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Jain Education and Research Foundation (JERF) and Florida International University have been arranging an invited lecture series to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankara of the Jains, in April every year. Since 2012, JERF and FIU have initiated another lecture series, named the Mahavir Nirvana Lectures which will be held in late October or November every year, to coincide with the nirvana anniversary of Bhagwan Mahavir. While the Mahavir Jayanti Lectures focuses on aspects of Jain religion or art, Mahavir Nirvan lectures focus on the application of Jain principles like non-violence, non-possessiveness and



plurality of views on secular activities like in business or medicine or environmental sustainability. The first Mahavir Nirvan lecture was held on November 14, 2012 and was delivered by Dr. Dipak Jain, Dean, INSEAD, Paris and ex-Dean, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University,

Chicago. This first Mahavir Nirvan lecture was titled: Spiritual Entrepreneurship: From Knowledge to Wisdom. It was attended by students and faculty from FIU and also by members of the local Jain community. The program opened with a sweet rendering of a Jain Bhajan by a local

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student, Ms. Madhumita Parmar. Prof John F. Stack (Jr), Director, School of International and Public Affairs, FIU addressed the gathering and recounted the highly productive collaboration between FIU and the Jain community. Mr Robert Callahan, Asst Dean, FIU, introduced Dr Jain.

Dr. Dipak Jain's lecture presented a new and inspirational model for spiritual entrepreneurship as a new paradigm for business entrepreneurship. In the model proposed by Dr Jain, the focus of global business has moved from colonialism and occupation of land by nations in the 19th century to free market capitalism by multinational corporations in the 20th century and now to human capital development by individual entrepreneurs in the 21st century. Correspondingly, global business performance metrics has evolved from a yardstick of power and strength in the early period, through a measure of success through profits, and finally now to a judgment of business achievement by its basic purpose and significance to society.

In keeping with the change in the real world business trends, the development of management decision making has changed over the last 50 years which can be divided into three broad time periods : driven by judgment and intuition till the mid-1960s; driven by data and analysis up to the late 1990s, and post 1990s, the paradigm for successful decision-making involves business ethics and sustainability.

Dr. Jain provided an evolutionary scale of the phases of entrepreneurship as follows:

1. Business Entrepreneurship
2. Social Entrepreneurship
3. Spiritual Entrepreneurship

While Business Entrepreneurship is driven by corporate profit and bottom line, the Social Entrepreneur lays emphasis on the collective or societal good. The Spiritual Entrepreneur, on the other hand, identifies



and develops the moral, ethical, and spiritual qualities needed within self and sets the vision above and beyond the business models, to foster positive change in the wider community and, indeed, on a global scale. Dr. Jain describes this as a process where "value creates value"; where the business itself is humanized by recognizing that people are the key source of differentiation and value creation; where building human capital through education will lead to global parity and prosperity; and where purpose is given a higher priority than performance.

Finally, Dr. Jain suggested that business leaders and entrepreneurs need to move beyond conventional boundaries of thinking. Think beyond just business and move toward a triple-bottom-line approach of business viability, social parity, and environmental sustainability. Think beyond success to a notion of success with significance to society. Think beyond the US and the EU to a future that recognizes the importance and economic significance of the juxtaposition of both the developed and emerging market nations.

Dr. Neptune Srimal, President, JERF thanked FIU administration, the speaker and the audience on behalf of JERF. The program ended with blessing chants by Samani Dr. Chaitanya Pragya and Samani Unnata Pragya followed by Jain dinner, hosted by the local Jain community.

My Plan for Speeding up Jain Studies and Research at FIU

Steven M. Vose, who has joined recently the position of instructor under Bhagawan Mahavir Professorship for Jain Studies at FIU, is thinking to give a momentum to Jain studies and research going on at FIU. In reply to a question about his vision and future plans for Jain studies at FIU, he said:

“Developing the Jain Studies undergraduate and graduate certificate programs will be a process that will take some time. My plan for developing Jain Studies at FIU includes three aspects:

First, I want to solidify the curricula for both the undergraduate and MA programs. I am in the process of applying to add Prakrit language courses to the curriculum, so that any MA student who wishes to come to FIU to study Jainism will see that there is scope to study Ardha-Magadhi, Maharashtri, Sauraseni, and all other Prakrits. I have also put together an undergraduate course on sacred images and architecture in South Asia that will have a substantial Jain component.

The second part of my plan includes drawing upon the faculty resources at FIU to increase the number of course offerings that includes a Jainism component. Prof. Manuel Gomez, our most recent Bhagwan Mahavir Fellow, recently presented at the Jain Temple about his research on Jain diamond merchants' strategies for conflict resolution. If he could turn his research into a unit on this style of conflict resolution in one of his classes at the law school, this would further our project of making Jain Studies available in any school or discipline that a student could conceivably pursue.

