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President's Message ...

Jai Jinendra!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the nice but rainy summer so far

Our center is bustling with activities that included the Pratishtha Anniversary celebrations and the Bhaktamer maha puja. We had privilege to get blessings from Shri Gurudev Chitrabhanuji during the celebration. We appreciate all members for great participation in discussion for JCGB vision to future. For the first time in JCGB history we experienced Bhaktamer Pujan. We were thrilled to see large group of members working together to make event a great success. We would like thank you Pankajbhai & Meetaben Shah for sponsoring the event & putting lot of efforts.

EC/Board is encouraged & excited receiving overwhelming support from you. We have received approval of purchase of the 556, Nicolas street property & property renovation by a landslide vote. Many members could attend the open house as well. Members raised few questions during the open house & the GB meeting are addressed in this newsletter.

With your great support, Fund Raising committee has been making excellent progress. We are very thankful to the committee for the hard work.. Sanjaybhai Shah (Chair) has provided the details in this newsletter

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**Community approves
99.9% favorably
The purchase of a new property at
556 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA**

Mark your Calendar

August 2nd, 2009

Monthly Bhavana

(Notice the change for this time only)

August 9th, 2009

JCGB Picnic

@ Hopkinton State Park

Aug. 16th-Sept. 3rd

Paryushana/Daslaxana

Aug. 29th

Pathshala Puja

September 12th, 2009

Paryushana Celebration

September 26th -27th

Siddachalam Trip

Event Calendar

All the events are at the Jain Center unless otherwise mentioned.

Picnic	Sunday, August 9 th , 2009 @ Hopkinton State Park
Pathshala Puja	Saturday, August 29 th , 2009
Paryushana	August 16 th – August 23 rd , 2009
Das Lakshana	August 24 th – September 3 rd , 2009
Loggassa Puja	Saturday, August 22 th , 2009
Paryushana Parv Swamivatslya	Saturday, September 12 th , 2009
Siddhachalam Trip	Saturday, September 26 th - Sunday, September 27 th 2009
Diwali Celebration	Saturday, October 24 th , 2009 @Walpole High School

Monthly Puja/Bhavna

1st Sunday	Pathshala at Bird School, Walpole Contact Person: Mamta Mehta, Pathshala Director 508-543-5131
2nd Sunday	Bhavna Contact Person Nisha Gosalia 508-473-1072 Mita Shah 781-449-3297

For August Bhavna is on 1st Sunday, August 2nd.

3rd Sunday	Snatra Puja Contact Person Sudhirbhai Shah 508-660-9683
4th Sunday	Dev Shastra Guru Puja Contact Person: Raniben Jain: 781-278-9851

Youth Events

Please contact Youth Representative Naman Jain
(namanjain@gmail.com)

Presidents Message....

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The arrival of the month of August brings the start of many activities at the Jain Center. The preparations are in full swing for JCGB picnic. Paryushana / DasLaxan starting on Aug 16th and continuing onto Sept 3rd. We have invited 2 outstanding scholars this year. Shri Bhadrabahu Vijaji will enlighten us during Paryushana parva and Shri Manish Modi for Das Laxan purve. Please make a point to participate fully during these days to benefit from their vast knowledge.

We have planned Sidhachalam yatra in September this year. We have scheduled visit of Jain Center of America as well as Rubin Museum of Art. As always the yatra is always lot of fun. You may ask who have joined yatra in past! We request you to sign up ASAP.

Jitendra Vora

Member News

Our condolences to Mamta and Manoj Mehta for the loss of her mother Niruben.

Our condolences to Eshani and Chandu Shah for the loss of her mother Ilaben

Our condolences to Meetaben and Pankajbhai Shah for the loss of her mother Kamlaben

Our Condolences to Mukesh and Priti Chatter for loss of her father.

Congratulation to Ruchir and Neeta Vora for birth of their son, Rohan Gopi Vora; Congratulation to proud grand parents Arunaben and Nishithbhai Vora.

Editor's Note

JCGB newsletter will be published in March, June, September and December this year. Any newsletter related questions should be directed to the editor, Arti Mehta. If you have any submissions for the newsletter, please send them in writing to the editor at artimehta@gmail.com no later than the 30th

Siddhachalam Trip

We are pleased to announce that the biennial yatra to Siddhachalam has been scheduled for **September 26th & 27th, 2009**. We will be visiting New York Temple and also Rubin Museum where Jain exhibition on display. Any one over the age of 12 years and a Student, please bring your school ID with you for Rubin Museum.

Please note, Aymbil oli starts on Sept. 26th. 2009. Arrangements have been made at Jain Center of America in NY for those who would be observing Aymbil.

