# MUNISUVRATHA BHAGWAN

Rajgriha Tirth

Bharuch, Gujarat

MUNISUVRATA SWAMI
Oshwal Jinalya Derasar,
Nairobi. Kenya

## Munisuvratha Kevaljnana Kalyanak

### Maha Vad Baras

On this day, Jains try & do at least one 'mala' reciting:

## "Om Hrim Shri Munisuvratha Sarvagnay Namah"

Je drashti Prabhu darshan kare,
te drashtine pan dhanya chhe,
Je jibha Jinavarane stave,
te jibhane pan dhanya chhe;
Piye mudhä väni sudhä,
te karna yugalane dhanya chhe,
Tuj näm mantra smaran kare,
te hridayane pan dhanya chhe.

The one, who is fortunate to do Darshan of Jineshvar Bhagawän, his eyes are truly blessed. The one, who is fortunate to sing Stavans in praise of Jineshvar Bhagawän, his speech is truly blessed. The one, who is fortunate to listen to the teachings of Jineshvar Bhagawän, his ears are truly blessed. The one who is fortunate to meditate upon Jineshvar Bhagawän, his heart is truly blessed.

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**Munisuvrata Swami Jain Derasar, Nairobi.** Pratistha Mahotsav was held in February 1984.

**Rajgriha Tirth** – Four Kalyanaks of Munisuvrata, namely Chavan, Jamna, Diksha & Kevaljnana took place at Rajgriha. The Mulnayak Pratima of Munisuvrata Swami shown, dates back to 1447AD and was installed by a shravak named Jindas.

**Bharuch, Gujarat,** situated on the banks of river Narmada. Pratima of Munisuvrata Swami in black colour seated in a lotus posture. Jain tradition states that Munisuvrata Swami gave a religious discourse here which was heard and understood by a horse. The horse in his previous life was a devout shravak who had constructed a Jinalay and thus bound good amount of punya karmas that enabled him to progress on his spiritual path. Unfortunately, he was also very greedy and obsessed with money, which resulted in him born as a horse in his next life. However, due to his bound punya karmas, he found religion also.

It is also stated that Gandhara Gautamswami, visited Bharuch to pay his obeisance to Munisuvrata Swami

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Munisuvrata Bhagwan is the **twentieth Tirthankara** in the current time cycle.

**Parents**: King Sumitra and Queen Padmavati Devi of Harivamah clan. Neminath Bhagwan was born in the Yadav clan. Twenty-two of the other Tirthankaras were all born in the Ikshvaku clan.

**Born in:** the city of Rajgriha

His symbol (Lanchan) is tortoise and is said to be of black complexion.

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

**Birth 1:** as Surshreshta, the king of Champa city in Mahavideha area. He was very devout and after taking diksha, as a result of his devotional worship, secured the Tirthankara-naam-gotra karma.

**Birth 2:** as a celestial being.

**Birth 3:** as Munisuvrata Bhagwan. During her pregnancy, Queen Padmavati Devi took various vows and lead a life as disciplined as a Jain ascetic. Hence the child, when born was named Munisuvrata (vow like ascetic).

In due course, Munisuvrata was married to many Princessess, including Princess Prabhavti, who gave birth to their son, named Suvrata. Munisuvrata succeeded his father as King and ruled successfully for a long time – fifteen thousand years as per Jain tradition. Eventually, his son Suvrata took over and Munisuvrata took diksha to become an ascetic. Eleven years after taking diksha, he achieved kevaljnana under a Champa (campaka) tree in the garden Nilaguha in Rajgriha. His first sermon (deshna) was on 'yatidharma and householders dharma' Yatidharma: Forgiveness, humility, straightforwardness, contentment, truthfulness, self-restraint, austerities, renunciation, non-attachment and chastity.

He had 18 Gandharas. After a long life devoted to propagating religion, he attained Moksha at Samet Shikhar

# JAIN PRAYERS

## Savare Uthata

Shantinath dada shanti aapo; Mahavir dada moksha aapo

Chakeshwari maa raksha karo; Saraswati maa buddhi aapo

Bolo bolo Aadinath dada ki jay;

Bolo bolo Shantinath dada ki jay

Bolo bolo Parshvanath dada ki jay;

Bolo bolo Mahavirswami dada ki jay

Bolo bolo Simandharswami dada ki jay

Bolo bolo GautuamSwami dada ki jay

Bolo bolo Sacha dev ki jay

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## Raatre Soota Bolvanu

Shiyal maare Santhare Gyan mare osike

Samkit Maare hradaye vase ;  Bhar nindrama kaal karun to

Paanche Indriye vosire vosire ; Sonanu kodiyu, Rupani vaat

Aadeshwar dada nu naam leta, sukhe jaye raat

Aadeshwarno Kookado ; Jeev na aave dhukdo

Jivu to samru ; maru to vosire vosire

Navkar tu maaro bhai ; Tare mare sachi sagai

Ant kale yaad aavajoji ; maari bhavna shuddh rakhjoji

Aahar Sharir ne upadhi ; Pachakhu Paap adhar

Maran aave to vosire ; Jeevu to aagar

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Prabhu darisana sukha sampada, prabhu darisana nava-nidha

prabhu darisanathi pamie, sakala padaratha siddha!

bhave jinavara pujie, bhave dije dana!

bhave bhavana bhave, bhave kevala-jnana!

Aavyo Sharne Tamara Jinvar! Karjo, Aash Puri Amari

naavyo bhav paar maharo tum vin jagma, saar le kaun mari.

gaayo Jinraj! Aaji harak adhik thi, param anand kaari.

Payo tum darshanase bhav bhaybharmna, nath! Sarve amari

Bhavo bhay tum charano ni Seva,

hu to magu chhu Deva dhi deva

Samu Juvo ne Sevak Jani, Avee Uday ratna ni vani

Jine bhakti Jine bhakti, Jine bhakti Deene deene:

Sada me Stu, Sada me Stu Sada Me Stu Bhave Bhave.

Upasargah Ksayam yanti, Chhidyante, Vighnavllayah

Manah Prasannatameti, Pujyamane Jineshvare

Sarva mangal mangalyam, Sarva Kalyan Karanam;

Pradhanam Sarva Dharmanam, jainam Jayati Shashanam

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Tubhyam Namastri Bhuvanartiharaya natha

Tubhyam Namah Ksiti Talamala Bhusanaya!

Tubhyam Namastri Jagatah Parameshvaraya

Tubhyam Namo Jina Bhavo Dadhi Shoshanaya!!

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Hu Ek Sudhdha Sada Arupi Gnana Darshan Maya Khare;

Kayi any ate maru jari Paramanu Matra Nathi Aare.

Virah Sarva Surasurendra mahito, Viram Budhah Samshritah;

Vire Nabhihatah Svakarma Nischayo Viraya Nityam Namah!

Virat Tirtha Midam Pravrtta Matulam, Virasya Ghoram Tapo;

Vire Shri Dhrti Kirti Kanti Nischayah, Shri Vira! Bhadram Disha!!

We pray to those who have led the path to salvation, who have destroyed the mountains of karma, and who know the reality of the universe.
We pray to them to acquire their attributes.