

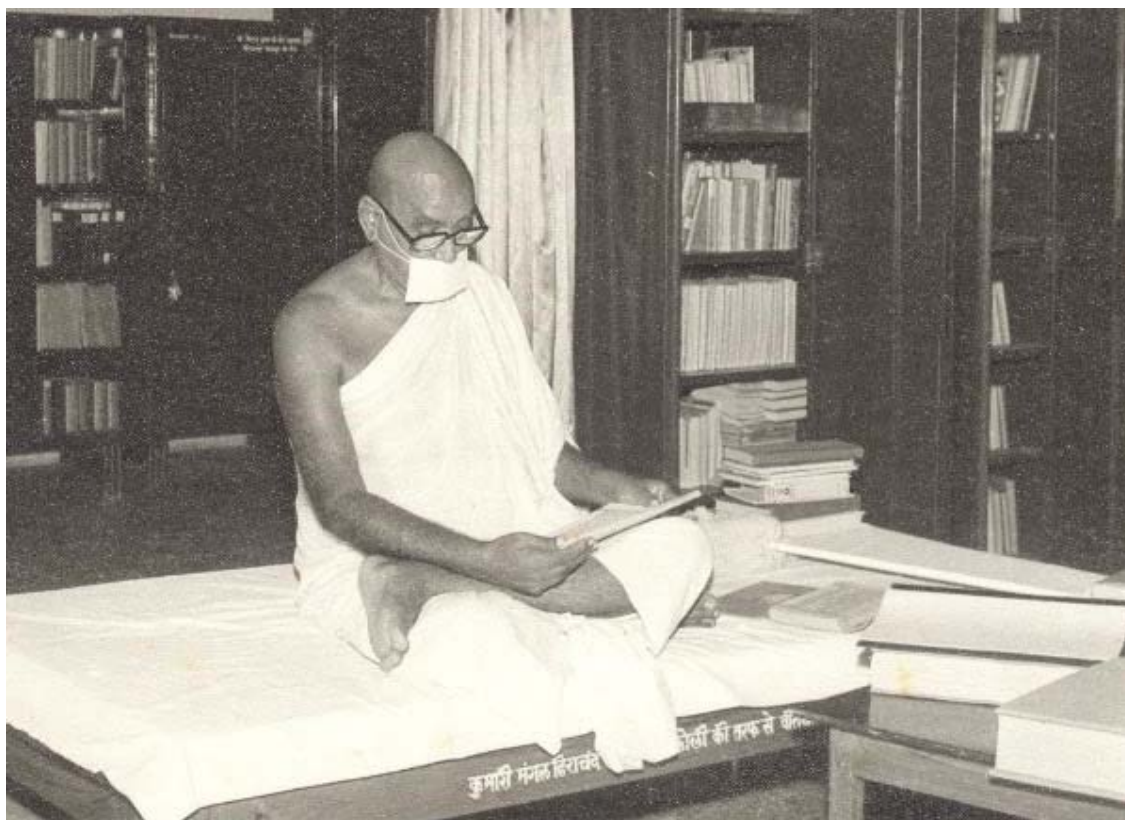


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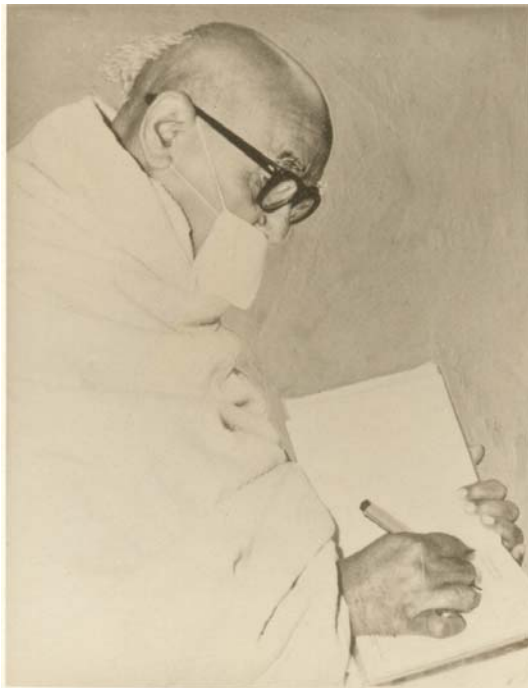
FEATURE STORIES



Gurudev Shri Amar Muniji Maharaj – a Saint of Modern Times

Upadhyaya Shri Amar Muniji Maharaj, the inspiration behind Veerayatan, never afraid to voice his thoughts and a supreme opponent of dogmatism and advocate of adaptability.

