



# NEWSLETTER

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## INSPIRATION BOARD

Archarya Tulsi, ninth head of the Jain Terapanth Order, was a visionary reformer who strived to modernise outdated social customs and rituals within the boundaries of Jain principles.

Following the establishment of the Anuvrat Movement [1949] and Jain Vishva Bharti Institute [1971] he created a new order of Saman/Samani alongside the traditional Jain Sadhus and Sadhvis.

This new order of Jain mendicants would be permitted to use transport thereby being better able to serve the needs of the Jain diaspora spread all India and to other countries around the world.

The UK Jain community was privileged to host the first international visit of two Samanijis during Paryushan Parva 1983. During their stay Samanijis held daily discourses and classes on various aspects of Jainism.

For many here it was their first opportunity to learn about the faith that they had been born and raised in and experience a true understanding of Jain principles and philosophy.

In response to the warmth and joy which Samanijis received during this inaugural visit, subsequent annual visits were organised. Generally these trips would be for a few weeks around the days of Samvatsari Parva.

As years progressed it was noticeable that the presence of Samanijis catalysed a flurry of activity within the UK Jain community but sadly momentum would diminish once they departed back to India.

In January 2003 Archarya Mahapragya graciously acceded to our pleas for a permanent presence of Samanijis stationed here in London. Within two months two Samanijis arrived to commence their duties at Jain Vishva Bharti London.

Archarya Mahapragya directed that JVB London should be open to all Jains irrespective of their sect.

He further advised that particular attention be focused on the needs of youngsters in the community and the Samanijis strive to further the understanding of Jainism and practice of meditation.

The journey to date has seen numerous highs and lows in the efforts to establish a permanent Centre.

During 2018, JVB London secured premises in Harrow but the task is far from complete.

In addition to a substantial mortgage that needs to be repaid we have the ongoing costs of running the Centre and activities.

While Archarya Mahashraman supports our ambitions and

goals by assigning Samanjis to our care, the financial obligations are our responsibility. We need to rise to this challenge and not default on the trust placed in us.



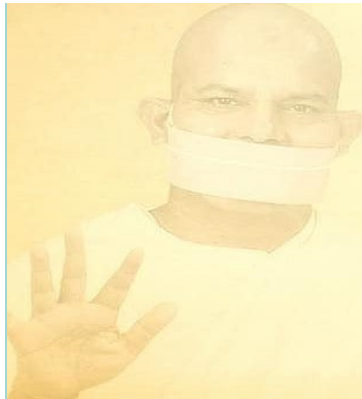
**Mr Manick Ji**

The work that the Samanijis carry out on a day to day basis is far reaching and goes well beyond the classes and lectures. They have been a pillar of support and comfort in the community at times of need and despair. They have guided our youth and imbibed in them the principles that we hold so dear. Their efforts are solely for our good and benefit. As Jain Sadhvis they have no personal motive.

We need to do our utmost to ensure not only the viability of the Centre, but see its activities and reach grow from strength to strength.

*“Soul is my God. Renunciation is my prayer. Amity is my devotion. Self-restraint is my strength. Non-violence is my religion”*

*Acharya Mahapragya*



## AHIMSA YATRA

सद्भावना • नैतिकता • नशामुक्ति

“Ahimsa Yatra”, It is a Journey pioneered by H. H. Acharya Mahashraman to promote harmony, to escalate morality and the movement of de-addiction.

This historical march will cover more than 10,000 Kms to promote peace and non-violence.

There are three objectives of Ahimsa Yatra – To promote harmony, to escalate morality and the movement of de-addiction.

# OM SHANTI, OM SHANTI, OM SHANTI



**Late Smt Sayer Devi Choraria Aged 85**

### Om Arham

It is with deep regret to advise that on 27th March 2019 Sayerji departed us for heavenly abode. Wife of late Mr Bhuramal Choraria.

She and her family have always supported Respected Samanijis ever since the early days when they first came to the UK. Her humility, simplicity and caring nature will be dearly missed by all.

Her son, Manickji is a Trustee of Jain Vishva Bharati London and we extend our deepest condolences to the entire Choraria family.

We pray to Bhagwan Mahaveer for her soul to be at peace.

She is survived by:

Sons: Manick, Nirmal and Dilip

Daughter: Sushila.