We will start on September 26th at 6:30 AM from Newton Bus Station and will be returning on Sunday, September 27th approx. 9PM. Cost for the trip has been decided as \$60 Per Adult and \$40 per Kid above the age of 12. It includes entrance fee to Rubin Museum.

Please write a check payable to JCGB and mail to
Bharat S. Shah
31 Marian Lane
Nashua, NH 03062

Sanghpati for Yatra: We are also seeking a **Sanghpati** to sponsor the yatra. This is an opportunity for you to serve the JCGB community at large. A family or group of families can join together to sponsor the yatra in its entirety or any single event. Please contact Jitendra Vora, President at (508)366-2223 or via email at jiten.vora@gmail.com if you are interested.

Picnic on August 9th, 2009

Annual picnic will on August 9th at Hopkinton State Park, Split Rock Area starting at 10am. The food will be catered from a vegetarian restaurant and the suggested donation will be \$6 per person. We will also be having a vegetarian grill for roasting corns. As usual various games have been planned to complete and get good physical work out. There is a possibility of Knitting/Crocheting opportunity for those who do not prefer preplanned games.

This will be a great opportunity to join us for food fun and games.

Paryushan and Dashlaxan Parva Program 2009

We will have two outstanding scholars Shri **Bhadrabahu Vijayji** during Paryushan parva and **Shri Manishbhai Modi** during Dashlaxan parva.

Paryushan Parva: August 16 Sunday thru August 23 Sunday.

Bhadrabahuji joined monkhood at age of 13 and spent 32 years under Acharya Bhadruguptsuriji. Shri Bhadrabahuji is presently working in academic field of Jainology by teaching, assisting and guiding post graduates.

During his daily lectures Shri Bhadrabahuji will explain for about 15-20 minutes connecting Kalpstutra's Vanchan to daily life. Remaining lecture time he will go through the "Six Essential" of Shravak and other subjects depending upon the interest of the attendees.

Dashlaxan Parva: August 24 Monday thru September 03 Thursday. (11 days)

Manish Modi, 38, is the great-grandson of renowned scholar and foremost Hindi litterateur Pandit Nathuram Premi, founder of the prestigious Hindi Granth Ratnakar Karyalay publication series.

During this time, each evening Shri Manish Modi will take swadyaya on "Das Dharma" and on a scripture called "Shri Ishtopadesha" written by Shri Acharya Pujyapad of 5th Century A.D.

To take the dvantage of vast Jainism knowledge we have added a morning Swadhyay session during weekdays. Please take some time off from daily life and come to the Jain center to hear the lectures.

Dr. Khasgiwala will be hosting Mr. Manish Modi for the duration of his stay.

If you can host the scholars for any number of days, please contact Rasikbhai Vagadia @ 508-543-0097 or @508-740-7816.

Paryushan Parv:

Lectures by Shri Bhadrabahu Vijayji during Paryushan Parva.

Aug 16th Sunday

1st Day of Paryushana Parva

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Snatra Puja
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lecture
12:30 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lecture

Aug 17th Monday

9:30 am – 11:30 am	Prakshal, Puja Swadhyay Vanchan Pratikraman
6.30 pm	Bhavana
8:00 pm– 8:30 pm	Lecture
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
10:00 pm	

Aug 18th Tuesday

9:30 am – 11:30 am	Prakshal, Puja Swadhyay Vanchan Pratikraman
6.30 pm	Bhavana
8:00 pm– 8:30 pm	Lecture
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
10:00 pm	

Aug 19th Wednesday

9:30 am – 11:30 am	Prakshal, Puja Swadhyay Vanchan Pratikraman
6.30 pm	Bhavana
8:00 pm– 8:30 pm	Lecture
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
10:00 pm	

Aug 20th Thursday

Bhagvan Mahavir Janma

9:30 am – 11:30 am	Prakshal, Puja Swadhyay Vanchan Pratikraman
6.30 pm	Bhavana
8:00 pm– 8:30 pm	Lecture
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
10:00 pm	

Aug 21st Friday

9:30 am – 11:30 am	Prakshal, Puja Swadhyay Vanchan Pratikraman
6.30 pm	Bhavana
8:00 pm– 8:30 pm	Lecture
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo
10:00 pm	

Aug 22nd Saturday

10:00 am – 11:30 am	LOGASSA PUJA (Details to follow)
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lecture
12:30 pm	Lunch
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Lecture

Aug 23rd Sunday

Samvatsari

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Snatra Puja
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lecture
12:30 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Lecture

Break

4:00 pm onwards

Samvatsari Pratikraman

Aug 24th Monday

7:30 am	Parana
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Dashlaxan Parv Program:

Daily lectures by Shri Manishbhai Modi during Dashlaxan Parva.

