

THREE FAITHS FORUM



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JAIN SANGHA OF EUROPE TOGETHER WITH THREE FAITHS FORUM

Nine Festivals in One A Celebration of Diversity

Jain Sangha of Europe and Jain Samaj Europe hosted the birthday celebration of the 'Enlightened One' Tirthankar Mahavira and the sacred days of eight (8) other communities in a Celebration of Diversity last week at the Indian YMCA.

Dr Natubhai Shah, Chairman of both Jain Sangha and Jain Samaj opened the celebrations. This was followed by a dance depicting Harmony, Friendliness, Compassion and Equality performed by the children's dance group from Priya Bajaria and Sonali Mehta. Dr Namndkumarji, Sir Sigmund Sternberg and Sir Keith Ajegbo spoke on the Abrahmic and Non-Abrahamic Religions and Civil Society.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum, in his address congratulated Dr Natubhai Shah's and the Jain Network for their splendid initiative in arranging this Celebration of Diversity.

"At a time when an intense - and sometimes ugly - debate is taking place on the nature of "Britishness", it is valuable for us to stop for a moment and take notice of the fact that, today, acceptance of diversity is an essential element in the very definition of Britishness"

The formal part of the celebration was concluded with the guests joining in 'Affirmations', a flute recital and a song on 'Universal Friendliness' followed by a vegetarian buffet.

Terry Burton, Deputy Mayor London Borough of Brent, Brian Pearce, Director the Interfaith Network for UK, Dr Indrajit Singh, Dr Sharma and Venerable Tawalama Bandula were among the 110 guests.

Patrons:
HE Cardinal Francis Arinze
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