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## **117<sup>th</sup> Janma Jayanti of Adhyatma Yug Purush Puja Gurudev Shri Kanjiswami.**

### **Celebration & Adhyatmik Shibir for 3 days in USA, during May 2006.**

As we have been celebrating above event every year, we shall do it this year too and will celebrate 117<sup>th</sup> Janma Jayanti of Puja Gurudev. Similarly we have organized an Adhyatmik Shibir during this year simultaneously while celebrating above event, on May 26, 27, 28 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 2006.

### **Venue:**

**Howard Johnson Express Inn, 8100 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario,  
L2H 1H1. Canada. Phone: 905-358-9777. Fax: 905-358-0575.**

**Nearest Airport is Buffalo. Subhash / Rupali Mehta of Toronto, Canada have sponsored the event in memory of their parents Vrajlalbhai and Shantaben Mehta. Subhash Mehta is a disciple of Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami and he has been sponsoring scholars from Songadh for lecture serried at Toronto Jain Center).**

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 participant for food and accommodation for three days, before April 30, 2006 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.

An Eminent Scholar **Rajendra Kamdar** from India has kindly consented to help celebrate the above event and conduct the three days shibir. He will elaborate in detail on **Samaysar** Scripture Besides this; we have more local scholars who will also conduct the shibir along with Rajendra Kamdar. Please do bring Samaysar Shastra if you have as we have limited copies with us.

We suggest participants should reach by after-noon or evening on May 26, so that they can join the program from the very beginning in the right earnest.

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, East Africa, UK where he has been traveling regularly for lecture series and conducting Jain classes for adults and young Jains.

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 Shibir)**

<u>May 26 (Fri)</u>	<u>To check in. by 3-00pm</u>
<u>May 27 (Sat)</u>	<u>Shibir (Scholars will conduct)</u>
<u>May 28 (Sun)</u>	<u>Celebration of Gurudev Janma Jayanti (for 01 hour) and Shibir</u> <u>Program for rest of the day.</u>
<u>May 29 (Mon)</u>	<u>Viday / To disperse by 12-00pm</u>

**Our New Web-Site: WE HAVE NOW OUR OWN WEB SITE.**

**PLEASE VISIT [WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG](http://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 accomplishing this wonderful work. We are also grateful to Paresh C. Shah of Ahmedabd for helping into this matter.**

**Panch Kalyanak Pratistha Mahotsava for New Temples at Rajkot, India.**

This grand temple complex consists of two magnificent temples (1) Jin Mandir which will have Adinath, Simandhar Swami, Mahavir Swami on the main pedestal and Bahubali Bhagwan (7'7" tall) in a standing meditating position (2) Another temple Nandisar Jinalay consists of 52 Jinalaya made of glasses. Beside this, Gurudev's life size statue in the Swadhyay Hall, large study hall, library and other installations are significant. Celebration was held from January 27 to February 03, 2006. About 5000 Mumukshus participated the event, out of this 22 Mumukshus were from USA. For further information, please contact: Rajendra Kamdar. Email: [rvkamdar@rediffmail.com](mailto:rvkamdar@rediffmail.com).

**117<sup>th</sup> Janma Jayanti of Puja Gurudev. Celebration at Songadh.**

Upnagar Jain Mumukshu Mandal Malad, Bombay will celebrate this event at Songadh (during April 25 – 29, 2006) with great enthusiasm and in a magnificent way. Mumukshus from North America may participate this occasion. Contact Nagindas Dagli: 26246029.

## **PRIMER OF JAIN PRINCIPLES**

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@hotmail.com](mailto:kahanguru@hotmail.com) or [hasmukh33@yahoo.com](mailto:hasmukh33@yahoo.com)

(2) Jyotsana V. Shah. Phone: 570-287-7457. Email: [jyotsana2@yahoo.com](mailto:jyotsana2@yahoo.com)  
NOMINAL PRICE OF THIS BOOK IS \$3.00 ONLY.

**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.

**Kahan Guru Darshan:** This is a unique album of 250 pages (12"x9", printed on superior papers) showing pictorial glimpses of Gurudev's life / Adhyatmik Mission. Please let us know about your requirement. This Album is a must in all Mumukshu Families.

## **Jain Scholar Rajendra Kamdar's visit North America Schedule 2006**

This scholar will directly reach Houston center from India and then will leave for Niagara Falls to conduct the shibir.

**Jain Scholars:** During 2006 we have arranged program of two more Scholars: Hemant Gandhi (July) Dilip Dagli (Aug, Sept), both from Songadh, India.

**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.**

**Acknowledgement:**

1. We are grateful to Subhash / Rupali Mehta for coming forward to sponsor the 117<sup>th</sup> Janma Jayanti event at Niagara Falls, Canada. They are devotees of Gurudev from the very beginning.

2. 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 disciples of Pujya Gurudev and Songadh Tirth. Anilbhai is our Director / Jt. Treasurer.

**On Internet:** 1. [www.atma-darshan.org](http://www.atma-darshan.org)

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

3. Jain Tatva Darshan: [www.atmadharma.com](http://www.atmadharma.com)

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**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.

**Received from the following Mumukshus:-**

\$101.00 Pradip / Nisha Gosalia, MA. Membership

\$101.00 Sushila Mehta, NJ

**Following audio cassettes on discourses by Gurudev Shri Kanjishwami are available.**

<b>Discourses on Scriptures</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Scripture written by</b>
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 quality of blank cassettes available in USA is used for recording. For your requirement, please contact: Videha R. Dedhia. Phone: 908-233-8229.

All these discourses are also available in MP3 CDs. Please let us have your requirement.

*Mr. Hasmukh M. Shah of this organization had participated Rajkot Pratishtha with his family. He also visited Songadh, Sadhana Bhoomi of Pujya Gurudev and did darshan in the magnificent temples, met Trustees and scholars. He had an opportunity to meet many scholars at Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Mangalayatan, Bombay. He also visited Mangalayatan, and participated the discussion of the students who are staying here and getting not only their regular education in school / college, but Adhyatmik knowledge also under the guidance of eminent scholars.*

**For any question regarding the Shibir at Niagara Falls, please call Hasmukh Shah 727-934-3255 / 727-534-5168 / Samir Shah 813-649-8979 / Jyotsna Shah 570-287-7457.**

**Pujya Gurudev's 117<sup>th</sup> Janma Jayanti Shibir at**  
**Niagara Falls, Canada**  
**May 26 - 28, 2006.**

**Registration Form**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
(Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Participants:  
Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ (ages : \_\_\_\_\_)

Registration Fee of US \$110.00 per participant for food and accommodation to be paid along with Registration Form duly completed, **before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Please make check / MO payable to JAIN SWADHYAY MANDIR SONGADH and mail your Form & check to:-**

**Samir Shah, 16218 Muirfield Drive, Odessa, Florida 33556 (Phone: 813-649-8979)** before above mentioned date positively. The Donation to cover expenses for visiting Scholar will be voluntary.

Arrive Time / Day at Niagara Falls: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your Suggestions / Comments:

I understand that the coordinators of this Shibir / Event will not be responsible for any unforeseen incident / accident.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date.

Note: Your timely action in mailing this Form with check will help us to organize the program in a better way.

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