

SHREYANSANATH BHAGWAN



Kevalgnan Kalyanak

Posh Vad Amas

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

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

Shreyansanath Bhagwan murti at Sinhapuri Tirth located in Sarnath, India. Sarnath is famous as four Kalyanaks – Chavan, Jamna, Diksha and Kevaljnana of Shreyansanath Bhagwan took place here. This tirth has an eight cornered ancient stupa (solid dome) 103 feet high and believed to be 2200 years old, built in commemoration of Shreyansanath Bhagwan's four kalyanaks at this place, as per Jain traditions.

It is also stated in Buddhist traditions, that Lord Buddha gave his first sermon at a deer forest in Sarnath to his five disciples.

Shreyansanath Bhagwan is the eleventh Tirthankara in the current time cycle. His parents were King Vishnuraj and Queen Vishnu Devi and born in Sinhapuri town located in Sarnath. After attaining Samyak Darshan, Shreyansanath took three bhavs to attain Moksha. Prior to his birth as a Tirthankara, he was born as a King Nalinigulm. After serving as a King for many years, he took diksha and acquired the Tirthankara-naam-gotra-karma as result of his great devotion and worship. His next birth was as a celestial being, before being born as Shreyansanath.

The name Shreyansanath is based on the Sanskrit word śreyas, meaning 'better, superior, thus conveying a positive moral connotation. His symbol (Lanchan) is rhinoceros and is said to be of golden complexion.

Shreyansanath eventually ascended the throne, ruling the kingdom for many years before taking diksha. He attained kevaljnana, just two months after taking diksha. His first sermon – Deshna was on Nirjara Bhavana – the contemplation of shedding of karma by six external and six internal austerities and doing so with right knowledge and with intention of achieving spiritual elevation. Observing these external and internal austerities involve increasing awareness of the purity of our Soul, as well as highlighting the independency of the soul, to take our mind off the desires.



Never think hard about past, it brings 'Tears',
Don't think too much about future, it brings
'Fears'. Just Live this moment with
a Smile, it brings 'Cheers'

What you desire, you may not get. Even if you
get it, it will not last forever. Then why desire?
Be content with whatever you get



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