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New Year Greetings from the President

On this New Year beginning Greet you with all the brotherly / friendly love and affection to remind soul's wealth and its enjoyment.

Greeting is a special design 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 4 gatis. Nonetheless it is very much in each and every soul in all the 4 gatis in its latent state. Pancham Gati - Siddha Gati - is the overt / 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 Kund Kund Acharya in one of the concluding Gathas: 412: of Samaysar:

Mokkhapahē 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

118th Janma Jayanti of Adhyatma Yug Purush Pujya Gurudev

Shri Kanjswami. Celebration & Adhyatmik Shibir for 4 days in USA, during

May 2007. As we have been doing every year we have organized FOUR days Adhyatmik Shibir (**May 25 to 28, 2007. Friday to Monday**) while celebrating 118th Janma Jayanti of Gurudev.

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, Florida have sponsored this event. These couples are disciple of Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami and they often help to sponsor scholars from India for lecture serried 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 \$100.00 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 20, 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.

We suggest participants should reach by 3-00pm_on May 25 (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 more local scholars like Dr. Kirit Gosalia and others who will also conduct some 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.

Dr. Kiritbhai Gosalia in not only a well-known Cardiologist, but also a distinguished scholar, who has translated Jain Siddhant Praveshika and Chhah Dhala into English. He regularly conducts classes (in English) for the young Jains at Phoenix and visits India every year to conduct work shop for the young Jains who are studying in English medium. His method of teaching by slide showing through the medium of Projector, is well acclaimed by many, particularly by young Jains.

We have now new upcoming scholars from USA: Dr. Siddharth H. Shah, Dr. Rakesh P. Shah, Sudhir Modi, Sonalben Modi who are all doing swadhyay 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: Educational Lectures by Scholars / Gurudev CD pravachans / Question-Answer sessions / Children’s Dialogues on Jainism theme / Jinendra Poojan / Bhakti / Showing DVD on Gurudev Life / Prayer to Gurudev on Janma Jayanti event.

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)

May 25 (Fri) To check in. by 3-00pm

May 26 (Sat) Shibir (Scholars will conduct)

May 27 (Sun) Celebration of Gurudev Janma Jayanti (for One hour) in the morning after Pooja and Shibir Program for the rest of the Day.

May 28 (Mon) Pooja / Lecture of Scholar. Viday / To disperse by 12-00pm

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 famous professional Co., and an ardent disciple of Gurudev, from Ahmedabd for accomplishing this incredible task. We are also grateful to Paresh C. Shah of Ahmedabd for helping into this matter.

EVENT NEWS

118th Janma Jayanti of Pujya Gurudev. Celebration in India.

Shri Dig. Jain Mumukshu Mandal, Surat, will celebrate this event at Songadh (during April 15 – 19, 2007) with great zeal and in a magnificent way. All are invited. Mumukshus from UK, Nairobi, North America will participate this event. Phone: 2846-244334.

94TH Janma Jayanti of Pujya Bahenshri. Celebration in India.

Shri Kantilal / Pravinaben Kamdar family will celebrate this event at Songadh (August 26 – 30, 2007) with enthusiasm and in a grand way. All are invited. This family's devotion towards Dev Guru Shastra are exemplary.

Vedi Pratishtha of Bhagwan Parswanath Pratima at Sureandranagar, India.

Temple of Bhagwan Shantinath which was damaged in earthquake has been fully renovated and Vedi Pratishtha event celebrated from January 29 to 31, 2007. This Temple was originally inaugurated by Gurudev.

“Mangalayatan” .Celebration of 4th Annual occasion: (Feb 02 to 06, 2007).

This event will be celebrated in a grand way with multiple activities such as Mandal Vidhan, lecture series by eminent scholars, philosophical discussion, cultural program by students of Adinath Vidyaniketan, Adhyatmik Bhajan Sandhya, workshop on Tatvagnan, Gurudev CD pravachan etc.,

First Jain University of the world (Mangalayatan University) will be inaugurated by Chief Minister of UP, Mulayam Sigh Yadav on Feb., 05, 2007 during this event.