Son-in law: Asit Parikh

Daughter-in-law: Nayna, Nina and Vandana.

Grand Children : 10

Great Grand Children: 6

Please accept our heartfelt condolences and share it with all the members of the family. We pray that departed soul rests in peace and tranquillity and God gives you all courage and compassion to sustain this irreparable loss.

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London 05 July 2019  
Jain Vishva Bharti LONDON  
Jain World Peace Centre  
Namokar Mantra Meditation  
and Colour Therapy by Dr. Archana Jain

Jain Vishva Bharati  
invites you to their "Special Friday evening" programme

07:30pm - 09:30pm: Namokar Mantra Meditation  
and Colour Therapy by Dr. Archana Jain  
DATE: Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
VENUE: Jain World Peace Centre (JWPC),  
39 Roxborough Road, Harrow, HA1 1NS

Please Note: \* Parking: St. Georges Car Park or Moorham Car Park which are both approx. 5 minutes walk to JWPC  
\* Please maintain silence around the premises of JWPC in consideration of other residents in the area

Please join us for enriching yourself  
& inform your friends & family  
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Namokar Mantra Meditation  
and Colour Therapy by Dr. Archana Jain



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## Jain Vishva Bharati London

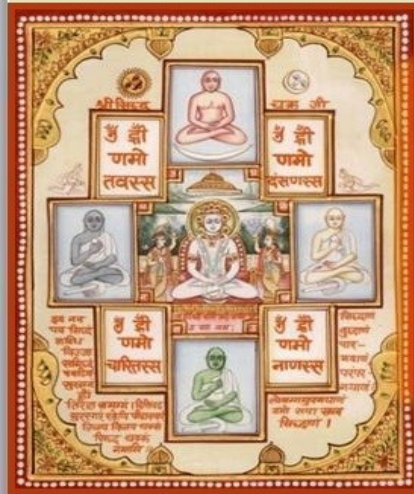
# LECTURE ON AYMBIL OLI FOR 9 DAYS AT MAHAVIR FOUNDATION

DATE: Saturday 05Oct19 - Sunday 13Oct19

Ayambil oli is a 9-day festival for Jains which is celebrated twice a year. Jains practice Ayambil taap by eating only once a day by eating food that is prepared without spices, fat, milk, sugar, vegetables and fruits. During these 9 days we revere the Navpads which are Arihants, Siddhas, Acharyas, Upadhaiyas, Sadhus, Darshan, Gyan, Charita and Taap.

From October 4<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup> in 2019 the Ayambil oli was celebrated at Kenton Derasar in daily presence of the Samnijis. Mahavir Foundation had invited Samniji Dr Pratibhagragyaji and Samniji Vipulpragyaji to give daily morning talks to all devotees practicing the Ayambil taap. The sessions were well attended and were delivered in gujarati and held at Kenton Derasar. As we revere the NavPad during these 9 days each day was devoted to one pad daily starting with Arihant Pad.

All the talks were designed as an interactive session, full of examples from day to day life, and were well received in Gujarati. Dr Vinodbhai Kapasi was present daily during these talks.



NAVAPADAS MEANS SHRI SIDDHACHAKRAJI	
1	Arihant
2	Siddha
3	Acharya
4	Upadhyaya
5	Sadhu
6	Darshan
7	Gyan
8	Charitra
9	Tapa

## 2019 Paryushan MahaParv at Jain World Peace Centre, London

We celebrated Paryushan Mahaparv at Jain World Peace centre under the presence of Samani Shri Vipul Pragyaji and Samani Shri Suman Pragyaji for 9 days from 26-Aug to 03-Sep of 2019 and accommodated all sects of Jains. There were daily activities starting from 07:00am –09:30pm.



Samaniji Vipul Pragyaji is a great orator and her ability to engage with the audience was really amazing.

The day started with Bhaktambar Stotra in the morning (07:00am-08:00am), followed by morning lecture from 10:30am-12:30pm. Evening Pratikraman was conducted in both Hindi/Prakrit and English from 7-8pm, followed by Evening Bhakti and Lecture from 08:00pm-09:30pm.



