

# JAINISM & BUDDHISM

## SIMILARITIES AND DISSIMILARITIES

### SIMILARITIES

- Both Mahavira and Buddha hailed from royal families. Yet they renounced royal privileges and chose to adopt an ascetic life
- Denied the authority of Vedas.
- Taught in the language of the common people
- Admitted disciples from all the castes and from both the genders
- Opposed blood sacrifices.
- Believed in the doctrine of Karma.
- Emphasized on right conduct and right knowledge instead of performing religious ceremonies and rituals as the means to achieve salvation.

### DISSIMILARITIES

#### JAINISM

- It followed extreme path.
- It remained in India only.
- It does not believe in the existence of god, but believes life in every living being.

#### BUDDHISM

- It followed middle path.
- It spread across many parts of the world.
- It emphasises on ANATMA (no eternal soul) and ANITYA (impermanence).