

December 2012 Newsletter



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Current Events

Pravachans:

Tulsa, OK

Date: November 25th-28th, 2012

Venue: TJS Center 6922 S Utica Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136

Contact: Phone : : [918-379-9097](tel:918-379-9097) (tjspresident06@yahoo.com)

Lubbock, TX:

Date: November 29th- December 1st, 2012

Contact: 806-729-9315

Wichita, KSS

Date: December 2nd-4th, 2012

Venue: Hindu Temple Wichita

Contact: 316-744-9755

Upcoming Events

Shibirs:

Austin, Texas:

Date: December 5th-December 11th, 2012

Contact: sonalshah2005@yahoo.com

Everyday Jainism Shibir:

Date: December 29th, 2012 from 1:00pm-6:00pm

Venue: Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago

435 N Route 59, Bartlett, Illinois 60103, USA (630-837-1077)

1 Day London Shibir:

Date: January 5th, 2013

Venue: London

Contact: Chetna Mehta (777-075-3001): chetna@dilesh.com

Shrutpragyaji at Mumbai

Date: January 8-10th, 2013

Contact: Tushar Gosalia (tushargosalia@yahoo.com)



New Publications:

પ્રકાશન :

મલેશિયામાં પર્યુષણ પર્વ પ્રસંગે આપેલા શ્રુતપ્રજ્ઞ સ્વામીજીના પ્રવચનની સી.ડી. આ બે

MP3:

વિષય :

- Day 1.વિનય દદાતિ વિદ્યામ (અધ્યયન - 1
Monday Nov 5th, 2012
 - Day 2.સહન કરો : સફળ બનો (અધ્યયન -2
 - Day 3.દુર્લભ છે ઈન્સાનિયત (અધ્યયન - 3
 - Day 4.પ્રમાદ મૃત્યુ છે (અધ્યયન - 4)
 - Day 5.સમાધિ મરણની કળા (અધ્યયન - 5
 - Day 6. શુષ્ક જ્ઞાન : જડ ક્રિયા (અધ્યયન - 6
 - Day 7.ત્યાગ ધર્મ: ભોગ અધર્મ (અધ્યયન -
- DVDs:

Dvds set of 4 on Four Bhavanas in Hindi

- 1.મૈત્રી ભાવ
- 2.પ્રમોદ ભાવ
- 3.કરુણા ભાવ
- 4.માધ્યસ્થ ભાવ

New CDs

- 4 Cds of set for London Paryushan Parv Pravachans (Gujarati)
- 2 Cds of Set for Malaysia Paryushan Pravachans (Gujarati)
- 1 Cds of Das Lakshana Paryushan Parv - New Jersey (Hindi)
- 1 Cds of Uttaradhyayan Pravachan -New Jersey (Gujarati)
- 1 Cds of Astitva and Vyaktitva - Cincinnati (Hindi)
- 1 Cds of Bhavana Yog Pravachan - Raleigh (Hindi)

Contact: pomvc.org@gmail.com

Jain Center of Greater Memphis

Jain Center of Greater Memphis is very grateful to have Swami Shrutpragyaji from Oct. 31st 2012 to Nov. 5th 2012. Every year the people of Memphis and surrounding area await Swamiji's visit eagerly. Swamiji, as usual makes the spiritual learning and understanding very easy. His lectures are very knowledgeable and he leaves the audience with lot to think later. This time the Jain Center had 3 lectures and 2-half day camp where many Jains and non-Jains attended. The attendee sent many comments after the camp, such as: "Swamiji is such a great orator and his talks are to the level where everyone can understand and put to practice." We are very blessed to have such great scholars and orators in our lives especially in the time where there are so much personal and professional day to day problems exist. He was picked up by Vinay Mehta. He was hosted by Chanchala and Vinay Mehta all Program Arranged by them.



Jain Society of Chicago

At the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago, Barlett, IL, the Chicago Jain Sangh (JSMC) was pleased to arrange a series of lectures based on the Utradhyaan Sutra. It took place from November 5th to November 11th, 2012 and was arranged by the president Tejas Shah and his team. The lecture described 'Shree Mahavir Swami Antim Deshna' and was conducted by Swami Shrutpragyaji. He was well received by all ages of Jains.



News from San Diego

Swamiji arrived in San Diego on Tuesday, 11/22/12. He was picked up by Vinaybhai. He stayed one night at Vinaybhai's place and was hosted by Kishorbhai & Daminiben's house for the other 2 nights. Swamiji also gave Dharm-labh to Renuka and Nipul & Ajay and Sangita and Rekha-ben Savla gave him a ride to the Airport for San Francisco.

Previously, Jain Sangh of San Diego (JSSD) used to have Swamiji's lectures at Shri Mandir, it's a mixed use Hindu/Jain Temple, where people would also come to pray and ring bells whilst the lecture is going on. JSSD now has it's own premises. Now we were able to have his lectures in total peace. It made a great difference for both the listeners and Swamiji.
Swamiji's Program

Shri Shrytpragyaji Swami, now referred to as Swamiji's program consisted of lectures from Tuesday (11/22/2012) to Thursday (11/24/2012), evening from 8:00pm till 10:00pm. The topic for the series was Mahavir Bhagwan's last discourse. With such a short time only 3 chapters of the 36 were going to be covered.