Third, I would like to increase the profile of our study abroad programs to India on



campus. I would like to send roughly 20 students to India on either the ISSJS or JVBI programs each summer, and possibly add a December trip during the hiatus between semesters. This can only come by increasing our campus profile and by coordinating with our Study Abroad office to reach students who are looking for educational opportunities by taking full advantage of the “International” component of FIU.

In the longer term, I believe that we need to increase the diversity and range of holdings in the FIU library to facilitate research both in primary texts and in secondary scholarship. An increasing number of texts are available online but there is no replacement for physical books that students can stumble upon to discover avenues of research that they had never imagined—that was how I found my dissertation project. I would also like to add objects to our museum here at FIU by acquiring leaves of painted manuscripts, and various types of images from all over India. Any student wishing to understand Jain 'thought cannot miss the historical and social contexts in which these new ideas arose and gained currency. I strongly believe that to understand what Jainism has to contribute to the world, we have no greater measure for what its future contributions can be than what we can see in the past. Want to see ahimsa in action? Look no farther than the history of how Jains have put the philosophy of Jainism to everyday use.”

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Candidates should have a B.A. (all fields will be considered), an undergraduate GPA higher than 3.5, and meet university requirements for admission.

Deadline for applications is March 1, 2013, and the fellowship will be tenable from August 2013.

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Jain Studies and Research at Florida International University



Bhagwan Mahavir Senior Summer Fellowship: FIU Law Professor Speaks on "Gemstone Justice"

Every summer a group of selected faculty and students visit India as Bhagwan Mahavir Summer Fellows to study aspects of Jainism during a six-week stay in India. The fellowship is supported by the Bhagwan Mahavir Professorship and the endowment fund for Jain studies established at FIU.

Prof Manuel Gomez is a faculty at the School of Law at FIU. A graduate of Stanford University, Prof Gomez is an expert and an authority on both domestic and international arbitration. He is the founder member of International Arbitration Society.

Prof Gomez visited India as the Senior Bhagwan Mahavir Summer fellow in the summer of 2012 to study the ex-judicial conflict resolution mechanism among the Gujarati Jain diamond trading communities worldwide. He presented a talk, titled "Gemstone Justice: Contract enforcement and dispute resolution among Gujarati diamond merchants" . at the local Jain center on February 17. For the study he visited the jewelers from Jain community in India, Europe and in United States. The main objective of his research was to find out how the Jain values influence the



contract enforcements and conflict resolution among the Jain diamond merchants. His main findings were that the Jain diamond merchants do 1. Attempt to solve conflicts by building a consensus rather than by going to arbitration. 2. The treat their business as a family with the lowest employees treated with respect and dignity and 3. The errant individuals are given a second chance to rehabilitate themselves. The brief outlines of his of the study in his words:

Approximately half a century ago a few Jain families from Palanpur in the Indian state of Gujarat, became involved in the cutting and polishing of diamond and with tremendous tenacity and dedication rose to the top in the diamond global trade. According to figures released by the industry, Indian merchants –mainly Jains– process 11 out of every 12 diamonds that are bought and sold worldwide every year. Moreover, these merchants have a foot in every phase in the diamond production chain and a presence in every important market including Mumbai, Antwerp, New York, Tel Aviv, Hong Kong, Dubai, Cape Town, and even here in South Florida as many of you know well. Given this state of affairs my main quest has been to find out whether these Gujarati families in the diamond trade, most of whom are also Jains, had a different approach to contract

making and dispute resolution than the Jewish merchants who dominated the industry for centuries, and who relied on a system of private arbitration to sort out their differences. More specifically, I was curious to see to what extent the conduct of business people in the diamond trade is influenced by Jain rules, accepted practices, superior knowledge, the traditional prescriptions, and most notably the principle of non-violence generally followed by members of this community. In order to do this, I had to immerse myself in the everyday lives of diamond merchants, which I did for almost a month in Mumbai, Surat and later on Antwerp and Brussels, where I met very interesting people involved in every stage of the diamond trade. During my time in India and Belgium, I was able to visit from the very small traditional units where rudimentary tools are used and polishers sit on the floor and rely on their pure talent to achieve perfection, to the ultra modern diamond factories furnished with million dollar laser cutters, and computers in every stage of the diamond cutting and polishing process staffed by employees dressed in lab coats and protective glasses, giving the impression that one is at a futuristic laboratory. On the other hand, I was also able to see first hand the thousands of diamond transactions that take place out in the open either in Mumbai's Opera House, or in Surat's street market, where precious stones are quickly examined and traded in broad day light; and also, the sophisticated million dollar deals closed in the comfortable and very modern offices of the recently opened Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai.

