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ॐ Jainism (Jain Dharma) –



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Origin of Jainism

- The word **Jain** comes from “**Jina**”, meaning **victor or conqueror of senses**.
- Jainism believes in **24 Tirthankaras** (spiritual teachers).

S.No	Names of Tirthankara	Sacred symbol	S.No	Names of Tirthankara	Sacred symbol
1	Adinatha	Bull	13	Vimalanatha	Boar
2	Ajitanatha	Elephant	14	Anantanatha	Eagle
3	Sambhavanath	Horse	15	Dharmanatha	Vajra
4	Abinandanatha	Monkey	16	Shantinatha	Antelope
5	Sumantinatha	Heron or red goose	17	Kunthunatha	Goat
6	Padmaprabha	Padma	18	Aranatha	Nandyavarta or fish
7	Suparshvanatha	Swastika	19	Mallinatha	Kalasha
8	Chandraprabha	Crescent moon	20	Munisuvarta	Tortoise
9	Pushpadanta	Crocodile	21	Naminatha	Blue lotus
10	Shitalanatha	Shrivatsa		Neminathji	Conch
11	Shreyasanatha	Rhino	23	Parasvanatha	Sesnaga (seven headed snake)
12	Vasupujiya	Buffalo	24	Mahavira	Lion

◆ Founder of Jainism

- **First Tirthankara: Rishabhdev (Adinath)**
- **Real organizer and reformer: Lord Mahavira**
- Mahavira gave Jainism a **systematic and organized form**.

◆ Important Features

- Jain religious teachers are called **Tirthankaras**.
- **Rishabhdev** is mentioned in the **Rigveda**.

◆ The 24 Tirthankaras (Summary Table)

No.	Tirthankara	Symbol	Nirvana Place
1	Rishabhdev (Adinath)	Bull	Mount Ashtapada (Kailash)
22	Arishtanemi (Neminath)	Conch	Girnar



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No. Tirthankara	Symbol	Nirvana Place
23 Parshvanath	Snake	Sammed Shikhar
24 Mahavira Swami	Lion	Pavapuri

◆ **Note:**

- **Sammed Shikhar (Parasnath Hill)** is the most important **Nirvana site**.

◆ **23rd Tirthankara – Parshvanath**

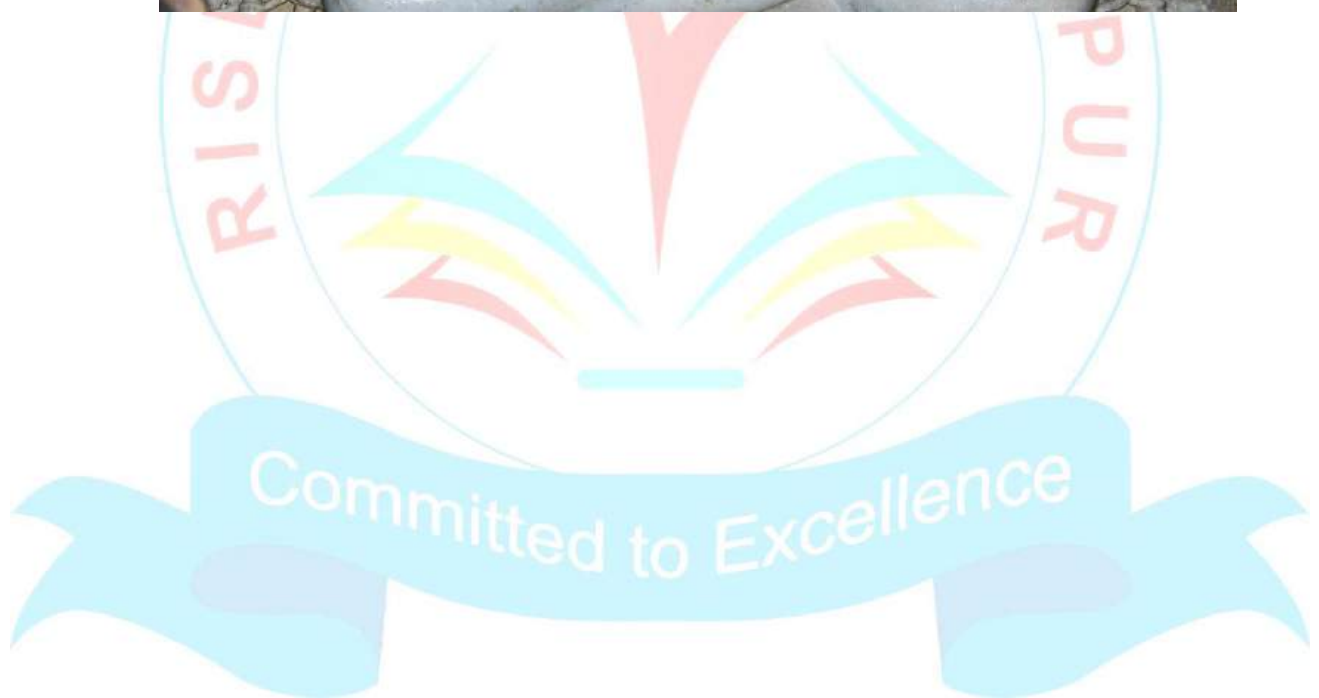
- Birth: **Varanasi**
- Attained enlightenment after **84 days of penance**
- Gave **Four Great Vows**:
 1. Non-violence (Ahimsa)
 2. Truth (Satya)
 3. Non-possession (Aparigraha)
 4. Non-stealing (Asteya)
- Nirvana at **Sammed Shikhar** at age **100**
- Lived **250 years before Mahavira**

