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Workshop on Karma Theory



Department of Jain Philosophy and Research, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) and Jain academy of Scholars have jointly organised a unique workshop on “Theory of Karma and Its effect on Health” during 9-10 Feb., 2024 under the guidance of Dr. Bipin Doshi, Dr. Pratap Sanchetee and Dr. Ashish Shah. Eminent speakers were invited for various scientific sessions where they have addressed potential implications of karma on lifestyle choices, stress management, and overall health practices, its genetic and epigenetic effects. This workshop has opened



new avenues for interdisciplinary exploration and understanding of Karma and its effect on health. JAS was the knowledge partner in this workshop.

JAS Research Papers Web Portal

Many Jain Scholars, specially those not working in Universities/institutions have pointed out the difficulty in finding research papers published on various topics. JAS has therefore decided to make a web portal containing research papers on 17 topics published in National and International journals since 2000. Scholars are requested to send .pdf files of their published research papers

to be uploaded on this website, after ensuring the copyright protocol. The website is being made by Shri Nikhil Shah of Vnurture Technologies. JAS, Secretarial Office can provide all the details of portal if required.

Loka issue in Hindi (published)

Selected papers from Loka issue of the Proceedings of the Jain Academy of scholars has been translated in Hindi, for the benefit of Hindi reading scholars and acharyas, in collaboration with shri Shankheshwar Parshwanath Vigyan Kendra Palitana.

Gyan Jyoti Prize instituted

JAS has instituted to announce a Prize for ‘Outstanding contribution in Jain philosophy, 2024’. The prize, named as Gyan Jyoti Prize, will be given to a scholar for exceptional and lasting contribution on fundamentals of Jain philosophy, by innovative interpretation of Scriptures, research, publications or for carrying out projects which have global impact. It is an international award and a Jain scholar working anywhere in the world is eligible for the award. This Prize has been instituted by Dr. Gyan

Chand Jain, a renowned Jain scholar and Fellow of Jain Academy of Scholars, and JAS expresses its appreciation to him for this kind gesture.

JAS proceedings

- JAS Proceeding#4 on Dravya is ready.
- Papers are invited for the next proceeding#5 on ‘Contribution of Jain Philosophy to India’s Culture, history & Controversies.’

Weekly lectures given by scholars

During January - April 2024, following scholars have presented their talks:

- Dr. Sejal Shah - कल्पसूत्र : समय के साथ आए हुए बदलाव के कुछ संदर्भ
- Dr. M. B. Modi - Science of Atman, Jiva and Human Knowledge System
- Dr. A. K. Jain (Indore) - Siribhuvalay: An Introduction
- Sadhvi Sambodhi Shri - जो देखे अस्तिकाय वो केवली बन जाये
- Mr. Mahesh Patil - Lunar crater and Sanskrit Shloka
- Dr. G. C. Jain - Jainism v/s Hinduism.

- Mr. Dilip Jain - Difference between Jainism & Buddhism. pros and cons and its effect? What can we learn?

Monthly lectures on Jain history

During January-April 2024 following lectures on Jain history were delivered:

- ‘कुतुबमीनार: जैन मानस्तम्भ या सुमेरु पर्वत?’ by Dr. Anekant kumar Jain
- ‘Earliest Evidence of Rishabhath images in Harappan Civilization and increasing acceptance by people’ by Dr. Manuel Joseph
- ‘शिव और ऋषभदेव मे समान मान्यताएं’ by Shri Anubhav Shastri
- ‘श्रमण संस्कृति और वैदिक ब्राह्मण’ by Dr. Phoolchand Premi

Regular classes on Jain religion

Dr. C. Devakumar / Dr. S. L. Godawat, Pt. Dipak Kotadia and Samani (Dr.) Shashi Pragya ji respectively are conducting regular classes on Gommatas Jivakand, Samaysaar, and Sanmati Tark Prakaran.

