

KUNTUNATH BHAGWAN

Kevaljnana Kalyanak



Pratima of Kunthunath Bhagwan at
Jinalaya in Raipur, Chattisgarh. India



Pratima at Kunthunath Derasar, Jaisalmer,
Rajasthan., which is a near replica of a
Hastinapur temple dedicated to Kunthunath. Four of
Kunthunath kalayanks took
place at Hastinapur



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The event when the Tirthankara's soul totally eradicates the four defiling kinds of karma known as Ghati Karma by the practice of discipline, penance and meditation and attains Kevaljnana (omniscience/absolute knowledge).

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

**“Om Hrim
Shri Kunthunath
Sarvagnay Namah”**

“If somebody is a real symbol of non-violence, love, compassion, peace, harmony, oneness, then he is the perfect Jain. We can't convert any Jains, but you can convert your habits, your mind.”

Acharya Shri Sushil Kumar





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Kunthunath Bhagwan is the seventeenth Tirthankara and the sixth Chakravarti in the current time cycle. Kunthunath has the distinction of attaining the status of Chakravarti and Tirthankara in his last birth.

Parents: King Sursen and Queen Shri Devi

Born in: city of Hastinapura or Hastinapur. Modern day Hastinapur is a small town on the deserted banks of the river Ganga, located some 37 kilometres from Meerut, in Uttar Pradesh, North India.

His symbol (Lanchan) is Goat and symbolic colour is Gold.

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

Birth 1: as King Simhavah, who was a very religious, skilful, and powerful ruler. After many years as King, he rescinded his kingdom and took diksha. He earned the Tirthankara-naam-gotra karma because of his vigorous penance and pure worship.

Birth 2: as a celestial being.

Birth 3: as Kunthunath Bhagwan. Queen Shri Devi saw fourteen auspicious dreams, indicating that the baby was destined to be a Tirthankara. The pregnancy period was of nine months and five days. The 56 Dik-Kumaris and 64 Indras came to celebrate the birth ceremonies as per custom. During her pregnancy, Queen Shri Devi saw a heap of gemstones known as Kunthu. The child born was named Kunthunath.

After succeeding his father as King, the disc shaped jewel – cakra – appeared in his armoury, which enabled him to conquer all regions and thus became a Chakravarti – universal emperor. Kunthunath is the sixth Chakravarti of this time cycle. Jain tradition states that he was in his youth for 23750 years, and as King for 23750 years and as Chakravarti for 23750 years.

Time passed by and King Kunthunath began to get restless. In his meditations, he witnessed his past lives and realised the reason for his birth and the purpose and goal of his life. He renounced his throne, kingdom, fame, fortune, and everything else and after donating for one year – varsidaan – took Diksha, in Sahasramara jungle outside Hastinapur, to



Statue: British Museum

Lifespan: 95000 years

Height: 35 Bows

Chief Ghandara: Svayambhu

Sangh:

