



Parshvanath Pratima
at our Ghar Derasar

Parshvanath Nirvan Kalyanak Shravan Sud Aatham

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

**“Om Hrim
Shri Parshvanath
Parangatay
Namah”**



PARSHVANATH BHAGWAN

Parshvanath Bhagwan (also known as Parswanath, Parshvantha, Parsava) is the twenty third Tirthankara of the present cycle. Scholars acknowledge that there is some historical evidence of the existence of Parshvanath, mainly in Buddhist literature.

The soul of Parshvanath achieved moksha in only his tenth birth (bhav). Today, amongst Jains, Parshvanath Bhagwan is one of most revered Tirthankaras and has the maximum number of pratimas (idols) and temples constructed, in devotion to him. These temples are located in India and abroad, wherever Jains have settled. One of the reasons for this reverence is due to in one of his previous births, in tenth devlok (heaven) he attended 500 auspicious occasions of other Tirthankaras and also, visited his mother - Vamadevi - in his last birth. The Acharanga Sutra states parents of Mahavirswami were followers of Parshvanath Bhagwan along with many other people and was popularly known as *“purisadaniya”* – “beloved of men” – indicating a genial personality.

Jain scriptures start Parshvanath Bhagwan life story from his first birth – in Potanpur, lived two Brahmin brothers from a very knowledgeable and respected family – Marubhuti and Kamath, who were destined to be together as rivals in all their births until the soul that was Marubhuti, eventually achieved Moksha in his tenth birth as Parshvanath Bhagwan.

Although, Kamath, in every incarnation continued to harm him, Parshvanath continued to forgive and forget.



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SUMMARY OF THE PREVIOUS BIRTHS OF BHAGWAN PARSHVANATH & HIS ADVERSARY

- Birth 1 – Marubhuti | Kamath
- Birth 2 – King Elephant | Kurkut Snake
- Birth 3 – Celestial being in Sahasrar Devlok -Eighth Devlok | Fifth Narak (Hell)
- Birth 4 – Prince Kiranveg | Snake
- Birth 5 – Celestial being in Achyuta heaven – Twelfth Devlok | Sixth Narak
- Birth 6 – King Vajranabh | Bhil named Kurangak
- Birth 7 – Celestial being in Madhyam Graiveyak Devlok | Seventh Narak
- Birth 8 – Chakravarti Suvarnabahu | Lion
- Birth 9 – Celestial being in 10th Devlok | Fourth Narak
- Birth 10 – Bhagwan Parshvanath | Meghmali

Birth 8 – Chakravarti Suvarnabahu in later part of his life became an ascetic and did severe penance and purest of meditations to acquired the Tirthankara-naam-gotra-karma

Birth 10 – As Bhagwan Parshvanath born in the city of Varanasi, also known as Banaras. **Parents** – King Ashvasen & Queen Vamadevi. Whilst pregnant, Vamadevi observed a snake -cobra slithering pass her side. As such, the boy, when born was named Parshva, which in Sanskrit means beside. Parshvanath belonged to Nagvansh i.e the Mongoloid people. Parshvanath symbolic colour is green and his lanchan (symbol) is a snake.

At the age of 30, he renounced everything and became an ascetic. 84 days after becoming an ascetic, he achieved Kevaljnana. At the age of 100, he attained moksha in Samet Shikhar.



The one who forgives is truly great. Forgiveness helps the forgiver more than the forgiven, as it makes one pure and pious.

We see the actions of the soul, who eventually becomes a Tirthankara are so pure, good to enable it to keep on progressing towards the path of liberation. Conversely, we see how Kamath's soul became entangled with anger and hatred and kept on bearing fruits of bad karma.