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Gurudev's Thoughts and Writing

Gurudev wrote more than one hundred inspirational works including articles, poems, essays and critical reviews. His topics were modern in outlook, varied and he made them interesting and uplifting, providing a highly practical guide to the spiritual aspirant.

To get more insight on his works, [read further](#).

Man Ka Manav

One of the thought provoking and influential prayers written by Gurudev:

"O Man, you are your own friend and your own enemy, so take control over your mind....."

Read the prayer [here](#).



What's Happening in Nepal – An Update

It is now 16 months since the two massive earthquakes of huge magnitudes hit Nepal. Let's find out how Veerayatan is transforming the lives of children and adults.

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TALKING POINT

A very fine line between our Principles and Reality

What do you do when you have to make choices that go against your principles but offer huge gains both in expanding your business and building professional connections? There is enormous peer pressure and your mind is confused racing between what is the right thing to do and the temptation of gaining so much going the other way! Nikit Doshi, one of our young members, had to make such a difficult decision.

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SPIRITUAL QUEST



A Quiet Moment
Guru as a Visionary



Drop of Nectar
A Disciple's devotion

VEERAYATAN GLOBAL

Acharyashriji's Paryushan message

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What's happening during Paryushan: Sadhvi Sangh's Paryushan Calendar

The holiest festival of the year for Jains will soon be upon us. As always, Veerayatan's Sadhvi Sangh will be traversing far and wide to spread the significance of Paryushan Parva, and the teachings of Lord Mahavir while addressing gatherings across the globe.

Here's who is visiting your side of the planet between 29th August to 5th September:



AGRA

Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji Maharaj together with Sadhvi Shri Dr Chetanaji, Sadhvi Shri Shrutiji and Sadhvi Shri Sanghamitraji



MUSCAT

Pujya Upadhyaya Shri Yashaji Maharaj



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Pujya Sadhvi Shri Sadhanaji Maharaj



MOMBASA
kenya

Pujya Yuva Acharya Shri Shubhamji Maharaj



MUMBAI

Pujya Sadhvi Shri Vibhaji Maharaj



MALAYSIA

Pujya Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji Maharaj



MANCHESTER
u.k.

Pujya Sadhvi Shri Sampragyaji Maharaj



MANCHESTER
u.k.

Sadhvi Shri Rohiniji



JAKHANIA
kutch

Sadhvi Shri Sumedhaji



NEPAL

Sadhvi Shri Manasviji

International conference invitation

Pujya Acharya Shri Chandanaji together with Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji will be travelling to Israel on 11 September 2016 to participate in a 2 day conference on 'Religions and Civilisations' organized by the World Council of Religious Leaders.

Highlights:

Veerayatan celebrates the spirit and soul

Veerayatan recently hosted the fourth interactive and enlightening spiritual retreat in Khed, Pune, from 5th to 7th August 2016.

Yuvacharya Shri Shubhamji, Sadhvi Shri Sanghamitraji, Sadhvi Shri Chetanaji and Tanariri Musical Mist enthralled both young and old over a weekend spiritual retreat in the most serene comfort of Naval Veerayatan! Participants also immersed themselves in a yoga and meditation session conducted by Leena Shah and the Sadhvijis. Dinesh Patel and Kajal Pandya, Pranik healing trainers, helped the audience to know the real value of energy within a person.

Participants found Yuvacharya Shubhamji Maharaj's talk on Tattvartha Sutra and Sadhvi Sanghamitraji's talk on Uttarahyan Sutra uplifting and a life changing experience. Importantly spending the weekend in the presence of the Sadhvijis was inspirational and provided participants with insights into leading a humble way of life.