The lectures started almost on time. It started with Navkarmantra followed by silence. That is very effective way to start. It makes you forget all other things that are on your mind and concentrate on the lecture itself. The first chapter was on "Vinay". Mahavir Bhagwan devoted the whole first chapter on "Vinay". Swamiji very nicely put it that never mind how much religious activities you do or how much knowledge you have on Jainism, it is all useless if you do not have Vinamrata.

The second chapter from Mahavir Bhagwan's last sermon. It is disguised as 22 'Parishaha' that monks should follow, But a lot of those rules also apply to our day to day lives. It covers almost everything that a monk has to follow.

Today's lecture was on "How to prepare to die with dignity", the fifth chapter from Mahavir Bhagwan's last sermon. The Bhagwan's lecture was about deciding what will come with you when you die. One has to realize what's important and give some time for that activity. To have preparations of how you would like to be treated near and after death is a very important topic, especially for people living in United States. The preparation has to start right now. There is also a website "aging with dignity" that is devoted to this subject. DO it NOW.

On a personal note: I had never heard much on this topic despite having so many scholars visiting us annually. As per Swmiji's approach on these matters, it was very practical and applied to today's circumstances, at the same time not forgetting that it was Mahavir Bhagwan's message. I would love to hear more chapters.



Jain Society of Northern California

Shri Shrutpragyaji was picked up by Ramnik bhai and Rasilaben .He stayed at Avni and Mukesh's house and was hosted by Sarika and Amit Parikh's house & Kaishal and Dipti Shah's house for the other 2 nights. Avni and Mukesh Shah gave him a ride to the Airport for Tulsa, OK.

The Jain Center of Northern California was very fortunate to gain valuable knowledge from Swami Shrutpragyaji during his visit here from November 16 through November 22, 2012. During this time, Swamiji gave discourses on the four Bhavanas, Diwali Prakash ka Parava, and the significance of Gyan Panchami. He also conducted Preksha Dhyan classes and participated in children's pathshala.

Swamiji started his discourses with Maitri Bhavana. The key message was to maintain Maitri with all living beings and not to forget the favors other have done or your own wrong doings. He also explained the difference between Maitri (unconditional love without any expectations) and Mitrata (relationships with expectations). He also covered Pra-modbhav, Karunabhav and Madhyasth bhav.

On Saturday and Sunday, The morning session started with Preksha Dhyan class under the guidance of Swamiji. Participants took part in exercises, asanas, pranayama, and meditation. Swamiji had conducted Preksha Dhyan classes all the way back in 1992 and the bay area group has continued these classes every Sunday at the Jain temple.

Diwali parva was celebrated by the Jain center on this day with pooja, pravachan, cultural program, and swami vatsalya. Swamiji gave a pravachan on "Diwali Praksh ka Parva" with the key message of how to enlighten our lives.

Swamiji also gave one discourse on on "Gyan Panchami ka Mahatva". The lecture was focused on the importance of Sma-yak Gyan. After the lecture, Swamiji motivated the pathshala children to gain the right knowledge and live with good conduct.

At the conclusion of the lectures, the floor was opened to questions from the participants and the program concluded with lunch. Swamiji left the bay area on the morning of November 24, 2012 and flew to Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Raleigh, NC Camp

This camp, I'd say is going to be a life-changer for me. The way Swamiji explained about all the four 'Bhavs' has given me a deeper understanding as to why certain certain people behave in a certain way and why certain events take place in our lives. From now on I will be able to comprehend the behavior of people around me which will in turn give me a chance to pause & think how to react to the situation. The last 'Bhav' also helped me realize how important it is to understand our kids and how not to lose temper when dealing with them.

Namrata Gundecha

The camp has answered lot of questions that I had in my life related to religion Vs being human. I am hear the lectures I feel more positive and confident after attending this camp.

Manoj J Jain

After listening to this lecture, I really had a different outlook to look at my day to day emotional problems. I think I'll try to deal my situation of stress differently. I will try to achieve my peace of mind by trying to control my reactions. I will deal with my kids differently. At times, we need some neutral advise, which I received here and I think I will try to create a positive environment around me.

Chanda Jain

Feels like lectures were for me and my problems. All the things I do wrong, need fixed were addressed and solution was simple. Feels really good to understand but do not think it is easy to remember and apply when times come. I will try my best to remember what I learned and apply and even if I fail, I will have more awareness of what I did wrong. 'મૈત્રી ભાવનું પવિત્ર ઝરણું', A stavan I like very much now has totally new meaning. What to go home refer to my notes and want to stop doing and what I need to start doing. This knowledge came at a turning point in my life for planning to retire and will be very useful in deciding what I do in future.

-Jyoti Kirit Shah



**EVERYDAY JAINISM
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
WITH SWAMI SHRUTPRAGYAJI**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2012
1 PM TO 6 PM
AGES 16 TO 25**

Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago is very pleased to present a unique half-day workshop catered to young adults that are in college or are college-bound.

We are honored that Swami Shrutpragyaji will be leading this workshop. Swamiji has traveled all over the world and visited US for many years. Swamiji has observed and understood the lifestyles of Jain Americans of all ages. With his exceptional communication skills, Swamiji would like to extend his reach to our youths. Under his leadership, we would like to work with our next generation, to nourish Jain way of life using a very practical aspects.

This one-day workshop will include discourses, interactive sessions and even one on one session. It is an excellent opportunity to take a break from the buzz of the holiday season to do something for your inner self. Do not miss this opportunity, we promise a very fulfilling event.

Visit Swamiji's website for information about his foundation:
www.pomyc.org

Learn how to use Jainism to make everyday choices for an improved lifestyle.

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