What I observed during my research was remarkable but not surprising. The community had an impressive capacity for

consensus building and, unlike other ethnic groups of merchants operating in the same sector, was committed to addressing their business disputes in a non-adversarial manner. These and other efficiencies have certainly played a role in the fast ascent of the Gujarati diamond merchants to the apex of the global diamond trade. I look forward to learning more about this captivating sector, and will be publishing the results of my research very soon.

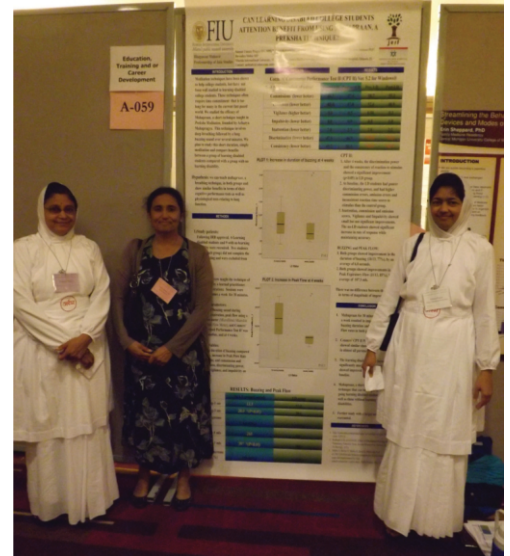
Earlier Dr Neptune Srimal, President JERF welcomed the gathering and introduced Prof Gomez. Mr Bindesh Shah, Vice President, JERF delivered the vote of thanks.

The talk was attended by a large turn-out of local jain community and was attended by Prof Steven Vose, the new Bhagwan Mahavir Professor at FIU and by Mr David Skipp, Associate Director, Advancement, at FIU. A communal lunch hosted by Mr Narendra Mehta and Mrs Jeevan Prabha Mehta and by Mr Sapan Bafna and Mrs Gitika Bafna followed the lecture.

The First Pilot Study in Preksha Meditation at FIU

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Can Learning Disabled College Students' Attention Benefit From Using Mahapraan, Preksha Technique" was presented as a poster in the SBM conference. The research was conducted by Samani Unnata



Pragya under the guidance of Dr. Devendra Mehta whose experience and dedication was crucial to the work. The added team members were Samani Dr. Chaitanya Pragya, Dr. Naina Mehta, Paulette Johnson, Gabriela Cardoba and Joscelin Chiu. The poster presentation being a one to one dialogue was an opportunity to share with the scholars the study undertaken, ongoing work and future plans as well. The conference attended by many scholars, researchers of this field had an opportunity to explore the growing trend in integrative therapy. Further the research was also presented in the video contest organized by the conference which served as a supportive tool to spreading the awareness in this area. Those not being able to reach the conference were able to comprehend the brief through the video. This empowered those who have been practicing it, and inspired those who have not being working on it. The conference opened new avenue for the more research in this area.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L023yEnxsKs&list=PLOfz6NAQAG3UONczzXfG-AY45gJmfW8e&index=10>

First Graduate of Jain Studies at FIU receives Outstanding Award in Department of Religious Studies



Shivani Bothra successfully defended her master's thesis titled: The Anuvrat Movement: Theory and Practice on March 28, 2013. Prof. Nathan Katz, Bhagwan Mahavir Professor at the Department of Religious Studies at FIU was Shivani's thesis advisor. Shivani is the first MA with research on Jain Studies after the establishment of Bhagawan Mahavir Professorship in Jain Studies at FIU.

Shivani did her first MA from Jain Vishwa Bharati University, Ladnun, India. Her MA project at Jain Vishwa Bharati was to determine whether the use of meditation would be perceived as helpful in managing anger. This experiment was conducted at the Mental Health Copper Team, Dallas Veteran's Administration, Dallas TX (USA). She came as an exchange student from Jain Vishwa Bharati University, Ladnun, India to pursue a full-time graduate degree at FIU, USA.

She is now awaiting her graduation day in spring 2013 from the FIU with MA in Religious Studies. Her Master thesis was descriptive and an analytical study of the Anuvrat Movement, a modern secular expression of Jainism inspired by the saint and revolutionary thinker Acharya Tulsi, 9th Acharya of Jain Shwetambar Terapanth

tradition. The thesis aimed to evaluate the Anuvrat Movement introduced by Acharya Tulsi as a secular and moral movement for fostering social responsibility of an individual.

The study considered in some detail the historical context within which the movement emerged. The thesis provided a much-needed analysis of the 11 vows formulated by Tulsi in the model of the traditional vows in Jainism. It examined the question whether these vows are relevant and effective in the contemporary Indian society, and whether Tulsi's movement can cross the geographical boundaries of the Indian sub-continent to be a part of larger global initiatives. The study explored the social significance of the concepts of nonviolence, morality, social justice and sustainability in the wider global community. Therefore, a multiple research methodology was utilized employing historical method, ethnographic fieldwork and sociological method. The research findings suggest the tenuous effect of the vows. It also suggests a positive association between the exemplary charismatic role of a leader and the popularity and longevity of social movements in India.

