# Vasupujyaswami Kevaljnana Kalyanak - Maha Sud Bij



Vasupujya Bhagwan is the twelfth Tirthankara in the current time cycle.

Parents: King Vasupujya and Queen Jaya Devi

Born in: City of Champa Nagri, India

After attaining Samyak Darshan, Vasupujya took three bhavs to attain Moksha.

**Birth 1** – as King Padmottar, who was devoted to spiritual practices and later in his life took diksha. Due to his penance and spiritual practices, he acquired the Tirthankara naam and gotra karma

Birth 2 - as a celestial being.

**Birth 3** – Whilst Queen Jaya Devi was pregnant, the King of gods, Indra came to convey his veneration, both to the unborn baby and mother. As Indra is also known as Vasu, the new-born was named as Vasupujya (venerated by Vasu). Symbol (Lanchan) is buffalo, and his symbolic colour is red.

Growing up, Vasupujya had no fascination for the regal splendour and grandeur and became increasing disinterested in worldly materialistic life, instead turning inwards. Eventually, he renounced worldly life, took diksha and became an ascetic. Just after a month of taking diksha, Vasupujya achieved kevaljnana under a Patal tree in the garden of Viharagrha.

He had 66 Gandharas and his first sermon – Deshna was on **Dharma Durlabh Bhavna** – Contemplation of which focuses on the proper understanding of what Dharma – religion is and how important and beneficial it can be in our worldly and spiritual life.

Vasupujya Bhagwan attained moksha at Champa Nagri together with 600 other ascetics.

## Champapur Jain Tirth

(also known as Champanagri Jain Tirth) Located in Champapur, near Bhalgapur in Bihar.

Mulnayak – main Pratima is that of Vasupujya Bhagwan. This tirth is known as the only place where all five kalyanaks namely – Chavan, Jamna, Diksha, Kevaljnana and Nirvan (moksha) of Vasupujya Bhagwan took place.

It is said, according to local tradition, that Adinath Bhagwan, Parshwanath Bhagwan and Mahvirswami all visited this place. Mahavirswami is said to have spent his third and twelfth Chaturmas (monsoon) here.

Mahavirswami's devotees – Shravak Kamadeva, Shree Sudarshan Sheth (Emperor Shripala) and Chandanbala were all born at this place also.



### Champapur Jain Tirth



## "Om Hrim Shri Vasupujya Swami Sarvagnay Namah"

With every breath I take today, I vow to be awake, And every step I take, vow to take with a grateful heart. So I may see with eyes of love into the hearts of all I meet, To ease their burden when I can And touch them with a smile of peace

#### MY WISH ...

I May live to learn well, and learn to live well. I May never speak to deceive nor listen to betray. My joys be as deep as the ocean, and misfortunes as light as its foam. My pleasures be free from the stings of remorse. My heart never wanders and my tongue never slanders.

#### **MY FEELINGS...**

My feelings of "Maitri" (friendliness) for all. My feelings of "Karma" (Sympathy) for the poor and miserable. My feelings of "Maadhyasta" (indifference) for the ill-virtue. My feelings of "Pramod" (appreciation) for people with virtues. May I always look at good qualities of others and not their follies.

#### **I KEEP AWAY FROM ...**

I keep away from the five infirmities (panch paap) of "Himsa" (causing injury), "Jhoot" (lying) "Chori" (Stealing), "Kusheel" (impurity in relations) and parigrah (excessiveness).

> I keep away from the four passions (Chhar Kashaaye) of "Krodh" (anger), "Maan" (pride), "maaya" (deceit), and "Lobh" (greed).

**I CHOOSE TO BE SIMPLE, TRUTHFUL AND HELPFUL TOWARDS ALL.** 

We know that life is temporary. We know that life is uncertain, We know that nothing accompanies Us to the other worlds Except our good deeds & our character. But somehow, most of us, most of the time, forget These simple facts of life and live our lives as if we Are going to continue here forever.

### THOUGHTS FOR ALL TIME

#### STUTIS

Dodi dodi aavyo prabhu tari pas Anant bhavono hun chhun taro das Ek aj mari puri karjo Aash, Dukhiyarana dukh karjo nash

Hu Kyanthi aavyo kya jawano, teni kain khabar nathi, To pan prabhu lampat bani, Hu kshanik suckh chhodu nahi, Sudev, suguru, sudharma sthano malya pan sadhya nahin, Shu thase prabhu marun, Chalaak thai manavbhav Chukyo sahi