Sadhus: 60000

Sadhvis: 60600

Led by Bandhuvati or Damini

Laymen: 100920

Laywomen: 381000

Yaksha: Gandharva

Yakshini: Bala



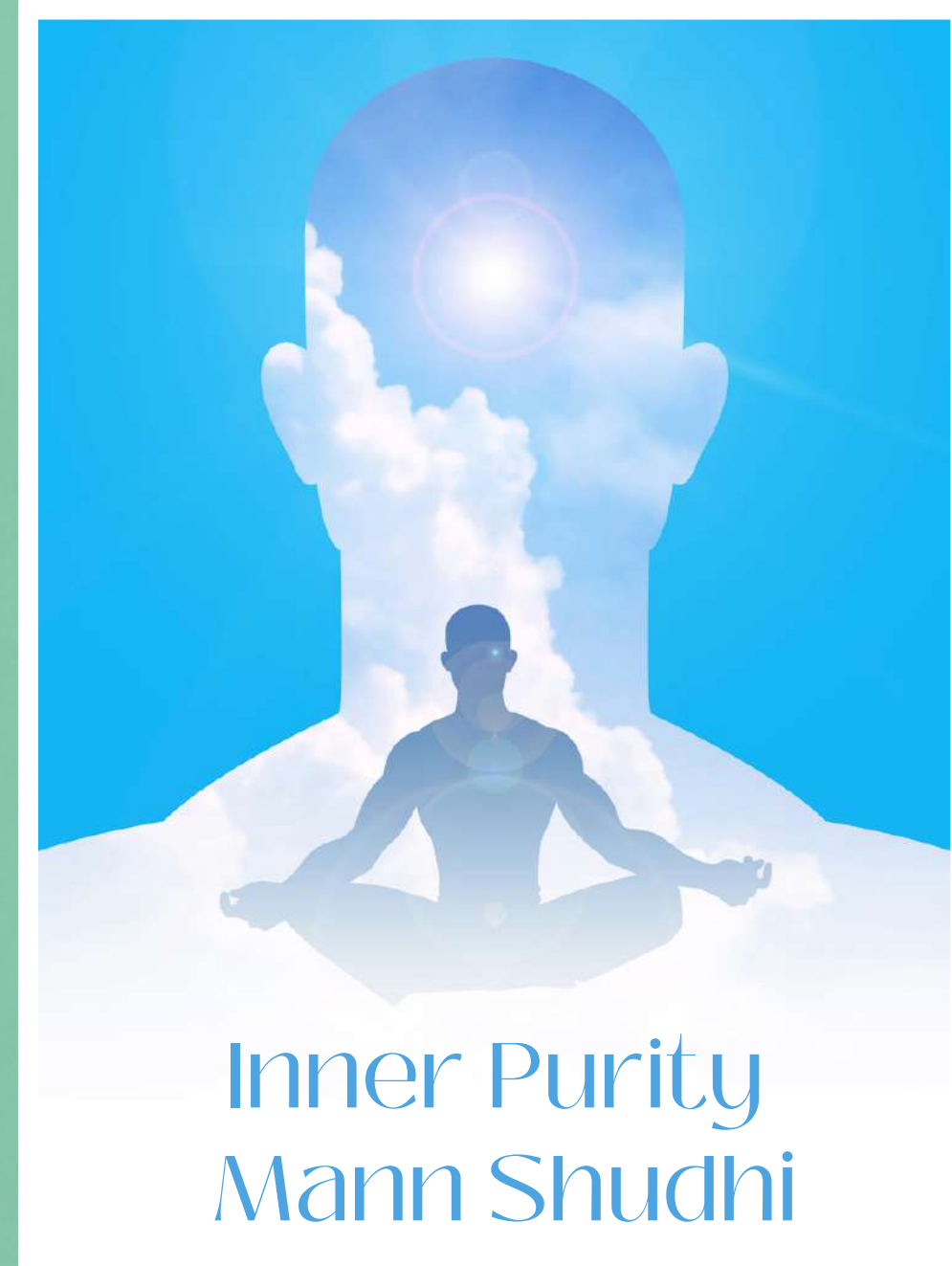
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become an ascetic at the age of 71250 years. The palanquin of Kunthunath was named Vijaya and was accompanied by 1000 other Kings. He observed a two day fast and broke his fast with kher (rice pudding) at the house of King Vyāghrasimha in the town of Cakrapura.

After 16 years as an ascetic, Kunthunath attained Kevaljnana under a Tilak tree in Sahasramara jungle. He had 35 Gandharas, and his first sermon – Deshna was on inner purity/ Mann Shudhi

Kunthunath Bhagwan attained nirvana at Samet Shikhar.



Your own truth frees you. Others' truths bind you.
Our senses are our friend when we control them,
and our enemy when they control us.

- Ram Jain

The key is used for two purposes that are to open the lock and to lock it. Human mind is like a key; it can open the door of the soul and can lock the door of the soul. Declined mind locks the development of the soul, whereas a renounced conscience allows the soul to develop. By opening the door of the soul, our soul can see ourselves, can know the real treasure and can consent it. Real success is to develop the rarely received conscience for sacred devotion. The way a mirror is of no use for a blind man, the same way if any person doing religious activities without purifying his mind, is of no use. We call Tirthankaras 'Jinas' because they can control their minds. We are always trying to defeat the outer or worldly enemies, while we have forgotten that some enemies are reviving in ourselves for allowing them to grow inside is our biggest failure. We always try to win over the world, but the real challenge is not to win over the world but to win over ourselves. The challenge is to win over our mind as our mind is unstable and wonders. It is inconstant. When mind is provoked then senses do sinful acts and if mind doesn't contribute to the senses than it can't do sinful acts. We can control our mind by continuous practice and asceticism

Source: Jaina

