



**GACCHADHIPATI (SPIRITUAL SOVEREIGN)
JAINACHARYA SHRIMADVIJAY
YUGBHUSHANSURI
(PANDIT MAHARAJ SAHEB)**

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With Reference to Pavagadh – Tirth Raksha

Public Statement

I got to hear the extremely shocking news of the destruction of Jina-idols in Shri Pavagadh Tirth. The active efforts of the Learned Panyas Pravar Shri Jinpremvijayji Maharaj Saheb to peacefully pressurize the government and protect the Tirth are indeed appreciative. Wholehearted wishes that the efforts catalyse positive results for the Shasan.

It is imperative that the Jain Sangh awakens to protect the sanctity and prestige of the Tirths of the Jain Shwetambar Murtipujak Sangha. Many protective efforts have been undertaken from time to time for Shri Shatrunjay, Sametshikharji, Kesariyaji etc. Mahatirths, but the desired satisfactory outcomes have not been achieved. Some time ago, there was wave for safeguarding Shatrunjay and Sametshikharji Mahatirth. Millions of Jains showed their enthusiasm to protect these Tirths by joining the rallies in many Indian cities. Coincidentally, I too was in Surat at that time. I accepted the request to auspice the rally. Seeing the enthusiasm in the Jain community, I was hoping for some positive results concerning the protection of both the Mahatirths. Regretfully, that hope did not materialize. Expressing heartfelt anguish, even Panyas Shree has now said that even one year after the rally, we have got nothing except consolation in the matter concerning Palitana.

Even in the matter of Shikharji Mahatirth, the government has not taken any concrete action, apart from mere consolation. On the contrary, the government continues to take steps that destroy the sanctity of the Tirth. The government has been unjust even in the matters of Ranakpur Mahatirth and Muchala Mahavir Mahatirth. No satisfactory remedial steps have been taken here too. The situation of Kesariyaji Mahatirth has been heartbreaking and the Jain Sangh is still in the dark and unaware of what we have lost in Girnarji Mahatirth.



It is crystal clear that Jains have not got and are not getting justice in Gujarat-Rajasthan or elsewhere, despite the BJP government, which is considered pro-religious, being the ruling government. Considered a peaceful community, the Jains abundantly support the BJP, yet they are subjected to continuous injustice. This is a scary reality. Strongly recommend that this reality changes.

Jains do not want favour or help from the State, but they definitely want justice. I highly appreciate the current endeavours of Panyas Shri Jinpremvijayji Maharaj Saheb, for Tirthraksha with the expectation that Panyas Shri will stir the tide of the current public support to achieve the complete protection of all the Tirths and not end this movement till complete protection is achieved.

I also highly appreciate all those in the Jain Sangh, who are working to protect the Tirths in accordance with the Jinagna.

Under all circumstances, it is extremely necessary for Jains to remain steadfast towards progressing the campaign to protect the Tirths, with this inspiration,

With devotion to Jain Shasan,

Due Vandana – Anuvandana, Dharmalabh.

Sd/-

(Gacchadhipati Acharya Vijay Yugbhushansuri)