All are cordially invited. Phone: 571-2410010 / 11. Email: info@mangalayatan.com

Sixth Annual Adhyatmik Shibir for children at Songadh (Dec 24 to 29, 2006).

About 300 children mostly from Bombay participated this camp, which was very interesting informative for them. Celebrated Scholar Br. Pundit Vrajlal Shah of Wadhvan and other scholars conducted the workshop.

Jain Scholar Rajendra Kamdar's visit North America Schedule 2007

This scholar will directly reach Houston (Texas) center from India. Then he will visit Pittsburgh, PA for lecture series and conducting workshop, before reaching Tampa, Florida on May 24, to conduct four days Shibir

Jain Scholars: An eminent Scholar **Subhashbhai Sheth of Wankaner** has now retired after rendering services as High School Teacher for many years. He will visit USA during 2007. Another Scholar Rameshbhai Mehta has also retired from business and permanently settled at Songadh is also available to help celebrate Das Laxan Parva during 2007. Centers wish to invite these scholars may please contact us, as early as possible.

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.

Acknowledgement:

1. We are grateful to Siddharth / Smita Shah and Rakesh / Rajul Shah of Tarpon Springs, Florida to sponsor four days Shibir and 118th 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 Dr. Siddharth / Smita Shah of Tarpon Springs, Florida for contributing \$1300.00 towards the Scholar visitation (Shri Dilip Dagli) during 2006.
3. We are indebted 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.
4. Dr. Saryuben Dani, who was practicing Physician in W.V passed away at Corona, CA. during 2005. She was disciple of Gurudev and was regularly doing swadhyay everyday (since forty years) in the morning before leaving for work Her Sister Suhas Chhabil Vasani, Corona, CA has donated \$1001.00 to this organization in memory of Saryuben.

New Publication: Moksh marg Prakashakna Kirano (Gurudev Shri Kanjiswami's lectures on Moksh marg 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 Tarpon Springs, Florida have sponsored this publication on permanent basis by donating Rs.85000 to Songadh Trust. Our congratulations to this couple.

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@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: This set of 5 volumes (written by Dr. Pravinbhai Doshi, FRCS) is 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.

One more New Publication: “ARADHANANI DEVI” narrating life and achievements of Bahenshri, with full of illustrations / photos printed on superior paper hardbound 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 publication is sponsored by **Shrimati Pravinaben Kantilal Kamdar family of Chenai, India.**

Our Congratulations to this dedicated family who are instrumental in pervading the Jain Philosophy by various means. For your requirement of this publication, please contact Shri Dig. Jain Swadhyay Mandir Trust, Songadh 364250. 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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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.

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Vairagya Samachar: Shri Khimchandbhai Vadhar (82), Ashokbhai Vadhar's Father left for heavenly abode at Jamnagar, India on Oct 24, 2006. He was dedicated disciple of Gurudev Shri Kanjswami from the very beginning. We pray for his soul rest in eternal peace.

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For any question regarding the Shibir at Tampa, Florida please call Samir Shah 813-649-8979 / Jyotsna Shah 570-287-7457 or Hasumukh Shah 727-934-3255 / 727-934-6141 / 727-534-5168.

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?

-Pujya Bahenshri

Pujya Gurudev's 118th Janma Jayanti and ADHYATMIK
Shibir at
Tampa, Florida, USA
May 25 - 28, 2007.

Registration Form

Full Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Telephone
(Home) _____ (Work) _____ Email: _____

No. of Participants:
Adults: _____ Children _____ (ages : _____)

Registration Fee of US \$100.00 per each participant for food and accommodation to be paid along with Registration Form duly completed, **before 20th April 2007. 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 Tampa: _____

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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