

# Jain message of peace & nonviolence celebrated

Several elected officials spoke at Mahavir Jayanti celebrations at the Consulate



Consul General Sandeep Chakravorty gave the opening address.

**New York:** Lord Mahavir's birth anniversary and his message of non-violence and peace were celebrated at the Indian Consulate here on May 6. The event attended by elected officials and 200 guests was organized by the International Ahimsa Foundation Inc, spearheaded by Dr. Neeta Jain. Born in 600 B.C., Lord Mahavir was the 24th and last Tirthankara of the Jains. He emphasized non-violence and peace through thought and action, and his message is more relevant now than ever given the current world affairs.

Dr. Neeta Jain presented her vision for training programs promoting peace and non-violence to

students across America in place of crisis intervention, and community leaders discussed ways to move the mission forward through peaceful dialogue and education.

In his address, Consul General Sandeep Chakravorty lauded the diversity and religious harmony in India. Congressman Joseph Crowley underlined the contributions of the Indian diaspora to America's economic and cultural development. NYS Assemblyman David Weprin spoke about peace and non-violence among Jains and the interactions in different communities in Queens. NYC Councilman Rory Lancman advocated the philosophy of 'Live and Let Live'. Councilman Barry Grodenchik spoke of Lord Mahavir's influence on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prof. Jeffery Long related how we can employ non-violence to solve issues of environmental damage, ethno-nationalism and religious extremism in modern society. Guest speaker Samani Sanmati Pragma called upon the community to be engaged and participate in a peaceful dialogue. The stellar guest list included Councilman Peter Koo, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, former NYC Comptroller John Liu, Dr. Uma Mysorekar and International Ahimsa Foundation board members Dr. Devbala Ramanathan and Pramod Jain. Civic leaders and academics



Jain sadhvi Samani Sanmati Pragma was a guest speaker at the event.



Assemblyman David Weprin was honored with a Jain scarf by Dr Neeta Jain.



Councilman Barry Grodenchik was presented a copy of a book on Jainism by Dr Neeta Jain.



Congressman Joe Crowley speaking at the event.

highlighted the need to create a positive ripple in the world using engaged conversation and action rooted in Jain principles. Rhythm Dance Academy children performed on Jain songs and

stole hearts. The event was emceed by Shanie Persaud-Adeen, Associate Publisher of The Queens Tribune and Press. Formed in 2012 by Dr. Neeta Jain, International Ahimsa

Foundation Inc. provides dialogue, peace-building activities and civic engagement across cultures. Dr Jain is Democratic district leader for New York's 25th Assembly District Part B.

## Rao Anumolu & Chintu Patel conferred doctorates by LIU



**Rao S. Anumolu**  
Founder, ASR International Corp  
Doctor of Humane Letters - LIU Post

**R**ao S. Anumolu, President & CEO of ASR International Corporation, was conferred the Doctor of Humane Letters degree by C.W. Post, Long Island University at the Commencement 2018 on May 11.

He founded ASR International in 1986 in Long Island. ASR is a world renowned high technology company providing Engineering, IT, Project Management, Logistics, and Supply Chain Quality Management Support Services to Fortune 500 companies and government agencies. Mr. Rao Anumolu is the only Asian Indian to have been cited by the US Congress for the contributions made by him and ASR towards homeland security in the USA. He was a recipient in 2010 of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which recognizes immigrants for outstanding contributions to their communities, their nation and the world. Rao has a Master's in Industrial Engineering and an MBA from Illinois Institute of Technology. He has attended several Advanced Management Courses at Defense Systems Management College, Harvard University, and Wharton School of Business Management. The Indian American Forum and Indian community have congratulated Dr Rao S Anumolu on being honored with a doctorate.



**Chintu Patel**  
Amneal Pharmaceuticals  
co-CEO  
Doctor of Science  
- LIU Pharmacy

**C**hintu Patel, co-CEO and Chairman of Amneal Pharmaceuticals, which has grown to become one of the world's largest generic drug manufacturers, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (LIU Pharmacy) commencement ceremony on May 12 at the Barclays Center. "We are honored to have a leader in the pharmaceutical industry like Chintu Patel at this year's LIU Pharmacy commencement because he shares our commitment to quality, integrity and innovation," said LIU President Dr. Kimberly R. Cline.

Patel has spent his career developing superior and affordable medicines to benefit people around the world through R&D. With his brother Chirag, he co-founded Amneal Pharmaceuticals in 2002.

Chintu Patel's passion for excellence in R&D and therapeutic breakthroughs have led him to invest in several healthcare companies — Asana Biosciences, Kashiv Pharmaceuticals, and Prolong Pharmaceuticals — specializing in innovative health-care platforms.

Based in Long Island, he also serves on the LIU Board of Trustees. "LIU Pharmacy's vision and mission makes it a perfect fit for Mr. Patel," said Dr. John M. Pezzuto, LIU Pharmacy Dean. Patel received the 2011 Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Life Sciences. With his wife, Falguni, he created the Irada Foundation, which focuses on health, education and community outreach in India and the US. Chintu and Chirag Patel were named The South Asian Times Person of the Year 2017.