

PARYUSHAN PARWA

Paryushan Parwa is an annual religious festival of the Jains. JIRS celebrated this auspicious festival which is observed to deepen the awareness as a physical being in conjunction with spiritual observations from 22 August 2014 to 29 August 2014. The Jain students under the guidance of **Sri.Vasant Muniji** followed this sacred ritual for 8 days. He was very happy to see the children who were filled with devotion and dedication. Sri. Muniji addressed the students and enlightened them about the life and teachings of Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain.

He emphasized on the need for penance during the time of Shravan as this is the best time to live in peace. He spoke about the significance of Jainism and the role played by Lord Mahaveera in the religious world. He also highlighted on the illuminating life of Bhagawan Mahaveer and his contributions to the world of humanity.

He blessed all the students and teachers by his religious discourse. The very first day the festival started with “taking an oath in front of god to practice the religious systems and traditions of JAINISM”.

During this period the Jain students were provided with special food, which is specially prepared for Jains to follow the **PRATHIKRAMAN** a method of pooja activity that is followed during this week. Prathikraman was conducted every day between 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

