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With the blessings of HH. Gurudeva Acharya Shree Mahashramana and in the presence of **Dr. Samani Pratibha Pragyaji and Samani Punya Pragyaji**, JVB London celebrated Parsvanath Jayanti on 18th December 2022.





During this auspicious occasion celebrating the birth and diksha kalyanak of Bhagwan Parsvanath, Respected Samanijis initiated to recite Kalyan Mandir Stotra with Riddhi Mantras in the formation of Hreemkar.



In memory of their mother, Induji and Arunji Jain donated a mesmerising murti of Bhagwan Parsvanath to JVB London.





Vishal and Nikki Solani were honoured to do to palana of Bhagwan Parsvanatha which is symbolic of the birth of Bhagwan Parsvanath.



Moreover, Diamond and Pragya Khanted had the privilege of performing Uvasaggaharam Ghat Sthapana.

Kalyan Mandir Stotra was composed by Acharya Siddhasen Diwakar around 5^{th} century AD. Just as Bhaktamara Stotra is dedicated to Lord Adinath, Kalyan Mandir is a profound Sanskrit prayer dedicated to Lord Parsvanath. It has 44 verses. It is believed that when the 11^{th} verse was recited, miraculously a murti of Lord Parsvanath appeared from Shiva Linga at Avanti in Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh).





Hreem is a symbolic representation of Parsvanath Bhagwan and his guardian deities Dharnendra and Padmavati Devi. 44 pairs of couples, brother/sister and gyanshala children were seated in a Hreemkar arrangement on the floor.



To prepare for this auspicious festival, Respected Samanijis had daily practise sessions so that devotees could learn to pronounce the prayer. A Kalyan Mandir Course has been updated to the JVB London website so that all interested can learn this profound prayer.

(https://www.jvblondon.org/courses/kalyan-mandir-course/)



All participants were dressed in yellow as during the time of Lord Parsvanath the colour code of the ascetics was yellow which is still observed today by certain monks of the Digambar sect. With great spiritual fervour everyone

joined in reciting the Kalyan Mandir Stotra followed by Riddhi Mantra. After the 10th verse, Artiji Jain and Aagamji Jain symbolically unveiled the covering on Bhagwan Parsvanath to emulate the miraculous appearance of Avanti Parsvanath when Acharya Siddhasen Diwakar recited this stotra. The entire atmosphere felt spiritually charged.

Thereafter Respected Samanijis recited 108 names of Parsvanath Bhagwan.



After the festival, Jain vegan food was served to all who attended the event. The entire event was managed by Rashmiji Bengani and the final vote of thanks was given by Shubhamji Jain.

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