Shivani received "Outstanding Award" in the department and was also awarded the Bhagwan Mahavir Fellowship, several internal research grants during the graduate studies at FIU. Based on her research and presentation, was awarded the third prize in the Graduate Scholarly Forum, held in March 2013 at FIU. Shivani now plans to pursue a PhD in Jain studies.



Spiritual and Energy Transformation: Lectures in Orlando

Religion has three aspects: Rituals, Morality and Spirituality. Spirituality is the core of religion. Morality is the reflection of it in social relation and behavior and, rituals are the peripheral/supportive common practices and symbols to understand the fundamental beliefs of a particular religion. Jain Vishva Bharati Center, Orlando organized its annual camp on the theme "Transformation of the Self" in January 19th to 21st under the guidance of Samani Bhavit Pragya, Samani Chaitanya Pragya, Samani Sangha Pragya and Samani Unnata Pragya. Spiritual transformation is preceded by energy transformation. Samani Chaitanya Pragya presented on "Energy Transformation". Doctrine of "Gunasthan" i.e. Ladders of Spiritual Development and the doctrine of "Leshya" i.e. Psychic Colors to provide a clear understanding of spiritual and energy transformation in Jain perspective and also discussed methods to head in these directions. Samani Unnata Pragya delivered her lectures to youth on "Tipping point for Change" and "Addiction: story of enslavement".

Invited Lectures and Participation in Conference

AAR and 10th Danam Conference

In the conference, Samani Unnata Pragma presented her paper on **"Fasting, a Double Edged Sword: Spiritual Fasting and Coercive Fasting"**. The comparative paper explored fasting undertaken by Bhagawan Rishabha, Bhagwan Mahavir and Gandhi. The double edged nature reveals a sword of fasting used as a weapon to destroy karma or regulate the others. It elucidated the fact that the same practice can be coercive from the perspective of one religion and spiritual from the other. Further fasting, a religious sacred act tends to be a taboo with the change of intent. Shivani Bothara, graduate student at FIU, presented her paper on **"Anuvrat Movement"** at the 10th Dharma Academy



of North America. The paper brought the attention of many scholars to the movement started off by Acharya Tulsi in 1970s. Shivani's paper highlighted the perspective of the Jains, non-Jains rendering towards the movement. Her survey and interviews also developed conclusion that movement is looked upon by diverse group diversely. The conference attended by many Jain Scholars was an opportunity to open more doors of scholarly interaction.

Guest Lecture at University of North Texas



Prof. Pankaj Jain invited Samaniji for a guest lecture at University of North Texas. Using the tech facility the lecture was a distance presentation but very interactive. Questions rolled around Non-violence of Jains, Women status, Jains in America and more. Open Q and A rendered greater insight to the students. Students were intrigued by the details of Jain philosophy and practice. With this experience Samaniji was re-invited where the concept of meditation and Pratikraman, was explored. Student's exploration reveals the growing Jain studies in USA.

Lectures in Pathashala Camp on Mountains at Los Angeles



The Dec 19th to 22nd camp was guided by Samani Chaitanya Pragma and Unnata Pragma on the concept of well-being and Jainism. Samaniji presented the concept of Social, mental, and spiritual well-being tied up with Jain practice. It geared to nurturing the kids. Simple exercises presented to the kids made the message very clear and imprinted them in their memory. Students were made to think, interact and present the solution themselves which helped them dive into it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Mahavir Jayanti Lecture

WOMEN IN JAINISM

Lecture by Nalini Balbir, Sorbonne-Paris

Apr 11, 2013 | 6:00 PM | FIU Modesto

Maidique Campus| GC Ball Room

Jainism, one of the world religions ascribes rather prominent roles to women within its own system. Based on original texts, contemporary observations and a growing number of studies in the last decades, this lecture will explore the conception of gender at various levels within Jain practice. Debates and recent trends will be investigated as well.

Of Franco-Indian origin, Nalini Balbir is professor of Indology of University of Paris-3 Sor-bonne Nouvelle and at Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Section Sciences historiques et philologiques), where she teaches Sanskrit, Middle-Indian languages and Hindi. Her fields of research are primarily Jainism in all aspects (philological and contemporary), Theravada Buddhism as well as Pali and Prakrit languages and literature. One of her contributions had women in Jainism as its topic. Recently she has been engaged in cataloguing Jain manuscripts in various European countries. She is at present the chief editor of the Jainpedia website, containing encyclopedia of Jainism online and an educational resource containing descriptions of digitized manuscripts.

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Jainism in the Practice of Medicine

Lecture by Dr Manoj Jain,

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Lecture by Prof Paul Dundas, University of Edinburgh



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