

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



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

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



KUNTUNATH CHAVAN KALYANAK

Ashadh Vad Nom

Kunthunath Bhagwan is the **seventeenth Tirthankara** in the current time cycle.

Parents: King Sursen and Queen Shri Devi

Born in: city of Hastinapur.

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 After many years as King, he rescinded his kingdom and took diksha.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. 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.

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 took Diksha to become an ascetic. After 16 years as a ascetic, Kunthunath attained Kevaljnana under a Tilak tree in Sahasramara jungle outside Hastinapur. He had 35 Gandharas, and his first sermon – Deshna was on **inner purity**.

Kunthunath Bhagwan attained nirvana at Samet Shikhar. Kunthunath has the distinction of attaining the status of Chakravarti and Tirthankara in his last birth.

