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**Current Events:*****Lecture on Occasion of Mahavir Janma Kalyanak***

- Location: Atlanta, Georgia Jain Derasar
- Date: April 11th-15h, 2014
- Contact: Priteshbahi ([pritesho@gmail.com](mailto:pritesho@gmail.com))

***Satsang and Yoga Class:***

- Location: Austin, TX
- Date: April 18th-22nd, 2014
- Topic: Discourses and Yoga Meditation Classes
- Contact: [pankil@hotmail.com](mailto:pankil@hotmail.com), Phone – [319-830-6006](tel:319-830-6006) (Pinky Matalia)

**Upcoming Events:*****Satsang & Meditation Classes***

- Location: Lubbock, TX
- Date: April 21st-24th, 2014
- Contact: Varsha Bhakta [806-292-1282](tel:806-292-1282) or [806-729-9315](tel:806-729-9315) and Praful Bhakta- [806-282-2645](tel:806-282-2645)

***Houston Camp***

- Topic: Health-Healing-Happiness
- Date: April 26th- 27th, 2014
- Detail: See attached flyer

***Varshitap Parna***

- Occasion: For Chhaya Doshi
- Lecture series in Waldorf, DC
- Date: April 30th- May 4th, 2014
- Contact: Nitin Doshi [301-292-7270](tel:301-292-7270) or [301-373-7100](tel:301-373-7100)

***Washington D.C Trip***

- Date: May 5th-8th, 2014
- Contact: Arti Choxi ([a\\_choxi@yahoo.com](mailto:a_choxi@yahoo.com))

# MahavirSwami's Celebrations

## Virani Highschool Students

**“Education is the most important steps for success”**

Education is one of the most important steps for success. It is therefore, the most valuable tool a students can utilize and focus on growing up because it is their education that will drive their path for success and impact their future. Many kids grow up with various situations and circumstances, but if they receive the right education, it will not only give them the motivation to drive for success, but will change their future for the better. In India, students are smart, but they just need the right guidance and motivation to strive for higher goals. In March, Swamiji arranged programs and seminars for various schools in Rajkot-Gujarat. Before the exams started, Swamiji talked to the students about the program and motivated them to become stress-free and set goals for their life. Phulchhab Press Rajkot and Peace of Mind Foundation Rajkot jointly organized Shri Shrutpragya Swamiji's Seminar at various School in Rajkot. In April, Swamiji gave a seminar at Virani Highschool in Rajkot. About a 1000 students participated and Principal Dr. Pradipsigh Dodia and Nakum Sir and Editor Phulchhab Kaushik Mehta and VD Bala sir also joined the program.



## Kotak Girls School

At Kotak Girls School, 1000 Girls Participated and Principal Dr. Malaben Kundalia joined. By the help of Bhuva Sir, this seminar was arranged at the school..



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## Parishram School, Rajkot

Swamiji talked to 400 students about developing self-confidence. Phulchhab Press manager Shri Jibha Saheb V.D. Bala sir and school principal Shri Madhavi Danger School owner shri Hareshbhai Rathod and V.M Dangar were present at this seminar



## Murlidhar Vidhya Mandir, Rajkot

Swamiji talked about how to be free from addiction and healthy habits. Principal Jigyaben and Bhartendu Purohit joined this program. About 200 students participated in this seminar.



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### Sarojini Nayadu Girls School- Rajkot

About 400 Students joined and Principal Sonalben Fadadu arranged this program. Swamiji talked on the importance of education in Life.



### Teacher Training Center

Swamiji arranged a lecture for about 300 Teachers. They participated and came from various schools from Rajkot district...

Swamiji talked and explained five qualities to become the best teacher:

1. Paropkar - Helping people selflessly,
2. Pramanikta - Be Honest ,
3. Prasanta - Be Happy
4. Pustak Prem - Reading Habit
5. Parishram - Hard Work



## **Atmiya College , Rajkot**

Swamiji gave a special seminar at Atmiya College and 500 Students where participated in this. Swami Tyagvallbh ji where also presence in the program..Nalin Zaveri (Board of Trustee), also joined this program.

“It is a matter of great pleasure to introduce Department of Management of Atmiya Institute of Technology & Science, Rajkot. The dept was conceptualized in the academic year 2007-08 with the vision to be at par with any premier B schools where in we aspire to endow the learners in fabricating prolific career prospects accentuating knowledge, skills, inspiration and evolution with an international perspective. The academics at the department is backed by erudite faculties who have achieved and been attaining academic laurels in its sophisticated erudition facilities. This in turn has resulted into outstanding results with excellent placement.

The dept of Mgt organizes AATMAN – A Management Fest every year. This year too we organized it We offered them with the best prizes and certificates. Further we want to accolade them with the cash prizes by inviting them once again to the portal of our dept.



