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This report summarizes my activities in India with regards to the upcoming event of the One Hundredth Year celebration of the Parliament of World Religion 1993 and first Jain Shri Virchand R. Gandhi's visit of USA for spreading the message of Jain Religion.

Particularly I have concentrated in reviewing and gathering Shri V. R. Gandhi's literature. Most of his published literature is out of print. However with the cooperation of many individuals I was able to bring back the copies of his literature.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and support provided by Dr. Kumarpal Desai, Shri C. N. Sanghvi, Shri Pannalal Shah, Dr. Lalit Shah, Dr. Kanubhai Sheth, Dr. Naginbhai Shah, Shri Jitubhai Shah, Dr. Hemant Shah, and Shri R. P. Jain. Shri Kumarpal Desai has spent several days with me to put together the overall plan of reprinting Shri V. R. Gandhi's literature. Without his guidance and support I would not have accomplished the task.

Readers of this report are requested to identify any errors, misrepresentations, any omissions of some material, or any other suggestion or information you might have which will enhance the celebration of the one hundredth year of Shri V. R. Gandhi and the World Religions Parliament.

Thank You and Jai Jinendra.

CC - Kumarpal Desai, C.N. Sanghvi, Pannalal Shah, Lalit Shah, R.P. Jain, Geetaben Jain, Naginbhai Shah, Kanubhai Sheth, Hemant Shah, Jitu Shah, Sulekh Jain, Prem Gada, S.K. Jain.

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A. Survey of Shri Virchand R. Gandhi's Literature

Published works of Shri Virchand R. Gandhi

Title	Pages	Year	Language
1. Jaina Philosophy - Speeches and Writings of Virchand R. Gandhi Collected by Bhagu F. Karbhari Publisher - Shri Agamodaya Samiti Bombay	(16+359)	1907	English
2. Karma Philosophy - Speeches and Writings of Shri Virchand R. Gandhi Collected by - Bhagu F. Karbhari Publisher - Shri Agamodaya Samiti Bombay	(30+191)	1913	English
3. Yoga Philosophy - Speeches and Writings of Virchand R. Gandhi Collected by Bhagu F. Karbhari Publisher - Shri Agamodaya Samiti Bombay	(29+280)	1912	English
4. The Unknown Life of Jesus Christ Publisher - Shri Virchand R. Gandhi from an ancient manuscript. This book was published while he was in Chicago.	128	1894	English
5. Essay - Radva Kutvani Hanikarak Chal Author and Publisher - Shri Virchand R. Gandhi	(37)	1886	Gujarati
6. The Systems of Indian Philosophy Editor - Dr. K. K. Dixit Publisher - Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya Bombay	(44+148)	1970	English Speeches and Writings of Shri Virchand R. Gandhi
7. Savirya-Dhyan first published second edition Author - Acharya Shri Shubhachandradev Translator - Shri Virchand R. Gandhi Commentary - Anandnandan Lalan Complied - Shri Pannalal R. Shah Publisher - The Jain Association of India Bombay	(24+134)	1902 1989	Gujarati Gujarati

8. Selected speeches of V. R. Gandhi

1964

English

Selected speeches taken from books 1, 2, and 3.

Publisher - Vallabh Smarak Nidhi, Bombay

Unpublished work of Shri V. R. Gandhi

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Shri Pannalal Shah of Bombay indicated that in 1964, the Jain community in India had celebrated the one hundredth year birth celebration of Shri V. R. Gandhi. At that time the family members of Shri V. R. Gandhi had donated his unpublished works, letters, medals, and other material to Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya.

I visited Vidyalaya along with Shri C. N. Sanghvi. The Vidyalaya could not locate any material except two medals. Also, the people there have no knowledge of such materials.

With my follow up meeting with Shri Pannalalbhaj, he indicated that he would follow up the matter and let us know the status.

