



KARUNA

A VISION, A MISSION

A PROFILE OF
DULICHAND JAIN

Shri Dulichand Jain

श्री महेन्द्र वाणी का प्रचार तथा भाषा, साहित्य और भारत की
साप्ताहिक संस्कृति का दिग्दर्शन करनेवाला मासिक—

राष्ट्र-सेवक

असम राष्ट्रभाषा प्रचार समिति का मुख-पत्र

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गुवाहाटी, माघ 1877 शकाब्द

[अंक 1

तुम मानवता के अप्रदूत

[श्री दुलीचन्द जैन]

तुम मानवता के अप्रदूत बन कर आये,
तुम इस धरती पर सुकिंदूत बन कर आये;
व्याकुल जग में संदेश अमरता का लाये,
तुम मानव-तन में स्वयं ईश बन कर आये ।

बापू तुमने पथ-भ्रंत भटकती दुनिया को
सुख और शान्ति का पुनः मार्ग था बतलाया ;
भूलें, अज्ञान, व्याकुल पीड़ितजन को फिर से
यह सत्य-प्रेम का अमर ज्ञान था मिललाया ।

तेरे उर में था गहरा फल्ला-भ्रंत भरा,
पद-दलित मनुज को तूने आगे बढ़वाया ;
तेरा उर सागर-से भी विस्तृत गहरा था,
तूने मानव को था हिंसा से हटवाया ।

आधी-सी मानव के जीवन में तुम लाये,
जिससे जन-जन का सोचा-या गौरव जागा ;
कुछ ज्वाला के कण अन्तर में थे सुप्त रहे,
इस नये प्रभजन से उनका चेतन जागा ।





“With joy in our hearts, we are happy to present this booklet - a glimpse into the life of one who has always been our inspiration and our hero.”
Dulichand Jain’s children & grandchildren

AUTHOR

SOCIAL WORKER

POET

KARUNA CHAMPION

EDUCATIONALIST

EDITOR

BUSINESSMAN

SPEAKER

THE SEEDS OF INSPIRATION

*As a monk, you wandered in the forests
Leaving the majestic palaces, why?
What was that mystery, share with us
That you left behind all opulence?*

“Mahaveer Se” poem in Hindi
by Dulichand Jain,
published in Jain Bharati,
Kolkata, April 1955

In the year 1955, a poem was published in Jain Bharati. In powerful and lyrical language, the young poet expressed his innermost quest.

This young man of 20 with his soul-searching questions and faith, found inspiration at every stage of his life. Dulichand Jain was born on November 1, 1936 at Nagaur in Rajasthan. He was a bright and intelligent student and spent all his time reading and writing.

As a young child, the seeds of the visionary to be were sown in his heart by his voracious reading. He immersed himself in the writings of seers and patriots like Mahavira, Buddha, Vivekananda, Gandhi, Shivaji, Maharana Pratap, Tagore and many others. Years later, as a father, he told the stories of these great men to his children. Even today, his youngest grandson of ten does not go to bed without hearing yet another story from his grandfather.

Thus inspired by such Greats, his writing became more and more compelling, as he expressed his anguish at the pathos around him, the grim reality of human situations, and his hope to find peace.



*When rituals and ceremonies
Deluded man from the right path
When the winds of violence
Put out the flame of the heart
Then, offering the nectar of knowledge
You resurrected the breath of the world
Oh jewel of humanity
Obeisance to you, many many times!*

“Tumko Pranam! Shat Shat Pranam”
poem in Hindi by Dulichand Jain,
published in Jain Bharati,
Kolkata, Jan 1957

He ranked top most in the “Bharatiya Hindi Parangat” examination conducted by “Ahkil Bhartiya Hindi Parishad” in 1954. In the same year, he passed the “Uttama” examination conducted by Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag. After that there was no looking back.