Aug 24th Monday 1st day of Dashlaxan Parva

Uttam Kshama

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Aug 25th Tuesday

Uttam Mardava Dharma (Humility)

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Aug 26th Wednesday

Uttam Arjava Dharma (Straightforwardness)

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Aug 27th Thursday

Uttam Shaucha Dharma (Contentment)

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Lecture
9:45 pm	Aarti, Mangal Divo

Aug 28th Friday

Uttam Satya Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm Lecture
9:45 pm Aarti, Mangal Divo

Aug 29th Saturday

Uttam Satya Dharma (Due to Double Tithi)

8:00 am– 10:00 am Abhishek, Devshastra
Guru Puja

10:00 am – 12:00 PATHSHALA STUDENT PUJA

12 Noon – 1:00 pm Lecture
1:00 pm Lunch
(Sponsored by Pathshala Teachers, EC & BOA)
3:00pm – 4:00pm Lecture

Aug 30th Sunday

Uttam Sanyam Dharma, Dhup Dashmi

10:00 am – 12 Noon Devshastra Guru Puja
12.00Noon – 1 pm Lecture
1:00pm Lunch
2:30 pm Lecture

Aug 31st Monday

Uttam Tapa Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm Lecture
9:45 pm Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 1st Tuesday

Uttam Tyag Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm Lecture
9:45 pm Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 2nd Wednesday

Uttam Akinchanya (Aparigraha) Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm Lecture
9:45 pm Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 3rd Thursday

Anant Chaturdashi

(Last day of Dashlaxan Parva)

Uttam Bramhacharya Dharma

8:00 am - 9:30 am Devshastra Guru Puja
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm Bhavana
8:30 pm - 9:45 pm Lecture
9:45 pm Aarti, Mangal Divo

Sep 4th Friday

7:30 am Parana

JCGB Paryushan Parva Celebration

Sep 12th Saturday

3:00 pm – 6:00pm Program
6:00pm Dinner

Ayambil Tapcharya

The Ayambil Tapcharya will be observed on Sunday, **October 4th 2009**. Last time when we had Ayambil in April it was a Tapacharya with enthusiasm. There were so many novelties and gourmet “Ayambil items” to eat. We hope that same enthusiasm will be shown this time.

Instead of Prabhavana, we prefer to collect the money and purchase needed item for the temple. If you are planning to join us for the Tapsya, please send RSVP to Ranjanben Shah or Lalitaben Shah.

Hope to see you on October 4th.

You always wanted to know But afraid to ask

As we are approaching religious day, where many of us want to observe upvas, eksana etc. but some might have question, How to take pachchakhan or how to prepare for owes?

Pankajbhai Shah has provided **Pachchakhan slokas** in Gujarati, Hindi and in English dialect. He also has provided how to prepare for Tapsya. The information are posted on our website www.jcgb.org

The Fund Raising Committee Report

By: Sanjay Shah

In May of 2009, The Executive Committee (EC) made a decision to acquire the property located at 556 Nichols Street, Norwood. They evaluated the current financial status of JCGB and the potential cost of new facility and decided to form a Fundraising Committee (FC) to raise sufficient funds for acquisition of the new property without incurring any debt. They invited Messrs. Dinesh Dalal and Pradip Gosalia and Drs. Chandra Khasgiwala and Sanjay Shah (Chair) to serve on the committee.

The EC identified the cash position of JCGB at around \$690,000 and anticipated the new property purchase price to be around \$850,000 with additional \$200,000 needed for improvements including moving the Vedi, etc. Based on these numbers, FC established a minimum goal of \$350,000 and a target of \$600,000 for fundraising. It also established various naming options and giving levels. All of these were approved by the EC and Board of Advisors.

We contacted members by sending them a letter as well as e-mail to our Yahoo group, and we started contacting members via phone calls. We have completed phone calls to many of our members and more are being contacted every day. Based on all these efforts, we are pleased to report that the response from our community has been overwhelming. **We have already received pledges of over \$400,000** and more pledges are coming in. The following is a breakdown of the pledges:

Naming Opportunities:

- (i) \$100,000 for Vyakhyan Hall (**This is still available**)
- (ii) \$50,000 for Kitchen (Taken)
- (iii) \$50,000 for Library (Taken)
- (iv) \$25,000 for each of five Swadhyay Rooms (All Taken)
- (v) \$25,000 for Total Handicap Access (**This is still available**)
- (vi) \$25,000 for Shower Facilities (**This is still available**)

Giving Levels:

- Benefactor: \$25,000 or higher (Seven pledges from above)
- Platinum: \$10,000 to \$24,999 (Seven pledges)
- Gold: \$5,000 to \$9,999 (Nine pledges)
- Silver: \$2,500 to \$4,999 (Twelve pledges)
- Bronze: \$1,000 to \$2,499 (Twenty pledges)

We are especially pleased with a strong positive response from our youth. Many of the second generation members have made significant commitments to this effort including one Classroom and several Silver level pledges.