Other Related Literature of Shri V. R. Gandhi

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1. Chicago Prashnottar-Questions & Answers (8+111) 1905 Hindi
Author - Shri Vijayanad Suri (known as Shri Atmaramji Maharaj)

- Shri Atmaramji Maharaj received the invitation as a member of the Advisory Council of the Parliament of the Religions to be held in Chicago in 1893.
- He deputed Shri Virchand R. Gandhi to represent him as a representative of Jain Religion.
- This book was prepared in preparation for the conference.

2. Herbert Warren's Jainism
Herbert Warren studied Jainism under the guidance of Shri V. R. Gandhi during Mr. Gandhi's stay in England. He published the above book based on the teachings of Shri Gandhi.

3. Vishva Dharma Parishad and Jain Dharma 1963 Hindi
Author - Prof Pruthviraj Jain
Publisher - Shri Vallabh Smarak Nidhi, Bombay
This book explains under what circumstances, the World Religions of Parliament convene and Shri Atmaramji Maharaj and Shri V. R. Gandhi participated. (I do not have copy of this book).

4. Budhdhi-Prabha (A Jain Journal - Gujarati)

In 1964, the Jain community in India had celebrated the one hundredth birth day celebration of Shri V. R. Gandhi. A Jain Gujarati journal called Budhdhi-Prabha had published a special issue on August 10, 1964 dedicated to Shri V. R. Gandhi covering many articles about his life and work.

5. Shri Atmaramji Maharaj - A book on his work and biography

In a memory of Shri Atmaraji Maharaj, a volume of his work and biography was published. Several articles are dedicated to V. R. Gandhi. (Shri Kanubhai Sheth of L.D. Indology has this book).

6. Shri Virchand R. Gandhi - Biography in Gujarati (25) 1964
Author - Kantilal Upadhyay
Publisher - Divya Jnan Sangh

7. Shri Virchand R. Gandhi - Biography in Gujarati (64) 1988
Author - Pannalal R. Shah
Publisher - Jaybhikhkhu Sahitya Trust

Awards received by Virchand R. Gandhi

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1. Gold Medal

Awarded by - Kutchhi Dasha Oswal Jain Community, Bombay

Awarded to - Virchand Raghavji Gandhi, B.A. MRAS
Starter of Jainism
August 19, 1896.

2. Silver Medal

A token of Esteem and Unity "The Occident to the Orient"
from the spiritualist of CASSADAGA Camp.

Awarded to - Virchand R. Gandhi.
August 25, 1894

B. Jain International's Activities on Shri V. R. Gandhi

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Jain International (Dr. Lalit Shah) has planned to complete the following activities related to V. R. Gandhi.

1. Jain Philosophy - A book on consolidated work of Shri V. R. Gandhi on Jainism.

Dr. Naginbhai Shah has completed the work which is ready to print. This book combines the work of the following two books of Shri V. R. Gandhi in a systematic manner.

- Jaina Philosophy and
- Karma Philosophy

2. Collection of Shri V. R. Gandhi's photographs and other materials, while visiting various cities in India such as Mahuva,

Bhavnagar, Bombay, Ludhiana (Punjab) etc. Dr. Kanubhai Sheth is actively pursuing this activity.

Since all Jains are collectively celebrating this event, Lalit Shah felt that it will be appropriate if we could publish the Jain Philosophy book together with other books of Shri V. R. Gandhi.

C. Republishing of Shri V. R. Gandhi's Literature

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I had several meetings with Dr. Kumarpal Desai with regards to the publishing of Shri V. R. Gandhi's literature for this occasion.

The following is our joint recommendation:

Publish the following books:

1. Jain Philosophy book as prepared by Dr. Nagin Shah under Jain International (accept Lalit Shah's offer).
2. The Systems of Indian Philosophy (reprint)
3. The Yoga Philosophy (reprint)
4. The Unknown Life of Jesus Christ (reprint)
5. Shri V. R. Gandhi's biography
Rewrite the biography in English using all the information available including his current family tree.

