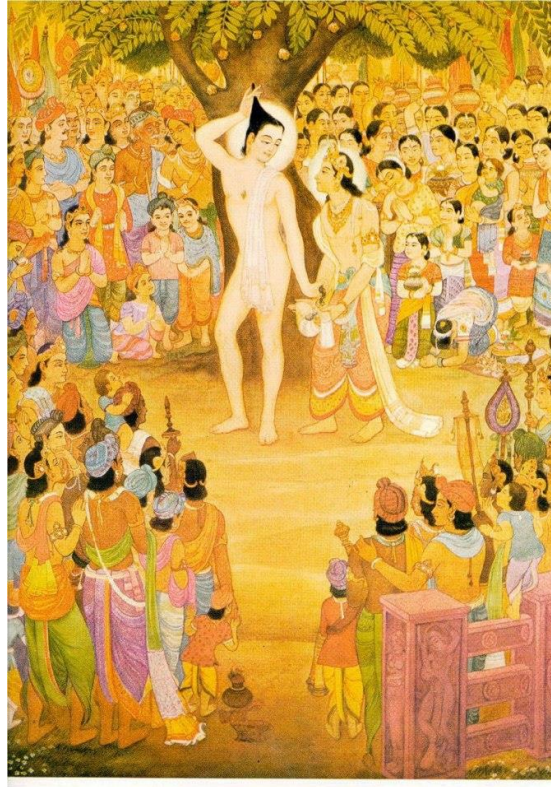


BHAGWAN MAHAVIR DIKSHA KALYANAK



Vardhaman the young prince of 'Ksatiryakund' at the age of 30, after the demise of his parents, King Siddhartha and Queen Trisala Devi, and after seeking the permission of his elder brother 'Nandivardhan' to embrace the path of austerity, started on 'Migsar vadi 10', along with a huge congregation of gods and humans. This congregation arrived at 'Jnata-Khanda' forest with great pomp and fare. Lord Mahavira came out of his 'Palki' and removed all his jewels, clothes etc. and handed them over to Nandivardhan. He presented himself for 'Diksha' under the 'Ashoka Tree'. 'Kulvridha' gave him the kind blessings and said, 'you lead an ascetic's life in a most conscious and vigilant way, to achieve the supreme knowledge and gain salvation.' Lord pulled away all his hair with his own hands. He prayed to all 'Siddhas' with 'Namo Sidhhanam' and with the sutra 'Karemi Samaiyam', he embraced the path of total abstinence for the rest of his life. He relinquished all vices and embraced 5 vows (Mahavrata) of: 1. Non-violence, 2. Truth, 3. Non-stealing, 4. Celibacy and 5. Non-possession to eventually achieve complete detachment and self-control. Indra placed an invaluable 'Devdusya vastra' on his left shoulder. As Lord embraced sanctity, he gained knowledge of other's inner feelings.

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