

# Calendar 2017



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compassion in action

A Veerayatan Global Initiative



## January 2017

All that we are is the result of the thoughts we have:  
if a man speaks or acts with a pure thought, happiness  
follows him, like a shadow that never leaves his side

### Jaha Jinalay Vaha Vidyalay

The building of temples in and around the Jain Tirth kshetras (pilgrimage sites) throughout India is still widespread. Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji's vision, however, is that we build not only temples but instead turn the entire village into a temple.

It is with this thought that Veerayatan initiated the Schools Project. To transform the entire village into a place where every child is cared for and educated, where natural resources are protected, and where the potential of every human – man, woman and child – is realized, that is the achievable vision and for this there is only one all-powerful tool: Education.

The Schools Project aims to benefit the poverty-stricken communities living in and around the Jain Tirth kshetras by providing quality education and vocational training. In particular, Veerayatan endeavours to create opportunities to uplift, educate and empower women and girls.



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# Tirthankar Mahaveer Vidya Mandir, Veerayatan Pawapuri



February 2017

A positive attitude can transform even hell to heaven

## Pawapuri

Veerayatan already has a major presence in Bihar, both in Lachhuar, the birthplace of Bhagwan Mahavir and Pawapuri, Bhagwan's Nirvana place, through the highly successful Tirthankar Mahavir Vidya Mandir with over 2000 students attending.

Yet Veerayatan is continuously striving to improve the lives of the local resident population in every way possible. Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji has identified the need to build another school in Pawapuri specifically for the destitute children of the Mushahar caste, the most neglected and outcast community. For this community life is very challenging, as they find themselves helpless, immersed in extreme poverty, filth and a complete dependence on others. Indeed the children of this community have never experienced education before.

Veerayatan believes that providing quality education is the key to unravelling this deplorable situation. The new school (Harikeshiya School) will provide nursery and primary education and will be inaugurated on 18 February 2017.



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KENYA



NEPAL

# March 2017

He who undertakes activities with vigilance, acts with due consideration, curbs his lowly thoughts and extends forgiveness readily, will not enter the realm of sin

## Veerayatan Global

Recognising that a tremendous amount of good work is being carried out worldwide by supporters of Veerayatan, Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji launched Veerayatan Global in January 2016 as a conduit to connect, communicate and collaborate with each other internationally to share achievements, best practices and good news. Veerayatan Global prepares and publishes a regular e-newsletter containing news of all Veerayatan activities across the world, feature articles, inspirational stories and commentaries on spiritual development and blogs on topics which give rise to dilemmas and debate.

Veerayatan Global also organises spiritual weekend retreats within India open to all across the world. The aim of these retreats is for participants to understand and put into practice the key messages of Tirthankar Mahavir.

Volunteering programmes are being developed open to youth from all over the world creating opportunities to meet like-minded people and tangibly impact the lives of people less fortunate than themselves through serving at the Veerayatan schools and hospital.



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# April 2017

As the bee collects nectar and departs without injuring the flower, its colour or scent, let human beings conduct themselves in the same way in this world

## Nepal

After the devastating earthquake in Nepal in April 2015, Veerayatan was one of the first NGOs to support the affected people. Following the initial relief work, a semi-permanent education centre has been established comprising of hostel facilities for the earthquake affected children and a vocational training centre for adults.

The children residing in the hostel are simply remarkable. Receiving hugs and lots of love, having a shelter in a safe environment where the focus is only on their betterment, getting an opportunity to go to a nearby school to learn and receiving nutritious food is making a huge difference to their lives, with children developing self confidence and, more importantly, learning to smile again!

Veerayatan has also established a vocational training centre to rehabilitate adults who lost their livelihoods and to train them in relevant skills, including classes in computing and sewing.



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Easter Monday						
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The fragrance of flowers travels far in the wind; in the same way the fragrance of a person doing good activities pervades everywhere

## May 2017

### Palitana

Palitana is the foremost Jain Tirth kshetra. Here there exists a striking dichotomy between the beauty and wealth of the ornate temples and the poverty stricken and harsh circumstances of the local inhabitants and the large resident population of sadhus and sadhvis. Veerayatan is therefore launching two initiatives at Palitana.

A primary school (Tirthankar Mahavir Vidya Mandir) for children, especially of the local Doliwala community, and those who do not have access to quality education, will be inaugurated on 28 January 2017.

Pragyatirth Takshashila, a "Center of Eminence", is going to be established to teach theology, philosophy, comparative religion, holistic studies, languages, yoga, meditation and related subjects to the Sadhvi Sangh and all seekers. This well-designed educational campus will provide a unique setting for the Sadhvi Sangh to partake in lessons and engage in self-study. This project is currently at the planning stage.



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A man is not learned just because he studies the scriptures; rather he who is patient, free from enmity and fear and replete with love is the one who is truly wise

June 2017

**Rajgir**

Veerayatan recognises that healthcare is of paramount importance for most in rural areas. It therefore complements its educational centres with the provision of good healthcare in the form of medical centres for the wellbeing of both children studying at the Veerayatan schools and the local populace.

Veerayatan's largest medical care facility - Netra Jyoti Seva Mandiram - founded in 1987, is an eye care centre in Rajgir, Bihar which has earned a nationwide reputation for outstanding patient and innovative medical care with more than 250,000 eye operations having been performed to date. Patients are also educated on the importance of hygiene, cleanliness and non-violence by the Sadhvijis during their stay in the hospital.



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