Dr. Kumarpal Desai will obtain the necessary permission to reprint the above books.

We also agreed that all the books to are be computerized and should go through spell and grammar checking correction before printing as follows:

- Data entry in computer will be done in India.
- Spell and Grammar correction will be done in USA.
- Final Laser printing (master draft) will be done in USA.
- Printing may be done in India or USA depending upon the total cost estimate.

D. Exhibition of Shri V. R. Gandhi

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The following is the suggested list of items that may be included

in the exhibition:

- Literature of Shri V. R. Gandhi (Original work)
 - Photographs
 - Statues of Shri V. R. Gandhi and Shri Atmaramji
 - Medals
 - Original hand written notes and articles
 - News clips and announcements of various newspapers
 - List of places visited and organizations in USA and Europe
 - Other accomplishments
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E. Committee's Action

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The Jaina executive committee on the Parliament of World's Religions 1993 requires the action on the following items

1. Nomination of a committee of Indian coordinators including the name of Indian committee chair person or a nomination of a single coordinator.

The following people may be included in the committee in India (this is my recommendation).

Shri Kumarpal Desai Ahmedabad Chair person
Shri Pannalal Shah Bombay
Shri Lalit Shah Ahmedabad
Shri C. N. Sanghvi Bombay
Shri R. P. Jain Delhi

2. Approval of reprinting the literature of Shri V. R. Gandhi as defined in this report or with some modification.
Identify US/India coordinator for various tasks.
3. Approval of V. R. Gandhi's exhibition hall at the Parliament and its content.
Identify US/India coordinator for various tasks.
4. Financing and its term and condition for each activity

F. Summary of My Responsibilities

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I would like to sign up for the following responsibilities to complete the project successfully.

1. Provide overall coordination for republishing activity of Shri V. R. Gandhi's literature.
2. Provide spell and grammar checking supports to all the books.

3. Compile the biography of Shri V. R. Gandhi in English. Since Dr. Kumarpal Desai does not have time to accomplish this task.

G. Other Items

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Meeting with R. P. Jain in Delhi:

R. P. is a very dedicated and enthusiastic person and is very much interested in carrying out the mission of Jaina and World Religions of Parliament.

With him, I visited Acharya Vidyanandi of Digamber sect, Atma Vallabha Smarak Place (Shri Rajkumar Jain), Anuvrat Bhuvan (Shri Rakesh muni of Terapanth sect), Acharya Shushil Muni's ashram (Sadhvi Sadhanaji and Gautam Oswal), Digamber Jain Mahila Ashram, Digamber Jain Balashram, Justice Mangelal Jain, and Smt Inderjit Gopal Singh. At all these places we made them aware about the upcoming convention of the Parliament of World Religions and the one hundredth year celebration of Shri V. R. Gandhi's visit to USA.

There is a big movement in Delhi with regards to the publication of a postage stamp of Swami Vivekanand next year for this occasion. R. P. Jain is working with the proper authorities to include Shri V. R. Gandhi's picture on this new postage stamp publication. He needs more support and material from us to accomplish this task.

R. P. also needs the copy of the news letter of various Jain centers of USA so that he can circulate the news to the Jain community around the Delhi area.

Meeting with Geetaben Jain (Bombay)

Smt Geetaben is very active in spreading Jain literature to Indian community. She has organized Jain book fairs at various places. She took active participation in the organization of the Jain news reporters convention held in Dholka two years ago.

She has offered the following services for the upcoming events of Jaina convention and the Parliament of world religions.

1. She can set up a Jain Magazine fair. She has collected more than 100 Jain Magazines published at various places.

2. She can produce the documentary (12 to 15 min each) on
 - Life and work of Shri V. R. Gandhi
 - Vegetarianism
 - Nonviolence
 - Pollution and Environmental issues relating to Jainism

If you would like to pursue any of these matters, please contact her.