All of these donors who pledge \$1,000 or higher by end of August will be identified as “New Center Founder Donors”. Pledges received after that date will go to General Donations.

We will continue to make phone calls and our intent is to reach every member, but it would be a great help if you could contact us if we haven't contacted you. Many times, when we call, many members are not home and you may not realize that we have tried to contact you.

Once again, we the members of FC want to thank you for your enthusiastic support and open heart. You have certainly made our job very easy.

Special General Body meeting

General body meeting was held on July 12th 2009 at the Jain Center. The open house of the new property was scheduled for the same day. We had a good turn out for the meeting. The EC presentation on JCGB relocation plan was followed by secret ballot voting process. To facilitate the members living in various areas, the voting was continued for next 4 days till August 16th at the coordinator's house. Members voted on the following resolution:

"Jain Center of Greater Boston General Body (herein referred to as "GB") authorizes the Executive Committee ("EC") and the Board jointly for and on behalf of the GB to purchase the property at 556 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA ("Property") for \$825,000, and repair/refurbish the Property in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. For this purpose, the GB authorizes the EC and Board to

a) Use existing Jain Center funds in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

b) Borrow funds from GB members ("Members"), and other individuals and institutions in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

c) Raise funds through charitable contributions made to the Jain Center by Members and other entities for the explicit purpose of purchasing, repairing and refurbishing the Property. Any such funds raised shall be first used to reduce the amount borrowed, and then the amount used from existing funds."

The coordinators certified the results as follows: Voting members (102 Yes, 1 No), NonVoting members (32 Yes)

We want to thank the following coordinators for their time & efforts in making it smooth process: :Prakash Teli, Shrey Shah, Dilip Gandhi, Mukund Mehta, Gaurav Jain and Bharat Shah

We are thankful to members for taking serious interest in our center's future plans. There were member questions during the GB meeting which shows enthusiasm. EC have reviewed it carefully & have given due consideration. Our feedback as follows:

Can we get land survey done to find out buildable area around the building?

This is excellent feedback. We thought about getting complete survey done initially when we started negotiation with the Jewish temple organization. We have engaged services of Norwood Engineering to survey the property & provide plan showing subject property with pertinent physical features and wetland resource delineations along with regulatory buffers and restriction lines. It will help us plan future projects.

Are you planning to get architecture review done before finalize the location for VEDI?

We will appoint a renovation committee soon. EC will define specific role & guidelines for the committee. The committee will review basic requirements such as space requirement, location, lights, and aesthetics. We will take services of the architect & other professionals as appropriate

Is building strong enough to allow construction of 2nd floor?

It is good to have this information available. However it may not be well worth time & money spent on this without proper future expansion plans. We will focus on this matter once we take up the building modifications such as Shikharbandhi deraser project.

Why we need to wait till Oct'09 to Closing on this property? Our members can give interim loan to speed up closing

Current owners have a need for this property until mid-October and are unwilling to transfer the title until late October. Since the seller & buyer organizations are religious it is important that we do not rush them during important activities. The seller observe Jewish holidays while our members are busy with Paryushana/ DasLaxan parva during Aug-Sept timeframe

We do not need the possession of the property to plan out activities such as VEDI design, finalizing contractors for building renovation. In addition we need to allow enough time for the

Fund Raising committee & our members in collection of funds for closing.

Have you accounted tax, insurance, snow removal expenses in the budget?

Yes, we have. presented at the July 12 meeting, our costs will increase by about \$20,000 per year for maintenance and utilities (we do not pay taxes), but there will be some savings from the rental costs for Pathshala etc. as well as police details. With the larger facility that meets all our needs, the EC feels that the membership will support these added expenses, We should continue to explore creative idea to reduce our expenses. We will look at the energy saving ideas including efficient heating systems, heating zone reconfiguration, window replacement,, Solar energy etc.

Where do place VEDI when we move to new property?