The topics during the morning lecture were related to Sambodhi and other interesting topics. While the evening topics were apt for the Lay People (Shravaks) on how to lead a peaceful life. These lectures were very well received, and number of attendees grew every passing day. Following topics were covered during the 8 days:

- Power of Positivity
- Manage Your Mood through Food
- Miracle of Mantra
- Rarity of Human Life
- How to Pay Debt of Karmas
- Key of Happiness
- Anger Management
- Festival of Forgiveness

Evening Bhakti programs on 26-Aug and 31-Aug by Meenakshi Bhutoria and by Saagar Malde & Group were very well received and delighted all the attendees.



During the Paryushan, lot of Tapsaya were also celebrated at JVB London, with 8+ Atthhais. Mahaveer Janam vachan was celebrated with great fervour on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August including Song Recitation by Kids, 14-Swapne Darshan song by Children and Ladies and Arthi by kids and adults. The program on Saturday also commemorated Atthhais for Jeet Dhelaria along with Parna and swamivatsalya for 100+ attendees.

Overall the Paryushan was a great celebration and a wonderful way to do Sadhna and Nirjara at JVB London .



पर्युषण महापर्व  
A Festival of Forgiveness

मिती में सब्बभूएसु वेरं मज्झ न केणइ

## Annapurna Base Camp Trek in aid of JVB London

Climbing Himalayas has always been in my dreams, so when my sister Mala in Australia, early in 2019 asked if I would be interested in doing a family trek to the Himalayas, Annapurna Base Camp (ABC), I jumped at the once in a lifetime chance.

Somehow, while I had been doing regular exercises in 2018 and prior, my exercise regime mysteriously and totally dried up during 2019. Not sure if that was due to some past karma-However, I was not too worried as the Samaniji blessed me prior to the trip and gave me a special Mangalpath!



My adventure of a lifetime began on 14 October 2019. Despite the exasperation of using an Air India flight (they delayed our flight to Nepal by 2 hours so they could pick up other delayed connecting Air India passengers), I was quite excited and my first sight of Everest from the plane (see photo) was breath-taking – pure magic!



Driving from the Airport to my hotel in Kathmandu, I was introduced to traffic that seemed to run on AI from outer space- in UK we would have had a major pile up in no time at all. However, I understand this is gentle compared to the traffic chaos in Mumbai (I have yet to visit India). I connected with my sisters and their families (two

from Kenya and 5 from Australia) at our hotel – there were nine of us, including an outsider, Michelle, from the states who joined our group (see photo).



Day 2 we went for sightseeing around Kathmandu. We visited the Jain temple, which was once called on by Acharya Mahashraman (see photo). This temple is a living example of four Jain sects, all under one roof. Other places visited included the Monkey Temple enshrining Buddhist values intermingled with Nepalese values; the Patan Durbar Square displaying exquisite Newari architecture dating back from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, with reminders of some outdated barbaric values that are still practised annually. Whilst we were there, we sampled Yomari, a Newari steamed rice dumpling, in a 'hidden' restaurant run by the same family for the last 150 years.



Day 3 was a long 7-hour bus ride from Kathmandu to Pokhara with heavy traffic. Luckily there was some nice scenery on the way and we stopped at some markets to sample local delicacies. We kitted out with some gear in Pokhara, and started our trek on



Day 4 after an hour's drive to Nayapul (1,090m). From Nayapul to Ulleri (2,000m) we climbed some 3,600 steps. This set the scene for the next 9 days of steep climbs and beautiful scen-

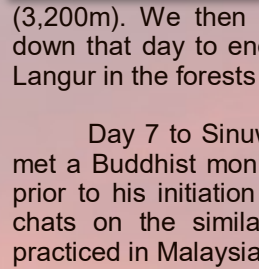


ery; crossing suspension bridges over deep gorges, passing monasteries on the way and breath-taking waterfalls, all intermingled with glimpses into local culture. Most days we climbed an altitude of circa 900-1,100m metres and some days we climbed down and back up, to end at the same altitude. Some specific mentions over the next few

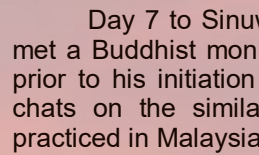
days:



Day 5 to Ghorepani (2,900m)- we got an amazing sight of Dhaulagiri @ 8,167m - one of the ten mountains in the world that are over 8,000m.



