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## Jain Websites

There is no substitute for personal interaction. However written words and illustrations are good ways of learning quietly with ones own pace. Jains had written books about 2,000 years ago.

You can see monks carved under the Jina idols holding books, these idols found in Mathura bear inscriptions from Shaka and Kushan period. The next transition in technology came with printing, which made Jains books widely, available in this century. Internet is the next transition, and it is especially good for Jains who are a very small minority in the world. Overseas Jains have no Jain neighborhoods to support them, the internet forms a new form of neighborhood.

Below I list some of the kinds of Internet resources available. Only a few links are given as examples. There are many more resources available. There can never be a complete list of resources because Internet is so dynamic.

### **Introductory Sources:**

#### **General Directories:**

You can search the Internet using one of several search engines like HotBot, AltaVista or Yahoo. The newsgroups can be searched using DejaNews. A large collection of Jainism related links could be found at <http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainhlinks.html>

**Basic principles of Jainism** can be found in sites like

<http://www.angelfire.com/co/jainism/>  
<http://www.jcnc.org/infolibrary.html>  
<http://www.intranet.csupomona.edu/~plin/ews430/jain1.html>  
<http://www.jainworld.com/education.htm>

#### **Super sites:**

These are sites with a large number of articles and books compiled using extensive effort. They include:

<http://www.jainworld.com/index.htm>  
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~pluralsm/affiliates/jainism/Literature/main.htm>  
<http://www.terapanth.com/impressions/index.htm>  
<http://www.yahshua.webhost.com.au/rjain/jaini.htm>  
<http://www.jainism.org> (linked to Harvard University)

**Personal web sites:**

These sites reflect the views and tastes of Individuals. They could be nicely done or can be simple, but they are always interesting. You will find several of them if you will use a search engine and search for Jainism. An example is <http://members.tripod.com/~jain/>

**Children:**

There are several excellent resources like  
<http://www.jainworld.com/literature/dictionary/alphaframe.htm>  
<http://sunsite.unc.edu/jainism/database/JAINEDU/jainedu.html>  
<http://www.jainworld.com/shortstories/ssindex.htm>

***Intermediate & Special Interest Sites:*****Jain Centers & organizations:**

Many of them in North America and some in other countries also now have a web site. Some examples are:

<http://www.bharatonline.com/Jaina/>  
<http://www.yja.org/>  
<http://www.turtle.net/~yjains/>  
<http://web.mit.edu/veeral/www/jcgb.html>  
<http://www.jcnc.org/index.htm>  
<http://Indians.Australians.Com/Jains/>  
<http://www.jaina.org> (Federation of Jaina site)

**Books & magazines:**

You can search university libraries, web-based booksellers' lists:  
[http://lcweb.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate?ACTION=INIT&FORM\\_HOST\\_PORT=/prod/www/data/z3950/michigan.html,tag1.lib.umich.edu,210&CI=002554](http://lcweb.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate?ACTION=INIT&FORM_HOST_PORT=/prod/www/data/z3950/michigan.html,tag1.lib.umich.edu,210&CI=002554)  
<http://www.amazon.com/>  
<ftp://wiretap.spies.com/Library/Religion/Jainism/library/booklist>  
<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainbooks.html>

**Mantras & Prayers:**

You can now find some popular mantras on the web now like:  
<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/j/divo.html>  
[http://www.terapanth.com/popular\\_mantra.htm](http://www.terapanth.com/popular_mantra.htm)  
<http://www.imjm.org:80/imjm-mantra.htm>  
<http://www.jainworld.com/bhakta.htm>  
<http://www.atmasiddhi.com>

**Rituals & Symbols:**

They are very popular, although frequently criticized. Their description and significance can be found at  
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~pluralsm/affiliates/jainism/Literature/ritual/main.htm>  
<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/om.html>

**Tirthas:**

Its is certainly no substitute for real pilgrimage, but one can feel inspired by visiting sites like these. The last one is a super-site.

[http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~wu3t-kmy/jaina/7\\_pilgrim/pilgrim1.htm](http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~wu3t-kmy/jaina/7_pilgrim/pilgrim1.htm)

<http://www.meadev.gov.in/tourism/temples/pawa.htm>

<http://www.indiaworld.co.in/open/rec/travel/ranakpur.html>

<http://www.karnatakaturism.com/coastal/mooda/index.htm>

<http://www.jaintirth.org/>

**Calendar:** A calendars can be found at

<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/calendar.html>

**Discussion groups:**

A lot of lively discussion takes place at

<http://ddb.com/~raphael/jain-list/> You will also find an archive of the posts.

There is also a newsgroup: alt.religion.jain, which is archived at Dejanews.

**Images and Clip-art:**

**Clip-art:** <http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainclip.html>

**Images:** <http://www.jainworld.com/index.htm>

<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jainhlinks.html#Images>

**News:**

Besides, the jain-List, you can find some news at

<http://www.jainworld.com/society/jainevents/jainevents.htm>

<http://www.dugargroup.com/jainnews.html>

**Vegetarianism & Ahimsa:**

**There are many excellent sites like**

<http://www.veg.org/veg/Guide/>

<http://www.bawarchi.com/cookbook/index.html>

<http://www.wizard.net/~ethan/ahimsa.htm>

<http://www.HinduismToday.kauai.hi.us/ashram/Resources/Ahimsa/WinMeatEaterArgument.html>

Note that not all-vegetarian recipes are suitable for Jains who have taken higher vratas.

**Glossaries:** See for example

<http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/jaingloss.htm>

**Advanced Sites:**

**Texts:** It may be quite surprising that several scholarly books and articles are now available on the web. Some excellent sources are

<http://www.yahshua.webhost.com.au/rjain/books/book.htm>

<http://www.terapanth.com/impressions/index.htm>

<http://www.sendai-ct.ac.jp/~ousaka/> (original texts)

<http://www.jainworld.com/jainbooks/bookslist.htm>

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