

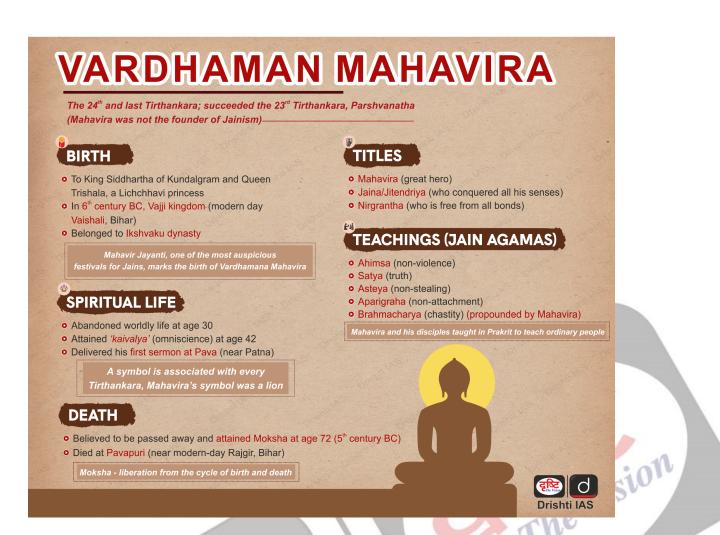
Mahavir Jayanti 2025

Why in News?

On 10th April 2025, the **2625th birth anniversary** of **Jainism's Tirthankara Lord Mahavir Swami Ji** was celebrated in Bihar.

Key Points

- About Mahavir Jayanti:
 - Mahavir Jayanti is one of the most sacred festivals in the <u>Jain community</u>.
 - This day marks the birth of <u>Vardhamana Mahavira</u>, the 24th or last Tirthankara and successor of Parshvanatha, the 23rd Tirthankara.
 - According to Jain texts, He was born on the 13th day of the Shukla Paksha of the Chaitra month.
 - According to the Gregorian calendar, Mahavir Jayanti is usually celebrated in the month of March or April.
 - A procession is taken out with the idol of Lord Mahavira which is called Rath Yatra.
 - While reciting sthavanas or Jain prayers, the idols of the deities are given a ceremonial bath called abhishekam.
- About Lord Mahavira:
 - Lord Mahavir Swami left an indelible mark on humanity through his profound spiritual practices and teachings.
 - Lord Mahavira's name in his childhood was Vardhamana which means 'the one who grows'.
 - During his twelve years of spiritual practice, Lord Mahavira demonstrated four extraordinary qualities :
 - Intense and uninterrupted meditation: His unbroken meditation helped him achieve profound insights.
 - Severe penance: He endured extreme physical suffering to purify his soul.
 - **Tolerance of pain:** Mahavira Swami demonstrated amazing tolerance.
 - Best Balance: His inner balance remained stable.
 - On the tenth day of Vaisakha, Mahavira's journey reached a decisive moment.
 - To these 5 teachings, Brahmacharya (celibacy/chastity) was added by Mahavira.



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