Day 6 to Poonhill and then to Chuile. This was one of the longest days, trekking over 10 hours, waking up at 4 am to start the trek upto to Poonhill (3,200m). We then went down for breakfast, up again and down that day to end at Chuile (2,360m). Saw a Nepal Grey Langur in the forests on the way.



Day 7 to Sinuwa (2,110m)- an up and down trek day. I met a Buddhist monk from Malaysia, who was doing the trek prior to his initiation into a higher order. We had some long chats on the similarities/differences between Buddhism as practiced in Malaysia and Jainism.



Day 8 to Deurali (3,230m)- Himalaya, the scene of breath-taking waterfalls. There was complete cloud cover past Himalaya - you couldn't see 1 metre ahead. The trek was also steep and dangerous with huge natural boulders to overcome.



Day 9 final ascent to Annapurna Base Camp (4,130m). All excited! The thin air meant our ascent was slower. Got some fantastic shots of sunsets and sunrises over Annapurna 1 (over 8,000m) and other adjoining mountain ranges from Machupichee Fishtail (6,900m) to Annapurna South (7,500m) – see photos. Also visited the glacier and the memorial site- every year circa 10-15 people go missing in Annapurna. The temperature was a tad cold at minus 10 degrees C (this made the use of facilities more difficult, as running water had frozen. Crossing of river streams was also treacherous as a result).



On the way down we passed the glacier ice caves (the scene of a fatal accident the day before, with police still there) and relaxed our tired muscles at Jhinudenda –natural hot water spring baths. After that it was time to head back to Nayapul and onwards to Pokhara and Kathmandu. An unforgettable experience!!!

I would like to sincerely thank all the well-wishers who supported my journey into the Himalayas (and JVB London financially). A journey that will remain with me forever! £1670 raised for this expedition.

# Diwali Celebrated 17th October 2019

This year Diwali was celebrated on 17th October 2019 at Jain Vishwa Bharati centre in the morning in the presences of Dr Pratibha Pragyaji and Samani Vipul Pragyaji. The theme of the programme was:

- ◆ Chopda Pujan
- ◆ Last Sermon of Mahavira
- ◆ Journey into Gautamswami's Labdhi
- ◆ Followed by Lunch



Each person was given a book and a red pen to write.

With a prayer to acquire Divine knowledge like Shri Bhagwan Mahavira, grand meditation quality like Shri Gautam Ganadhar, (Abstention) detachment like Shri Bharat Chakraborty, Devine Energy like Shri Bahubali, Serene intellect like Shri Abhay Kumar, Prosperity, Wealth & Opulence like Shri Dhanashalibhadra, Modesty & Character like Sheth Sudarshan, Lucky like Shri Kayavanna Sheth, and prayer to Mother like Morandevi, who is Auspicious and goddess of happiness. We all with passion hereby on the year 2545 Date 17 Day Time 11.00 with Auspicious mindset at the Auspicious festival of Shri Deepawali, we have launched our Fresh Account books today.

Diwali marks remembrance of passing commemoration of the 24th Tirthakara, Mahavira and his attainment of moksha. Mahavira attainment of moksha or freedom from the cycle of reincarnation, in 527 B.E.C. Also, the chief disciple of Mahavira, Gautam swami attained omniscience or complete knowledge.

Diwali marks the end of the year for the Jains and it remembering commemoration of the 24<sup>th</sup> Tirthankara Mahavira and his achievements of moksha.



# DARSHAN: THE START OF RELIGION

By Dr Mehool Sanghrajka MBE

18 October 2019



Mehool Sanghrajka is the Managing Trustee of the Institute of Jainology (IOJ), a global organisation that represents UK Jain communities in government and interfaith matters. Through the IOJ, Mehool manages the Jain All Party Parliamentary Group, which hosts Ahimsa Day and Mahaveer Janma Kalyanak annually at the House of Commons, as well as represents Jainism at the Vatican and other faith events. Mehool is also the Executive Director of Jainpedia.org, the largest authoritative Jain website globally, featuring the Jain collections from major U.K. libraries and museums, as well over 100 specific articles written by leading scholars. He is also a trustee of Navnat Vanik Association, and sits on the Board of the V&A Jain Art Fund. He recently received an MBE for services to Jainism.

