2^{nd} \text{Person})$ 2. For only **one** person (not couple) in one room = \$250.00Children under 14 years of age are free, if they stay in parent's room.

**Registration Fee - For Only All Meals participants:** \$75.00 person – for all 4 days of meals. (Registration form must be filled out and appropriate fee must be sent by both type of registration.)

The Donation to cover expenses for visiting Scholar will be voluntary.

Please make check payable to: "Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh" and mail to: Samir Shah, 16218 Muirfield Dr, Odessa, Florida 33556. Phone: 813-649-8979

Dead line for mailing Registration form & fee is March, 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Your timely action in mailing this form with the check will help us organize the programs in a better way.

I understand that coordinators of this seminar/event will not be responsible for any unforeseen incident/accident.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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