

# Shri Vijay Vallabh Surishwar

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**In news-** Ministry of Culture, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrated the Saardh Janm Shatabdi Mahamahotsav (150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations) of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer on 26th October 2022.

## **A brief note on him-**

- Acharya Vijay Vallabhsuri was a Jain monk. He was a **disciple of Vijayanandsuri**. He worked in Punjab so he was given the honorific **Punjab Kesari**.
- Vallabhsuri was born on 26 October 1870 at Vadodara, Gujarat. He was named Chhagan.
- He met Vijayanandsuri at Janisheri Jain Upashray, Vadodara. At the age of seventeen, he was initiated as a Jain monk and named Muni Vallabhvijay in 1887 by Vijayanandsuri and he became a disciple of Muni Harshvijay.
- He mastered Jainagamas and scriptures under the tutelage of Jain Acharya Vijayanand Surishwar Ji Maharaj.
- In 1981, he was conferred with the title of **Acharya on Magshirsh Sudi** by Sumativijay at Lahore. He also **had the title of Pattadhar** conferred on him by Jain sangha.
- **Vallabhsuri placed emphasis on education and inspired Jains to build more educational institutions.**
- He said that the primary aim of education should be character-building and it must encompass the eternal values of life, viz. compassion, love, humility, tolerance, austerity, discipline, selfless service and patriotism
- **He is well known as the founder of Shree Parshwanath Jain Vidyalaya in 1927** at Varkana Village in Pali district of Rajasthan.
- The seed which he sowed has taken the shape of a dense

tree in Godwad area of Rajasthan.

- He founded Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya (at Mumbai, Vadodara, Pune), Parshwanath Umed Mahavidyalaya (at Falna), Atmanand Jain College (at Ambala, Malerkotla), Atmanand Jain High School (Ludhiana, Ambala, Malerkotla, Bagwada, Hoshiarpur, Jandiala Guru) and other educational institutes.
- He wrote some books and religious texts in Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi Languages.
- He also **established the Atmanand Jain Sabha**. He was also instrumental in **establishing Jain unity** and accessibility of Jain literature.
- **He supported Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent movement for independence of India.**
- He died on 22 September 1954 in Byculla, Mumbai.