◆ **24th & Last Tirthankara – Lord Mahavira**

Committed to Excellence



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Personal Life

- Birth: **540 BCE** (Jain belief: **599 BCE**)
- Birthplace: **Kundagram, Vaishali (Bihar)**
- Father: **Siddhartha**
- Mother: **Trishala**
- Childhood name: **Vardhaman**
- Wife: **Yashoda**



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- Daughter: Priyadarshana

Important Events

- Left home at **30 years**
- Attained **Kaivalya (Supreme Knowledge)** at **42 years**
- Enlightenment under **Sal Tree**
- First sermon at **Rajgriha (Vipulachal Hill)**
- Language of preaching: **Ardha-Magadhi (Prakrit)**
- Nirvana: **468 BCE at Pavapuri**
- Lived **72 years**

◆ Extra Facts

- First female disciple: **Chandana**
- Friend: **King Bimbisara**
- Also called **Jina, Arihant, Kevalin, Sarvagya**

◆ Philosophy of Jainism

◆ Three Jewels (Tiratna)

1. **Right Knowledge**
2. **Right Faith**
3. **Right Conduct**

◆ Five Great Vows (Panch Mahavrata)

- Ahimsa (Non-violence)
- Satya (Truth)
- Asteya (Non-stealing)
- Aparigraha (Non-possession)
- **Brahmacharya** (added by Mahavira)

◆ Anuvrata

- Relaxed vows for **householders**
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◆ Anekantavada / Syadvada

- Doctrine of **relative truth**
- Truth can be seen from **seven viewpoints (Saptabhangi)**

◆ Atheism in Jainism

- Jainism **does not believe in God**
- Universe is **eternal and real**
- Six substances:
 - Soul (Jiva)
 - Matter (Pudgala)
 - Dharma
 - Adharma
 - Space
 - Time

◆ Sallekhana / Santhara

- Voluntary death by **fasting**
- Also called **Samadhi Maran**
- **Chandragupta Maurya** adopted it at **Shravanabelagola**

◆ Jain Councils

Council	Place	Year	President	Result
First	Pataliputra	322 BCE	Sthulabhadra	Division into Digambar & Shwetambar
Fifth	Vallabhi	512 CE	Devardhigani	Compilation of Jain texts

◆ Sects of Jainism



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Basis	Shwetambar	Digambar
Clothes	Wear white clothes	Nude monks
Women	Can attain salvation	Cannot
Mahavira	Married	Unmarried
Mallinath	Female	Male

✦ **Yapaniya Sect** followed beliefs of both.

◆ Jain Literature

- Known as **Agam Texts**
- 12 Angas, 12 Upangas, 10 Prakirnas
- Famous texts:
 - **Kalpasutra** – Bhadrabahu
 - **Bhagwati Sutra** – 16 Mahajanapadas
 - **Adipurana** – Jinasena

▼ Causes of Decline of Jainism

- Excessive emphasis on **Ahimsa**
- Complex rituals & severe penance
- Lack of royal patronage
- Rise of **Buddhism**
- Revival of **Brahmanism**

✓ Exam Ready Takeaway

- Jainism = **Non-violence + Self-discipline**
- Mahavira = **Final reformer**
- Sammed Shikhar & Pavapuri = **Most important places**