## JVB Presentation in Interreligious Conference at ROME

The 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Founder of Sikhism, a socio-religious reformer and a promoter of universal fraternity and interreligious harmony, is being commemorated this year. To celebrate this important milestone in the history of Sikhism, the Sikhi Sewa Society in Italy, in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) is organized a day-long Interreligious Conference on "Human Fraternity for harmony and peace". The Conference was held on Tuesday, 22 October 2019 at Centro Congressi Aurelia, Rome. Dr Samani Pratibha Pragya is invited to present a paper on "Forgiveness: A Jain Perspective".

- The non-anthropomorphic approach of forgiveness for all is at the heart of Jaina *ahimsa*.
- The core precept of Jain Dharma is *Ahimsā* which is inclusive of "benevolence for all living beings as the highest virtuous tenet".
- It is argued that the praxis of *Ahimsā* plays a key role for Human fraternity for harmony and peace because the guidelines of *Ahimsā* are not restricted only to non-killing and non-destruction but upholding the utopian goal of co-existence or oneness with all life forms.
- Thus, unity of mind and empathetic approach is the crux of its ideology. The principle of forgiveness, compassion and kindness is only possible through awareness of all life forms.

The Sikhi Sewa Society in Italy president Jagjit Singh shared his thought that he has high respect for Jainism. He mention the historical event that about 350 years ago Salis Rai Johri, a prominent Jain in Patna, accommodated Guru Teg Bahadur-ji the 9<sup>th</sup> Guru of Sikhs and his family on his way to Assam. The wife of Guru Teg Bahadur-Ji, Mata Gujri, stayed with this Jain family for several years. In this Jain household Guru Govind Singh-ji was born and grew up to the age of six and later became the 10<sup>th</sup> Guru of Sikhs.

Later this Jain family donated a piece of land for the Dharamshala and eventually the Sri Patna Sahib Takht, a Sikh holy place and place of Gurudvara was built there. This same Jain Johri also built a Jain Temple next door. The Jain temple and Sikh Gurudvara on the same land next to each other in the same campus just separated by a simple wall are a unique example of respect for each other.

The Sikhi Sewa Society of Italy presented a memento to Samani Pratibha Pragya. Such programmes are the backbone of interreligious understanding.



Samani Pratibha Pragya presented a paper on behalf of Institute of Jainology. Samaniji's address to the august participants of this conference:

- Jains abide by the doctrines imparted by the *Jina*, the spiritual victor who has conquered all negative emotions.
- *Jina* proclaims that forgiveness for all life forms is essential for existence of oneself and the universe.



In concluding the session Samani Pratibha pragya and Samani Vipul Pragya presented Jain Prayer. The following day we, along with all the other participants of the conference met with H. H. Pope Francis at Vatican City.



## Conference on Jainism: Scientific Foundations Nov 2019

An international conference on Jainism: Scientific Foundations was held at Tijara (Rajasthan-India) during Nov. 03-04, 2019, under the blessings of the revered Gurudev of the Digambar Jain Tradition, H.H. Acharya shree Gyansagar-ji. Dr Samani Pratibha Pragya was cordially invited to provide a paper on 'Preksha Meditation and it's Scientific Approach' at this conference. It was being hosted on behalf of the Gyansagar Science Foundation, an organization collaborating with Jain Vishva Bharati University, intent on 'building a bridge between science and spirituality', a topic under intense discussion over the past few decades.



Samani Pratibha Pragya presented her paper, under the benign presence of H.H. Acharya shree Gyansagar-ji Ma-

haraj and august presence of National and International schoolers. This presentation involved an in-depth argument for the notion that Preksha meditation symbolises Jain modernism.

Through *prekṣā* meditation, Ācārya Mahāprajña (1920-2010) presents the first system of Jaina meditation and one which is intended to be compatible with modern science and which purportedly can be practised by anyone, irrespective of any religious affiliation or social status/background. The system of *prekṣā-dhyāna* is endowed with flexibility derived from multiple viewpoints (*anekāntika dṛṣṭi*) to accept new developments and combines them with ancient knowledge. Therefore, even today *prekṣā-dhyāna* has the capacity to adapt itself to new scientific research and developments. Acharya Tulasī (1913-1997) instructed Mahāprajña that for a system to be universally acceptable it is necessary to develop its scientific basis and to be open to adopt new approaches (Dharmesā, 2006: 46). Such flexi-

bility of adoption is noted in Haribhadra (8<sup>th</sup> c. CE) and Hemacandra's (12<sup>th</sup> c. CE) work by scholars pt. Sukhalāla, Dundas and Chapple, who have highlighted the successful synthesis of various yogic elements from the existing traditions of his surroundings. I argue that *prekṣā* meditation is an expression of Jain modernism which re-interpret its methods grounded on anatomy, physiology and psychology.

