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**From President's desk**

remains the same. For instance, our relationships with ourselves and with society are aspects of the same relationship. As we travel the road of self-knowledge, discovering our identity, we also become conscious of the society at large.

Often this relationship with the society or community grows with time and develops in stages that correspond to our degree of consciousness and awareness. While most continue to live in our cocoons that we have made for ourselves with our close familial relationships, a few evolved souls understand that our lives are inseparable from humanity. One such person is Shantilal Muttha, the Founder of Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS). Early on in life, Mutthaji became aware of this relationship. Even as a college student, he took upon himself the responsibility to offer the best of himself for the greater good of the society.

Shri. Prafulla Parakh

Dear Friends,

February, the official month of love, is here. As the world celebrates this beautiful emotion, we are paying an ode to love and relationships in this edition.

Love exists around us in myriad forms including self love, love of family & friends, romantic love, love of God, and love of mankind. However, in its core, the fundamental principle of love and relationship

What began as a vow to eradicate the evils of dowry and expensive weddings took shape of a highly successful and replicable model of mass marriages. He toured the length and breadth of Maharashtra to awaken people to the ills of the society and embrace new uplifting ways and along the way, he mobilized like-minded individuals with a passion to serve the society. Whether it was mobilizing people to undertake rescue operations during Latur earthquake crisis or Tsunami in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, taking on the responsibility of rehabilitating and educating 1200 quake-hit children, offering succor to drought afflicted people, or running plastic surgery camps, Shantilalji's work belies the humanity, empathy and sensitivity that he has for fellow human beings. While working for the society at large, Shantilalji has never lost sight of the community that he belongs to. It is his love and commitment towards his community that he along with other Jain leaders tirelessly worked to get

minority status for Jains at the national level. His compassion and relationship with the society truly transcends all barriers of caste, community, colour and class. The path-breaking education initiatives (Value-based education and improving quality in education) spearheaded by BJS stems from his firm belief that holistic education is a panacea for social upliftment, an enabler for peace and progress. Not the person to rest on his laurels, Mutthaji continues to look at ways of further strengthening and celebrating his relationship with the society – a relationship that is forever.



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Relationship of Values & Education

It is impossible for educators to ignore the relationship between education, values and overall development. The correlation between education and values is a very strong one. There is no debate around the world about the importance of education but what is debatable is whether value-based education have been given the single-minded focus that education has received.

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Relationship of Quality & Education

Education without quality is like a body without a soul, a purposeless pursuit. It's a relationship that thrives on each other.

So, what does quality mean in the context of education? There are many definitions of quality in education that exists, belying its complexity and multifacetedness. However, there is a broad consensus around the dimensions of quality in education that exists today.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

A woman's relationship with herself in a changing world

Over centuries, women have made a mark in our society, at times changing the course of history and at other times influencing small but significant spheres of life. Women have been venerated as goddesses since time immemorial and popular art & culture is replete with such references. Women held equal, often superior, roles as men in the ancient times and during the pre-Vedic era, however, it was during early Vedic period and later that the position of women started seeing a decline, often relegated to subordination. Only in the past century, however, have concerted efforts been made to empower women and have more women representation in public life. [More>>](#)

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National Minority Status for the Jain Community

The Jain Community was accorded the Minority status at the national level on January 27, 2014 vide a gazette notification by the Central Government! [More>>](#)

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1. NEC Meeting

Feb 14 - 15, 2014 at Aamby Valley, Lonavala, Pune
Contact : Shri. Shashikant Munot 9420477052

2. Empowerment of Couples Program (EOC)

Feb 14 - 15, 2014, MH - Vani, Yavatmal
Contact : Smt. Sarod Bhandari 9404370500
Trainer : Shri. Dharamendra Chhajed, Bhilai

3. Empowerment of Girl Program (EOG)

Feb 20 - 22, 2014, MH - WERC
Contact : College, Mr. Gaikwad 9423221692
Trainer : Ms. Ratna Gosavi, Pune

4. Parichay Sammelan

Highly Educated & Remarriage Parichay Sammelan

Feb 28, 2014, Kumhari, Durg
Contact : Shri. Inderchand Bagrecha 9827199010,
Shri. Pannalal Parakh 9826815768

5. Trainer's Training Program -Empowerment of Couples (EOC)

March 15 - 16, 2014, MH - Ratnagiri
Contact : Shri. Bharat Jain 9423817900
Trainer : Shri. Prafulla Parakh, Pune

6. Highly Educated Digambar Jain Parichay Sammelan

March 23, 2014, Nagpur
Contact : Shri. Prakash Marwadkar 9373218586,

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