The next retreat will be in November 2016. Let's all make every effort to participate in these life-transforming weekends! For more information, please contact sucheta.doshi@veerayatan.org

VEERAYATAN BIHAR

Gyan Shibir: 3 to 7 June, 2016

In the 4 months in the Monsoon season, Veerayatan Rajgir has organized Navkar Mantra jaap everyday between 10-11 am Monday to Saturday and 11-12 noon on Sunday. The jaap will continue during Paryushan. Other activities organized include:

- 6.30-7am: Meditation
- 7-8am and 7-8pm: Prayers and Spiritual discourse

For more details, please contact Sadhvi Shri Sampragyaji at sampragyaji@hotmail.com

**Celebration of Gurudev Amar
Muniji Maharaj's birthday**



Gurudev's birthday will be celebrated on 16th October 2016 on Sharad Purnima, in Narnaul, Haryana. For more information, please email Sadhvi Shri Sampragyaji at sampragyaji@hotmail.com

VEERAYATAN KUTCH

Save the Dates:

A Grand Celebration is taking place from 24th January to 28th January 2017:

- To mark 15 years of humanitarian, spiritual and educational excellence of Veerayatan in Kutch.
- To inaugurate Tirthankar Mahavir Vidya Mandir and foundation laying ceremony of 'Pragyatirth Takshshila' in Veerayatan, Palitana.

Let us all get together and celebrate these amazing achievements together with Acharyashriji's 81st birthday! For more information, please email Sadhvi Shri Shilapiji at shilapiji@hotmail.com

VEERAYATAN KENYA

What's happening: August to September 2016

- **Pratikraman in English** during all 8 days of Paryushan (29th August to 5th September 2016) followed by Aarti and Mangal Divo. These celebrations will be held at the Chand Rami Hall, Oshwal Centre, Nairobi
- **Shri Chandana Vidyapeeth, Jain School 2016 – New term begins!**
The new term starts on 10th September 2016.
- **Appreciation Gala Dinner**
Veerayatan Kenya and Young Jains Nairobi have organised a Gala Dinner followed by a Musical Performance by the famous UK artist, Simon Sylvester, on the 12th September 2016 at the Oshwal Auditorium. This program is to appreciate the donors and explain the progress of the Cerebral Palsy Unit, and discuss future plans for the Centre.

- **Diwali Poojan planned for 29th October 2016**

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VEERAYATAN UK

- **Pratikraman in English** during all 8 days of Paryushan (29th August to 5th September 2016). A novel way of delivering Pratikraman so that people from all ages really understand the essence and feel able to participate in this amazing ritual of forgiveness. The Pratikraman will be held at Shishukunj Bhavan, Edgware and Navnat Centre in Hayes for all 8 days and will also be conducted in Manchester on 3rd September.
- **Shri Chandana Vidyapeeth, Jain School – New term begins!**
 - Our 2016/2017 academic year begins with the Autumn term commencing on Friday 9th September. We have exciting plans for all the children classes including a new class with intake of children aged 3+.
 - The adult class will be undertaking an in-depth learning of the *Tattvartha Sutra (That which is)* - a work of immense importance. This most profound text on Jainism unparalleled in its comprehensiveness will be explained via interactive sessions by SCVP teachers and will provide an insight and understanding of the self.
 - In parallel, SCVP will also be running a short 10 week course from this September entitled *Living with Awareness* to explore the profound message of Mahavir Bhagwan. The course will include meditation; learning a prayer; analyse what daily living should encapsulate having regard to the principles of Jain religion.

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VEERAYATAN INTERNATIONAL (USA)

Acharyashriji's upcoming trip to USA: 1st to 14th October 2016

Acharyashriji Chandanaji will be visiting the United States with stops planned for New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington DC and Florida.

Acharyashriji will join the JAINA leadership on Friday 7th October at the White House and

Capitol Hill, where she will meet Senators, House of Representatives and interfaith leaders to spread the message of world peace and non-violence.

During her visit Acharyashriji will meet Veerayatan devotees, patrons, volunteers as well as the Veerayatan International USA leadership team to spread the message of Seva, Shiksha and Sadhana and share information regarding Palitana, Khandoba and various schools projects in India.

For further details of the program, please contact Mrs. Punita Shah at punita.shah@veerayatan-intl.org after September 15th, 2016 by which time the program will be finalized.

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