The aim of the conference was to 'build a bridge of benevolence of Jainism by evolving a scientific approach' and its various aspects. Samani Pratibha Pragya presided one session of this conference. Forty-five national and international scholars presented their paper. Professor Nalin Shastree was the chief coordinator of this conference.



Talk on **SAMYAKTVA SUTRA** by Mrs. Hina Vora  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

Samyaktva sutra is the foundation of Jainism. It helps the auspicious soul emerge from the darkness of ignorance and move towards the light of self knowledge. It is the base, the foundation of all sadhanas or spiritual practices performed by the aspirant - penance, restraint, renunciation, rules and vows.



# Interfaith Celebration

Harrow interfaith celebrated the event under one umbrella from the Baha's, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Zoroastrian communities at Harrow Council, on 14th November 2019.

We were honoured to be asked to be a panel and Dr Pratibha Pragaji was our representatives.

We organised an exhibition table on Jainism on the day.

The topic was 'resolving the Conflict' and Dr Pratibha Pragaji spoke 'Anekaant 'to resolving the conflict was Clear.

After the event, we visited see Mayor office and presented the idol of Gautamsawmi to the Mayor. We spoken to the heads of other religious leaders. The day was very vibrant and peaceful with lots of positive energy around.





## Sambhodi Launched

24 Nov 2019

This program was organised at JVB London as part of Acharya Shree Mahapragyaji's centenary celebration.

The event was very well attended by devotees.

Honourable Mayor of Harrow, Mr Navin Parekh was the special guest. He was attending the centre for the first time and was well impressed. He was also given the special gift of the book Sambodhi.



## The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School's Jain Assembly

12 Dec 2019



Yash Shah, member of the JVB London Youth group, invited Dr. Samani Pratibha Pragyaji to his school. The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School's Jain Assembly Committee was honoured to host Dr Samani Pratibha Pragyaji and Samani Vipul Pragyaji, two Jain nuns who have been propagating Jainism for over 25



## OM SHANTI, OM SHANTI, OM SHANTI



### Mayakunver Jayantital Vora Aged 92

Om Arham

Our condolences to the family of Mayakunver Jayantital Vora who passed away on 18 December 2019.

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we inform you that our beloved Baa (mother), Mayakunver Jayantital Vora has left us for her heavenly abode on 18th December 2019, aged 92.

Mayaben (born in Jivapur – Morvi) Wife of late Mr Jayantital Mohanlal Vora (Mehta of Intertropical) well known in the community here and in Kampala, Uganda. She was always full of life with a strong personality. Most caring and loving person, greeting those around her with a smile.

It was a blessing to have her in our lives and will be greatly missed by everyone known to her.

May Bhagwan Mahvair rest her soul in eternal peace .

She is survived by:

- Sons: Satish, Late Mayur, Hasu, Ashwin & Bharat
- Daughters: Snehlata, Madhu & Varsha
- Son-in law: Atul
- Daughter-in-law: Hina, Rupa, Urvashi, Anju and Trusha .
- Grand Children : 16
- Great Grand Children: 17

MR HASU J VORA Trustee of JVB London would like to sincerely convey heart-felt gratitude to all for the message of sympathy and condolences following Sad Demise of Our beloved Mother Mrs Mayakunver Jayantital Vora passed away peacefully in London. Your Sympathy has given us courage and solace to bear this irreparable loss.

To be kind, generous humble tolerant is divine life

To be merciful courageuous and devotinal is divine life.

To be always aware of God's grace is divine life.

**The Vora Family London**



## Inter-faith peace walk



**Sunday morning  
9am start!  
50 participants!  
4 hours!  
5 religious sites!**



**Children explaining the meaning of different religious symbols**



### Understanding other faiths



Contact email  
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## Ahimsa Peace Forest: Planting 1,000 Trees!



