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MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to know that Daaji's book, *Holy Tirthankars* is being published, with an aim to promote and spread the timeless wisdom of Jain Tirthankars.

The book's emphasis on environmental stewardship, interfaith harmony and leadership development aligns with India's civilisational values. The focus of this book is on inner discipline, compassion, truthfulness, non-violence, self-restraint, and service to the neighbourhood and nation. I am confident that this book will inspire readers, especially the youth, to lead lives rooted in service and respect for all beings.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to Daaji and all those associated with this book and send my best wishes for the success of the publication.

(Droupadi Murmu)

New Delhi
30 October, 2025



प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn about the publication of “*Holy Tirthankars: In the Light of Heartfulness*”, authored by Shri Daaji and Shri B. Rathinasabapathy.

I am glad that the esteemed authors took to heart my suggestion to translate the highly acclaimed Tamil book, “*Manavalam Kakkum Tirthankararu, Manavalam Kakkum Virutchangalum*”, and bring it to audiences worldwide. India’s civilisational ethos has always viewed nature as sacred. Our culture, traditions, festivals and even spirituality are deeply intertwined with nature and environment. This book offers a beautiful confluence of spiritual wisdom and

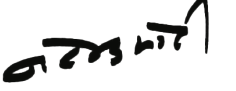
environmental consciousness. At a time when the world is grappling with issues such as environmental degradation and climate change, the lives of the Holy Tirthankars and their teachings remain extremely relevant. They remind us that the spirit of *ahimsa* should not only extend to other human beings, but also be our attitude towards our environment and our planet.

Be it the Holy Tirthankars, or Lord Buddha and many other enlightened souls, specific trees are associated with them and their spiritual journey. This intimate relationship between trees and these spiritual giants is not a mere coincidence. It is a reminder of an ancient truth that inner purification and outer conservation are linked to one another.

I am sure that this book will inspire readers, especially the youth, to connect deeply with themselves, with others and with nature, as well as get associated with movements like ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’.

I congratulate Shri Daaji, Shri B. Rathinasabapathy and everyone involved, whether as individuals or institutions, for their efforts to take this valuable work to wider audiences.

May this book nurture in its readers a spirit of *ahimsa*, mindfulness and reverence towards nature.


(Narendra Modi)

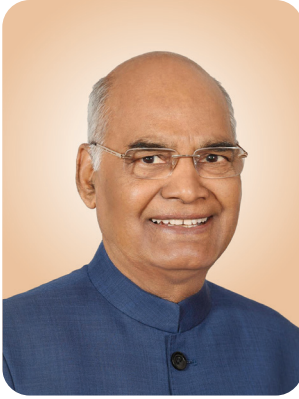
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PRAISE FOR THE BOOK



Holy Tirthankars by Daaji show how core Jain ethics and a regular contemplative practice can support success in both spiritual and worldly life. The twenty-four Tirthankars, like pole stars, continue to guide seekers. For readers with open minds and hearts, this book offers clear insights and practical steps for personal transformation and, in time, civilizational renewal.

Jainism, the world's oldest faith-based spiritual tradition, shares kinship with the larger ethos of *Sanatana Dharma*. In this light, what impressed me most is the book's practicality: it speaks to the contemporary seeker, whether student, professional, or homemaker, and offers specific guidance in ethical conduct, meditation, self-restraint, compassion, service, and reverence for nature, including the sacred trees associated with the Tirthankars.

Therefore, today's youth who receive this book are fortunate as the path is presented with clarity, simplicity, and concrete steps. May every young reader who reads it with sincerity be empowered to excel in life and to serve a greater renewal.

Shri Ram Nath Kovind,

Former Hon'ble President of India

7 October, 2025

HOLY TIRTHANKARS



In the Light of Heartfulness

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