He slowly and steadily educated himself, drawing inspiration and good character from his father, Shri Poonamchand Jain, a simple and humble man. His mother, Smt. Sugani Devi was a content and loving woman.

In 1960 he married Anoop Devi who became a constant source of strength to him. She is not just a perfectionist homemaker; she is also a lover of good literature. In his own words, she is his most interested listener and constructive critic. And just like him, an avid reader and a great storyteller herself.

The International University

of Contemporary Studies



Founded 1948

Greetings

Be it known that

DULICHAND JAIN

has completed the Course of Instruction as prescribed by this Institution and having
completed with all scholastic requirements for graduation is awarded this

Degree

declaring that the recipient has been duly inscribed upon the registry of this University as

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LITERATURE

with all rights, honors and privileges appertaining thereto.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and
caused the University seal to be affixed this fifth day of February in the year 2001
at Washington D.C., U.S.A.

[Signature]
Registrar

[Signature]
President

[Signature]
Dean of instruction



EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

He is a living example of karuna. He uses all his material and spiritual resources and energies into expounding the values of compassion; for it is compassion that eventually makes human beings human.

*Pujyashri Chitrabhanuji,
Founder, Jain Meditation International Centre,
New York*

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- © L.L.B. – 1962
- © “Sahitya Ratna” by Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, 1954
- © “Sanskrit Madhyama” and “Sahityalankar” from Sanskrit Vishvavidyalaya, Kashi in 1952 and Hindi Vidyapeeth, Devghar, Bihar in 1954
- © His quest for knowledge deepened with age and in 1990, at the age of 54, he passed the “Jain Kovid” examination from Jain Vidya Patrachar Pathyakram, Indore.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- © DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY IN LITERATURE: International University of Contemporary Studies, Washington evaluated his writings in 2001 and honoured him by conferring a Ph.D on him.
- © The Hon. Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India recognized his educational service and nominated him to the National Governing Council of Rajeev Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development under the Ministry of Youth Affairs in 1999 for a period of 3 years and extended it further till the year 2013-14.

DEDICATED TO EDUCATION

Today Dulichand Jain is an inspiring force in many organizations which are devoted to the twin goals of education and humane values. His life's mission is to spread the message of karuna or compassion throughout the world. As a seeker it was his most important learning and in turn, what he wants to bring home to his fellow human beings is, that Compassion is the key to personal evolution as well as universal peace.

Dulichand Jain has raised funds amounting to over Rupees FIVE CRORES from philanthropists for the development of Institutions. He has rendered untiring service to these organizations and assisted them in building their infra-structure and in their overall growth.

© PRESIDENT - Karuna International

With a clear vision, Karuna International was started by a group of dedicated social workers under the able leadership of Dulichand Jain as President in the year 1995.

The primary objective of Karuna International is to inculcate humane values in the hearts and minds of young children so that they will have compassion towards all living beings. Such compassion is a much needed tool to protect and preserve our environment.

Today, it is indeed heartening to know that Karuna Club programs are conducted in 2100 schools and colleges in 12 states of India. Hundreds and thousands of students are learning the values of compassion, non-violence and vegetarianism. To spread this campaign all over the country, 35 Kendras (Centres) have been established. The organization conducts Teachers and Students Training Programs regularly.

The organization has published 25 books in different languages and also produced 11 C.D.Roms in English and Hindi. Dulichand Jain works diligently towards these publications. He is also the editor of their "Karuna Monthly Newsletter" which furnishes reports of Karuna Club programmes and activities throughout the country.

“Shri D.C.Jain’s able leadership, characterised by peace and harmony, and dedicated guidance over the past 12 years as President of Karuna International deserve heartfelt congratulations.”

*Shri Surendra M. Mehta, President,
Research Foundation for Jainology*

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Educational Trust, Chennai

A non-profit organization, this was started in 1988 to promote educational institutions in rural areas. It presently runs five schools where 4000 students are receiving value based education. Dulichand Jain is a Founder Trustee of this organization and serves as President since 1996.

