



JAIN FESTIVAL AYAMBIL OLI

Shukla Dwadashi – Day 6 of Ayambil Oli Samyag Darshan Pad

Samyag Darshan Pad is symbolised by the colour white and on this day the Ayambil menu includes boiled rice. Samyag Darshan pad has 67 attributes.

Samyag Darshan is the first among the Dharma Tattva. Samyag in Sanskrit means "Right" and Darshan means "Faith" which culminates into right faith or perception. Samyag Darshan is synonymous and often referred to as Samkit, Samyaktva, Bodhi, Samyag Drasti.

The Three Jewels of Jainism known as the RatnaTraya prescribes the path to liberation and consist of Samyag Drashan (right faith/perception) ; Samyag Jnana(right knowledge) and Samyag Charitra (right conduct). Right perception creates an awareness of reality or truth, right knowledge impels the person to proper action, and proper conduct leads him to the attainment of total freedom. They must coexist in a person if one is to make any progress on the path of liberation.

Acharya Umasvati in Tattvartha Sutra defines Samyag Darshan (Right Faith) as: "**Tattvārtha-sraddhānam Samyag-darshanam**" That is, Right Faith is faith in the true nature of substances as they are in its own state.

Right perception consists of seeing the true nature of every substance in the universe. Jainism advocates that one should first try to know, comprehend, and understand the nature of reality, one's own self, religious goal, and the path. One should analyse, examine, test, verify, and then, if satisfied, be convinced of its truth and efficacy. In other words to have insight as well conviction to recognise "truth as truth" and "untruth as untruth" regarding the soul and body and their true nature.



From a practical point of view, this means having total faith in the path of liberation as shown by our Tirthankaras, faith in the words of Apta (Jinas), Agams (scriptures), and Nine Tattvas. It also means as having faith in the right Deva(God); the right Guru (teacher) and the right Dharma(religion) and to develop virtues such as compassion for all living beings and aversions to attachments and earthly possessions.

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There are qualities or Samyag Darshan, which we can introspect and see whether these qualities are present in our self. It is important to note that these qualities are internal. One can introspect oneself and know whether these are present or not. Others will not be able to decide.

Requirements

- Freedom from doubt
- Freedom from desire for worldly comforts
- Freedom from the doubt about the result of religion
- Wisdom to tell truth from non-truth
- Appreciation of the virtuous
- Redemption of non-believers
- Affection towards devotees
- Establishment of right faith

Five internal qualities or "Lakshan" of Samyag Darshan

- Astikya : True Faith in Religion
- Anukampa : Empathy towards all living beings
- Nirved : Realize that World is full of sorrow
- Samveg : Only desire left is to achieve Moksha
- Upasham: Suppressing of our passions or Kashayas such as anger, ego, deceit and greed

Person with Samyag Darshan eliminates following Prides

Pride of:

- Family
- Strength
- Beauty
- Knowledge
- Wealth
- Authority
- Worldly connections
- Spiritual advancement



Samyag Darshan Pad

Ritual:

Khamasnas (x67)

Logassa (x67)

Prayer:

Ohm Hrim Namo

Dansanassa

(x20 malas)

If you wish to participate and are unable to do the above, do as per your capacity and time.