We will form a subcommittee to ensure that all due considerations are given for moving of the VEDI. At this point in time, EC & Board have discussed various options & concluded that the best place for VEDI is Classroom #4. It is an excellent choice. It will have easy access for our members. This area will stay away from functional hall / Cafeteria hence no disturbance during prayers.

The VEDI will be moved to final place once we have Shikharbandh deraser. There will not be any change in current configuration of placement of Murti.

Why don't we build Shikharbandh deraser before we move to the new property?

Current economical condition does not support this idea. We think that we should rather make progress in phases instead of borrowing money & build Shikharbandh Deraser. If member express strong desire, we can take up as a 2nd phase project. We estimate that at least we will need additional \$1-1,5mil to fund this project.

Do we keep existing property once we move to new one?

We have decided that we will sell existing property after we move to new one. We need to stay focused on development of new property. It is hard to maintain both property from expenses & resource point of view.

JAINA Award Winners

Every at the JAINA convention, the affiliated Jain Centers can recommend outstanding volunteers (one adult and one youth) nominees who has made significant contribution towards the community for a special recognition. JAINA selects top 10 in adults and top 10 in youth volunteers and recognizes them with JAINA Recognition Award.

We had nominated **Raskibhai Vagadia** and **Naman Jain** from JCGB. We are proud to announce that both of our nominees were chosen as JAINA Award recipient. Congratulations to Rasikbhai and Naman.

SIDDH-HAM Play on August 7th 2009

Most eagerly awaited item at the JAINA Convention 2009 in Los Angeles is coming to BOSTON.

Time: Friday, August 7th, 2009 at 8:30pm

Location: National Heritage Museum
Lexington, MA

Tickets: \$25, \$35

Please contact Ishani Shah or Nisha Vora for the Tickets.

Make a Pledge and become a Distinguish Gold Donor

Please contact Neela Shah, Treasurer at 508-366-4090 for further detail.

Pathshala News

by: Arti Mehta

Puja by the Pathshala Students

Pathshala Students will perform Puja on Saturday August 29th 2009. We encourage all the students with parents to be present at 9:30 AM in the temple. The Puja will start at 10:00am. We will have Astaprakari puja, Dev-Shastra-Guru puja followed by lunch.

Paryushan-Daslaxan Parva Point Sheet

Parva point sheet will be emailed to you. It is my request to all parents to encourage kids to take part in activities outlined in the parva sheet based on age group

Pathshala Schedule for 2009-10

Sept 13th – Start of Pathshala

Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3 '10, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, June 6

10:00-10:20 am: General assembly and Prayers

10:25-11:55 am: Pathshala & Swadhayay (1:30 hr)

12:00-12:45 pm: Language class + Teachers Meeting (45min)

12:30-1:30 pm: Food

Pathshala Registration for 2009-10

It is time to send your pathshala registration, if not done already. The form is available at our website www.jcgb.org/pathshala. You will also receive the form via e-mail.

PathShala's Location

We conduct our regular sessions for pathshala at following location:

Bird Middle School
625 Washington Street
East Walpole MA 02032
<http://bird.walpole.ma.us>

JCGB Pathshala Camp

By: Sanjay Jain

Pathshala camp was a great successful event held on Jun 27, 2009 at Bird Park in Walpole MA. In all about, 45 people attended the camp. The camp started with yoga and meditation by the Preeti Turkhia and Yogendra Jain. After that we split into three groups. The first group was smaller age students. Nutan Vora, Harshida Shah and Anju Kodia initially helped this group play many fun filled activities. The second group of students was led by Priyanka Jain and Umang Jain. Both being the veteran of JCGB pathshala shared their experiences with many day-to-day challenges in high school and how to deal with them keeping in mind the Jain principles. The third group of parents was led by Dharmraj Khot for Swadyaya. He enlightened the audience by discussing the difference between Vayavhar and Nishchaya. After two hours of structured activities we had lunch. The lunch was prepared by the parents and we all enjoyed the warm Tacos, bhel, watermelon, ice cream etc.

After the lunch, we all played many fun-filled games like Bhajan Antakshri, Guess who etc.

Special thanks to Dharmendra and Sweta Sethi for taking the responsibilities of event coordinator. They selected and booked the camp site. On the camp day, they setup various sign boards, helped organize the lunch table and warm the Tacos. Thanks to all other volunteers and teachers to make this event successful.

Pathshala will try and do the camp every year.

Suggestions and comments are WELCOME, please contact,

Mamta Mehta: mamta.m.mehta@gmail.com or Sanjay Jain: sanjayjai67@yahoo.com.

Photographs of camp:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/sanjayjain67/JcgbPathshalaCamp?feat=directlink>