© VICE-PRESIDENT - Vivekananda
Educational Society, Chennai

This is a non-profit educational organization running 21 schools in remote (most backward and neglected) areas of Chennai, providing quality education to 26000 Students. Dulichand Jain is a member of the Management Committee since 1985. He was the treasurer and is now Vice – President since the year 1999.

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Vidya Kala Ashram, Chennai

This is a non-profit residential school established in 2002 amidst spacious green surroundings. At present 500 students are studying here, and benefitting from the school’s ideal emphasis on character building.

“A proactive and goal oriented personality...I have immense faith in his endeavours.”

*(Late) Shri Nemichand Jain,
eminent thinker & journalist*

© PATRON - Vidya Bharathi All India Educational Organization Tamilnadu State Unit

This organization promotes national cultural values in 200 schools in Tamilnadu. Mr. Jain is associated with it since 1989. He has served as Treasurer for 10 years, as Vice-President for 13 years and is now a Patron.

© FOUNDER SECRETARY - Jain Vidyashram, Puzhal, Chennai

This is a residential – cum - day school established in 1987 on 10 acres of land and is a non-profit service project. Mr. Jain held the position of Founder Secretary of this school from 1987 to 2002. At present 3500 students study here.

© Research Foundation for Jainology, Chennai

This Institute was established in 1985 and promotes research studies in Jainology. It has established the Department of Jainology in The University of Madras, thereby enabling M.A, M.Phil and Ph.d students in their quest for higher learning and research. Mr. Jain served as Secretary from 1987 to 2002.

AN INSPIRING SPEAKER

Dulichand Jain has addressed many social forums and educational institutions about Moral Education, Humane Values and Jaina Philosophy. He has also given lectures at Swadhyayi Training Programmes.

© During Paryushan Parva

For the last 18 years, Mr. Jain has presented discourses during the 8 days of Paryushan Parva, the Jaina religious festival. His discourses cover a wide range of religious concepts such as right knowledge, right faith, right conduct, austerities, theory of Karma, scriptural studies, twelve contemplations, education, humane values and vegetarianism.

© At Chicago, USA

He was invited as a guest speaker in July 2001 to Chicago, U.S.A. at the International Jaina Convention organized by the Federation of Jain Association of North America. He presented two papers on “Importance of Non-Violence in modern Age” and “Karuna Clubs: an effective medium to propagate non-violence and vegetarianism”.

© At Karuna International Conferences

He has been the Chief organizer of 16 National Conferences of Karuna International in different parts of India where he has delivered lectures and guided thousands of teachers and Karuna activists.

© At Karuna Clubs

Since 1995, Mr. Jain has given more than 500 speeches on life-values, with a stress on compassion and non-violence in schools and colleges.

“The philosophy of consumerism is based purely on amoral principles, where self-interest is predominant and social welfare occupies secondary place... Today people in America own and consume twice as much as they did in 1950. The question arises whether they are twice as much happy as they were in 1950!”

Dulichand Jain at the International Jaina Convention, Chicago, U.S.A.

© At World Vegetarian Conferences

Mr. Jain actively participated in organizing an International Conference on Vegetarianism in Chennai in 1993. He also participated in the World Vegetarian Congress at Goa in September 2006 and presented a paper titled “Karuna and Vegetarianism.”

© Participation in Research Foundation for Jainology Seminars

He has participated in more than 40 lectures and 5 national seminars organized by Research Foundation for Jainology, Chennai at Madras University. These were addressed by eminent Jain scholars from all over India.

RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTED

© “Ancient Jaina temples of Tamilnadu” at Seminar on Jaina Heritage of Tamilnadu; organised by Rishabheve Foundation, Delhi at Chennai, Tamilnadu - March 1995

© “Jain vidya ke vikas ka rachanatmak karyakram” at Prakrit Language and Jain Vidya Sammelan; organised by Shri. Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh, Mysore, Karnataka - Nov 1996

© “Suman Muni sahitya: ek vivechan” at Jain Vidya Goshthi; organised by Shri. S.S.Jain Sangh (T.Nagar), Chennai, Tamilnadu - Oct 1999

“There is a need to see the world and our very selves in a new light.”

