

# Competition Cosmos

## List of Jain Tirthankaras

Tirthankara's are the saviour and spiritual teacher of the Jain dharma. The term 'Tirthankara' signifies the **founder of Tirth**. According to Jain scripture, a tirthankara is a rare individual who has conquered the samsara, the cycle of death and rebirth, on their own, and made a path for others to follow.

They are also called **Arihantas, Jinas, Kevalis, and Vitragi**. Arihant means "destroyer of inner enemies," Jina means "victor of inner enemies," and vitragi means "one who does not have any more attachment or hatred towards anyone." This means that they are totally detached from worldly aspects. They have destroyed the four ghati karmas, namely Jnanavarniya Karma, Darshanavarniya Karma, Mohniya Karma, and Antaraya Karma.

Jains celebrate five major events in the life of a Tirthankara. They are called Kalyanak (auspicious events). They are:

- 1. Chyavana Kalyanak:** This is the event when the Tirthankar's soul departs from its last life, and is conceived in the mother's womb.
- 2. Janma Kalyanak:** This is the event when the Tirthankar's soul is born.
- 3. Diksha Kalyanak:** This is the event when the Tirthankar's soul gives up all his/her worldly possessions and becomes a monk/nun. (Digambar sect does not believe that women can become Tirthankar or be liberated.)
- 4. Kevaljnana Kalyanak:** This is an event when Tirthankar's soul destroys the four ghati karmas completely and attains the Kevaljnana (absolute knowledge). Celestial angels set Samavsaran for Tirthankars from where he/she delivers the first sermon. This is the most important event for the entire Jain order as the Tirthankar reinstates Jain Sangh and preaches the Jain path of purification and liberation.
- 5. Nirvana Kalyanak:** This event is when a Tirthankar's soul is liberated from this worldly physical existence forever and becomes a Siddha. On this day, the Tirthankar's soul destroys the four Aghati karmas completely, and attains salvation, the state of eternal bliss.

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There are 24 Tirthankaras of Jainism. The first Tirthankara was Rishabhdev and the last one was Mahavira.

Name of Tirthankara	Symbol	Place of Nirvan
1. Lord Rishabha	Bull	Ashtapad(Kailasha)
2. Ajitnath	Elephant	Samet Sikhar
3. Sambhavanath	Horse	Samet Sikhar
4. Abhinandannath	Monkey	Samet Sikhar
5. Sumatinath	Red Goose	Samet Sikhar
6. Padmaprabha	Lotus	Samet Sikhar
7. Suparshvanath	Swastika	Samet Sikhar
8. Chandraprabha	Moon	Samet Sikhar
9. Pushpadanta	Crocodile	Samet Sikhar
10. Sheetalnath	Kalpavriksha	Samet Sikhar
11. Shreyansanath	Rhinoceros	Samet Sikhar
12. Vasupujya	Female buffalo	Champapuri
13. Vimalnath	Pig	Samet Sikhar
14. Anantnath	Porcupine	Samet Sikhar
15. Dharmanath	Vajra	Samet Sikhar
16. Shantinath	Deer	Samet Sikhar
17. Kunthunath	Goat	Samet Sikhar
18. Aranath	Fish	Samet Sikhar
19. Mallinath	Kalasa	Samet Sikhar
20. Munisuvrata	Tortoise	Samet Sikhar
21. Nami Natha	Blue-Water Lily	Samet Sikhar
22. Neminatha	Conch	Mount Girnar
23. Parshva	Snake	Samet Sikhar
24. Mahavira	Lion	Pava Puri

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