## **Students that Swamiji Taught**

Swamiji talked about five qualities of the students - Self -Confidence, Positive thinking, Smiling Personality, Healthy corrector, Reading motivational books. Here are some of the pointers that Swamiji talked about:

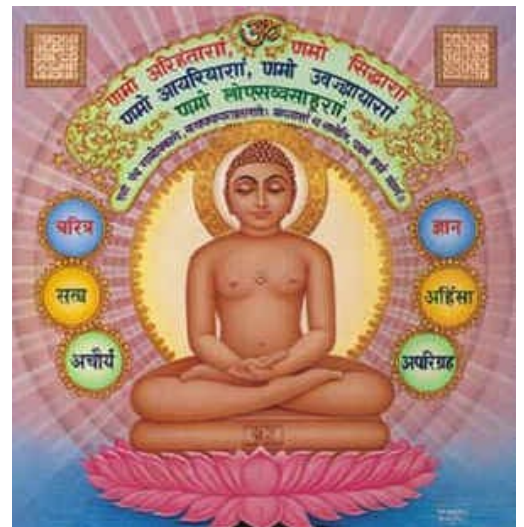
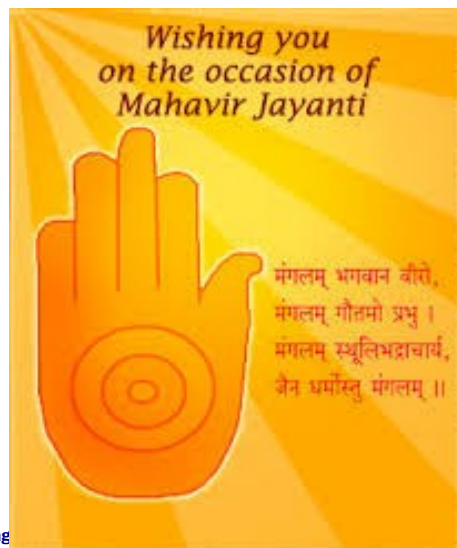
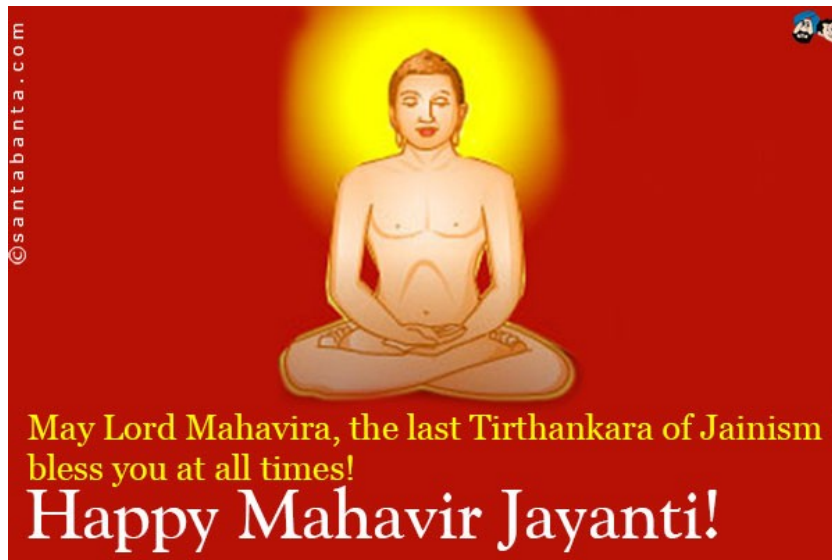
- Good corrector - good career
- Creative thinking is the key to attend higher goal..
  - Concentrate on process and not result
- Your friends is your future - always keep good friends..
  - Always keep up grade your self ...
- Think, Plan, and make decision and apply

## What is Mahavir Jayanti?

Mahavir Jayanti is celebrated by the Jain community commemorating the birth of Lord Mahavira, the founder of Jainism. It is the most important festival for Jains. Mahavira is the 24th and the last Tirthankara, who preached the essence of life, virtue and non-violence towards all living beings. According to the Svetambaras, he was born in 599 BC but Digambar school of Jainism believe that Mahavira was born in 615 BC.

Lord Mahavir, also referred to as Indian sage Vardhamana, was born in Kundalagrama, Bihar, as a son to king Siddhartha and Queen Trishala. At the age of 30, he renounced his throne and other worldly possessions, and spent twelve years of his life as ascetic. Mahavira gave highest respect to all living beings and preached non-violence. He also set exemplary control over his senses which later earned him the name Mahavira. At the age of 72, he attained nirvana, and devoted the rest of his life to preach spiritual freedom. Thus, to mark the birth of Lord Mahavira and his preaching, his followers celebrate Mahavir Jayanti with great fervour. The birth anniversary is celebrated in late March or early April, according to the Gregorian Calendar.

Mahavir Jayanti is a sacred festival for Jains and followers across the world celebrate it in a grand way by taking out processions that might include chariot, horses, elephants, drummers and chanters. Silent prayers are also offered and his preaching is recapitulated in the form of sermons to the followers on this day.



**YOGA SHIVIR**  
**HEALTH, HEALING AND HAPPINESS**

ORGANIZED BY THE FRIENDS OF:

**PEACE OF MIND**

YOGIC CENTER, RAJKOT, INDIA.

**CONDUCTED BY: Swami Shree Shrutpragyaji**

**VENUE: Shri Radha Krishna Temple,  
11625 Beechnut Street, Houston, TX. 77072**

**DATE: April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
(Saturday and Sunday)**

**TIMING: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Registration: \$125 for 2 days  
(\$25 discount if registered before 01/31/2014)**

**Includes Tea, snacks, Lunch for 2 days  
Includes shivir material.**

**Seats are limited to only first 100 participants**

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