Dulichand Jain

© “Jainagam mein bhartiya shiksha ke mulya” at Jain Vidya Goshthi; organised by Shri. S.S.Jain Sangh (Sowcarpet), Chennai, Tamilnadu - Aug 1998

© “Jain parampara mein swadhyay” at Jain Vidya Goshthi; organised by Shri. S.S.Jain Sangh (T.Nagar), Chennai, Tamilnadu - Oct 1999

© “The eternal message of Jaina wisdom” at Wisdom of India Seminar; organised by Shri. Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Chennai, Tamilnadu - Jan 2002

© “Relevance of philosophy of Lord Mahavira in modern times” at All India Oriental Conference, Chennai; organised by All India Oriental Conference, Poona, Maharashtra - May 2000

© “Relevance of non-violence in modern society” at International Seminar on Mahavira & Ahimsa in 21st Century; organised by B.L. Institute, New Delhi - April 2001

© “Educational values taught by Lord Mahavira” at Seminar on Educational Values; organised by Vidya Bharati Tamilnadu, Chennai - July 2002

© “Non-violence for world peace and harmony” at Seminar on Ahimsa and World Peace; organised by Shri Jain Sangh, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu - April 2007



A GIFTED WRITER

Dulichand Jain started expressing his innermost thoughts in the form of poetry at a very young age. By the age of 20, he had authored at least 30 inspiring poems and articles, many of which were published in popular magazines. He has authored many books on Jainism as mentioned here.

© Jinavani ke Moti

This 350-page book in Hindi was published in 1993 and its second edition was brought out in 2000. It contains a selection of 600 inspiring Aphorisms on 71 subjects from the Jain Agamas in original Prakrit with Hindi Translation. It has been published by Parshvanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. This is a research publication.

© Pearls of Jaina Wisdom

The English translation of the above book was published by Parshvanath Vidyapeeth in 1997. It contains 360 pages. This book is also a research publication.

© Springs of Jaina Wisdom

An abridged version of “Pearls of Jaina Wisdom”, this is published in Hindi and English. It contains 250 inspiring aphorisms of Lord Mahavira. The first edition was published in 1999. So far, 51 editions with more than 75000 copies of this book have been sold in India and abroad.

© Universal Message of Lord Mahavira

Published by Parshvanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi in 2005, this book is a compilation of speeches and research papers presented by Dulichand Jain in literary seminars, and articles published by various newspapers and magazines.

A DILIGENT EDITOR

Dulichand Jain's contribution to literature is not just as an author, but as an editor who can help other writers find perfection. Here is a list of literature edited by him.

© Sadhana ka Mahayatri: Prajna Maharishi Shri Suman Muni

Published in October 1999 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Sri Suman Muniji Maharaj, who was the secretary and chief Advisor of Jain Shraman Sangh. This is a voluminous work of 600 pages with 50 colour photos.

© Jain Vidya Goshthi Part One

Published in November 1999, it contains 16 Lectures by eminent scholars in a seminar organized by Mr. Jain in 1998 at S.S. Jain Sangh, Sowcarpet, Chennai.

© Jain Vidya Goshthi Part Two

Published in January 2000, it contains 7 lectures by eminent scholars in a seminar organized by Mr. Jain in 1990 at S.S. Jain Sangh, T.Nagar, Chennai.

© Karuna Club Literature published in English & Hindi

- Karuna Club – A Manual
- Karuna Annual Souvenir – an annual publication since 1995
- Karuna Monthly Newsletter – a monthly publication since 2002
- Stories on Compassion Part - I, II, III
- Karuna Ras Barsata Chal (Poetry book on Karuna)
- Humane Values: Karuna Book 1
- Syllabus on Humane Education

A PERSONAL GLIMPSE



DHRUV, Grand son: I have never heard my Dada raise his voice. In his face, there is always kindness.

