



# **Paryushana and Kalpa Sutra**

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# Paryushana Parva

**Paryushana word is composed of**

- **Pari (Upasarga) + Vas (Dhatu) is joined with Ana (Pratyaya)**
- **To come together from all direction**

**Parva**

- **Religious / Spiritual activity celebrated together**

**Simple meaning**

- **People coming together for religious activity**

**Religious**

- **Direct all your thoughts from external object inward to reflect upon your qualities of the soul**



# Various names of Paryushana

- Pariyay-vatthna
- Pajjo-samana
- Pagaiya
- Parivasna
- Pajjusana
- Vasavas
- Padhm-samosaran
- Thavana
- Jatthoggaha



# Five Activities of Paryushana

1. Jiv-daya (Amari pravartan)
2. Humanitarian Activity (Sadharmik Vatslya)
3. Forgiveness (Kshamapana)
4. Penance - Fasting for three days (Aththama tap)

Should be pure and pious (no Shalya - Maya, Niyanu, and Mithyatva)

5. Spreading of Religious principles (Chaityapati)



# Meaning of Kalpa-Sutra

Kalpa means an activity which enhances

- Religious knowledge (Jnan)
- Conduct (Charitra, Shila)
- Self control (Penance or Tap)

Sutra means a Scripture

Kalpa-sutra is a scripture which describes; how to enhance our Jnan, Charitra, and Tap



## Kalpa-Sutra Status in Agam Literature

### Kalpa-sutra

- Kalpa-sutra is the ninth chapter of a religious scripture called Dashasrut-skandh
- Dashasrut-skandh is one of the book of Chheda-sutras
- Chheda-sutras are classified as Ang-bahya Agam sutras

Author - Acharya Bhadrabahu-swami

- Last Acharya who had the knowledge of 14 purvas
- Its basis - Ninth Purva - Pratyakhan-pravad



# Kalpa-Sutra... First Reading

## ■ First Reading

- Jain monks recited in Anandpur in the courtyard of king Dhruvasen
- To comfort the king for the sudden demise of his son

## ■ Time period

- There are three king Dhruvasen

519 to 549 AD

627 to 642 AD

650 to 654 AD



# Topics

## Life Stories of Tirthankaras

- Mahavir-swami
- Parshva-natha
- Nemi-natha
- Rhushabha-dev
- Time Period and breied history of 24 Tirthankars

## Life Stories of Acharyas (Sthaviravali)

- Ganadhara-charitra
- Jambu-swami
- Bhadrabahu-swami
- Sthulibhadra ..... To .....
- Devardhigani





# Topics..

## Rules for Monks (Samachari)

- Rules of staying during monsoon (Varshavas-kalpa)
- Rules of begging (Bhikshachar-kalpa)
- Rules for removal of hair (Keshlocha-kalpa)
- Forgiveness (Kshamapana)



# Characteristics of Monks

## First Tirthankar

- Understanding - Difficult (Jad)
- Implementation - Simple (Rhuju)

## 22 Tirthankaras (2nd to 23rd)

- Understanding - Proper (Prajna)
- Implementation - Proper (Rhuju)

## Last Tirthankar

- Understanding - Difficult (Jad)
- Implementation - Selfish (Vakra)



# Kalpa-Sutra Reading

First Three Days (Shravan vad 12 to 14)

Preparatory Days

- Explanation of six Ashtahnikas Parva
- Duties of Laypeople (Shravak)
- Twelve vows of Laypeople

4th Day (Shravan vad 15 - Amas)

Kalpa-sutra Reading Begins

Mahavir's descend, Devanandi Brahmin's 14 dreams  
(Morning session)

27 past lives, Transfer of fetus to Trishala (Afternoon session)



## **Kalpa-Sutra Reading (*continued*)**

5th Day (Bhadarva shud 1)

Trishala's 14 dreams (Morning)

Birth of Lord Mahavir (Afternoon)

6th Day (Bhadarva shud 2)

Birth celebration, Childhood, Education, Marriage, Renunciation -  
Diksha (Morning)

Various Upasargas, Keval Jnan, and Gadharavad (Afternoon)

7th Day (Bhadarva shud 3)

Life stories of remaining 23 Tirthankaras (Morning)

Sthaviravali, Life stories of Acharyas, Samachari (Afternoon)

8th Day (Bhadarva shud 4)

Recitation of Original text - 1200 sutras (Morning)

Samvatsari Pratikraman (Evening)