## Ahimsa Peace Forest: Planting 1,000 Trees!

*'Planting for Peace' environmental initiative. Bringing together friends and families from many different faiths in the local community to plant an incredible 1000 trees and flowering bulbs at Kenton Recreation Ground in Harrow.*



# INTER FAITH HEART OF PEACE



## JAIN VISHVA BHARATI, LONDON

### Jainism preaches 'to live and let live'

*All the faiths focus on peace & harmony  
"Do not injure, abuse, oppress, enslave, insult, torment, torture, or kill any creature or living being." - Lord Mahavira*



## Parshwanath Jayanti 21.12.2019

This was the last big event of JVB London for the year 2019. This event was from 9.00 am to 9.00 PM and it comprised of the following:

- 108 Parshnath Bhagwan Darshan
- 108 Uvvasagharam Paath
- 108 Bija Mantra
- Parshnath Bhagwan Chand

As this event was for the whole day, it was divided into different slots with different timings with the repetition of all above four so everyone can get benefit of all four mantras and Chands.

The event was attended by special guest – Mr Bob Blackman (East Harrow MP).

The special timing was given for him for one hour 11.00 – 12.00. There

were speeches given by Mr Rajesh Jain, Mrs Pragna Damani, and both Samnijijs. Samani Pratibha Pragyaji also did 10 minutes collective meditation. Mr Bob Blackman had some very high opinion and words for Jain community in general. The event was attended by more than 500 devotees throughout the day.

Every participants were given the dinner box at the end of the session.





# Jain Vishva Bharati - London

## Jain World Peace Centre

Jain Vishva Bharati is embarking on a global expansion to propagate the ethos of Jainism and Peace with its esteemed ideals of Anekant (multiplicity of viewpoints), Ahimsa (non-violence), Tolerance and Peaceful co-existence for the amelioration of mankind by establishing a permanent centre of JVB in London to be named as Jain World Peace Centre (JWPC).

With the gracious blessings of His Holiness Gurudev Acarya Mahashramanji, the centre will have constant presence and guidance of Samanijis for the benefit of all Jains and the wider community. This will be the only Jain institution in Europe to have a continuous presence of Jain saints.

It is with immense pleasure and joy we wish to inform you that JVB London (JVBL) will be completing the purchase of 39 Roxborough Road, Harrow, HA1 1NS, UK around 31 April 2018 depending on when all legal formalities are complete. This property will be called Jain World Peace Centre (JWPC) and will meet all our objectives and criteria for this unique centre. The property is a landmark location for JVBL, has D1 use, with large double story floor space for events, on-site parking and walking distance to Harrow-on-the-Hill tube station.

We welcome you to be part of this momentous foundation to propagate Jaina principles of universal



peace and to establish a pinnacle of holistic development for future generations.

We have come up with a scheme of supporting bricks with each Adult Brick having a value of £5000. Our funding requirements will be met if we get support of 108 Adult bricks.

We also believe that children and the youth can sponsor with each Child Brick having a value of £100. These are suggested schemes, however, depending on individual circumstances and preferences, any amount you are able to support will go a long way to establishing this unique centre to benefit the entire society and future generations.

Even a support of £1 from a child's piggy bank given with heartfelt feelings will be most welcome.



**ADD YOUR BRICK**  
(To create landmark for peace!)

Adult Brick Value of £5000  
Child Brick Value of £100

### MyDonate

on-line link as follows:  
<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/donate/jain-vishva-bharati-london>

### Bank Transfer

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## ACTIVITIES

- Gyanshala for kids of different age groups
- Regular Preksha Meditation training/sessions
- Weekly Yoga Classes
- Weekly Classes: Stepping into Jainism for Beginners
- Weekly Classes: Introduction to Tatvartha Sutra
- Jain Teachers Training Workshops
- Certificate Course on Jainism : Religion, Life and Philosophy
- Dissolve the Past & Evolve The Future : Family Camp and Retreat
- Women's Health and well-being
- Children's Yoga and Meditation Classes
- Various Guest Lectures and workshop
- Jain Cultural/Community Events



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**Mr. Bansi Shah  
(Treasurer)**

**JVB London remains eternally grateful for the following Generous Donations received towards establishing a permanent abode - Jain World Peace Centre London**