SANDHYA, Daughter-in-law: To me, Papaji is a fountain of compassion. I feel that he can forgive and forget more easily than anyone I have ever met.

ADITI, Grand daughter: However early I wake up, how is it that Dada is always awake before me?

MAHENDAR CHORDIA, Son-in-law: What makes him special is his diligence and dedication, but most importantly, his simplicity and humility.

AKSHAT, Grand son: No one can tell as many inspiring stories as my Dada and Dadi.

PRABODH, Son: Our home is always filled with books. We grew up with more books than toys. That was an exceptional gift our father gave us.

HARSHALATA, an admirer: Once he sees the potential in you, he will go out of his way to help you make something of your life. He is unconditional in his giving.



MANASVI CHORDIA, Grand daughter: To date, Nana looks more like a student than any of us.

TARA, Daughter-in-law: My father-in-law gave me one of the most sensitive pearls of advice when I was a newly wed bride. He said, "Spend an hour or two in the mornings and evenings over household chores. The rest, devote to reading and pursuing your creative interests."

UTKARSH, Grand son: My grandfather is untiring, the more the work, the happier he looks.

PRANAV, Son: What was special about our childhood was that we went on a vacation to new places every year and our father showed us the wonders of India with great interest.

PRATIBHA, Daughter: Since my young days, these words of Papaji always ring in my ears, "Persist until you are satisfied, this is the way to find joy in whatever you do."

JIGYASA GIRI, an admirer: Uncle's calm, serene and handsome countenance is a perfect reflection of the ideals he believes in.



DULICHAND JAIN HONOURED

- ⊙ **INDIRA GANDHI SADBHAVNA AWARD**
Conferred by The National Integration and Economic Council. This award recognises men and women from various walks of life for their outstanding individual achievements and services and pioneering work in their chosen field and for their contribution to the nation.
November 1997
- ⊙ **KARUNA RATNA AWARD**
Instituted by Surana & Surana International Attorneys Charitable Trust, Chennai in partnership with Karuna International. Bestowed in recognition of a lifetime of exemplary service to the cause of promoting understanding and compassion for all living beings.
December 2007

- ⊙ **SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD**
Conferred by Madras Junior Chamber, Chennai. For his outstanding service to humanity.
September 1998
- ⊙ **LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Conferred by United Writers Association. For his contribution to literature.
April 1999
- ⊙ **RAJASTHAN SHRI AWARD**
Conferred by Rajasthani Association Tamilnadu. For his dedication and service in the field of Education.
October 2003
- ⊙ **SAMAJ BHUSHAN**
Decorated with this title by Oswal Parishad Bangalore. For his commitment in the field of social work.
November 2004
- ⊙ **SEVA RATNA**
Bestowed with this title by Centenarian Trust, Chennai. In recognition of his social work.
October 2005
- ⊙ **SHAKAHAR AND JEEV DAYA PURASKAAR**
conferred by Ahimsa International, New Delhi.
October 2010
- ⊙ **JAIN SEVA RATNA AWARD**
Conferred by Sri Jain Seva Sangh, Mumbai.
December 2011
- ⊙ **Felicited by World Jain Confederation, Mumbai.**
December 2013

“Shri D.C. Jain, the suave and soft spoken Vice-President of Vivekananda Educational society, is a noble exemplar of the twin qualities of humane action and compassionate reaction in all situations in life. We are all gratefully aware of his distinguished service in effectively spreading the message of love and affection towards living beings by the youngsters in schools through the Karuna Clubs. May his ideology permeate the upcoming younger generations in all the long years to come.”

*CV Narsimhan, IPS (Retired), President -
Vivekananda Educational Society*

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