Books Published

Following books written by JAS Fellows have been published during Jan-Apr 2024:

1. ‘An antidote to 21st century problems’, by Rayappa Kasi and edited by Dr. Priyadarshna Jain, published by Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur
2. ‘जैनधर्म और समाज’ by Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, published by Infinity Educations, Jaipur

Achievements of JAS scholars

Dr. Dilip Dhing was honoured with following awards:

- (1) 'Rajasthanashree' decoration on 21 Jan. 2024 by 'Rajasthani Association Tamil Nadu'.
- (2) ‘Shantidevi Gupta Shrutseva Decoration’ along with the honorary title of 'Sahitya Varidhi' in the annual 'Aksharabhishekotsav' organized by the Shrut Seva Nidhi Trust, Firozabad on 4 February 2024. On this occasion he delivered a lecture on ‘The Precious Heritage of Jainism in Tamil Nadu’.
3. On being honoured with the above two prestigious honours, organizations like Jain Sahitya Sangam (Tamil Nadu), literary organization Anubhuti, Vardhaman Seva Samiti etc.

ceremoniously felicitated Dr. Dilip Dhing.

Dr. Dhruti Rathi presented / published following papers –

- (1) Chariot Composed of Calculations (Jain Digest, February 1, 2024)
2. Seminar on 'Karma and Medicine' in Sumandeep Vidyapeeth workshop (February 2024)
3. 'Kundakunda Acharya: his names and his era' (Jain Avenue, March 2024)

Dr. Priyadarshana Jain

1. Was awarded the Ganesh Lalwani Sanman for her contribution to promote Jain Studies globally. The Award was presented by Vichar Manch, Kolkata on 17th March, 2024.
2. Was felicitated by the Sanskriti Sanrakshak title by Sri Bharatvarshiya Digambar Jain Tirth Sanrakshini Mahasabha and Sethi Trust on 28th April, 2024 at Shravanbelgola.
3. Two scholars under her guidance were awarded the Ph.D by the University of Madras, Chennai in the month of January, 2024.

4. Organised a Heritage Trip to Madhya Pradesh in Feb, 2024 wherein 40 students, researchers and guests participated.

5. 40 full time students from 1st and 2nd years took the M. A, Jain Studies exam at the University in April, 2024. 18 students of the 2nd yrs successfully completed their Master's degree.

6. 5 articles published in various journals in the academic year of 2023-24.

Dr. Dharm Chand Jain, editor of the monthly magazine 'Jinavani' participated and organised seminars/workshops, wrote various articles and taught Jain texts listed below:

- (1) Organised a national seminar in Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad on ' Various aspects of Jain Studies ' on 23rd January, 2024
- (2) Organised a seminar on Samanasuttam in the Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur on 31st March, 2024 and presented a paper on theory of karma in Samanasuttam.
- (3) Contributed to a workshop organised by Central Sanskrit University, Delhi at Jaipur campus on

Prakrit Upodghāta Samkalana during 27th to 29th February, 2024

(4) Taught Tattvārthasūtra on 3-4 March, 2024 in a workshop of 10 days organised by B L Institute of Indology, Delhi

(5) Taught Prakrit in a workshop organised by Central Sanskrit University, Jaipur campus during 12-17 March, 2024

(6) Delivered an Acharya Vidyanand memorial lecture on 18th March, 2024 in Shri LBS national Sanskrit University, Delhi on Prakrit literature and Importance of Āyāranga Sutra.

(7) Delivered two online lectures on 25th and 26th February, 2024 on Prakrit Grammar literature for the students of Prakrit certificate course organised by Shrutaratnakar, Ahmedabad

(8) Presented paper on 'Moksha : The central theme of Shastravarta samucchaya' in the national seminar organised on Shastravarta samucchaya of Hari-bhadrāsuri during 3-5 December, 2023 by B L Institute of Indology, Delhi

(9) Presented paper on 'Environmental thoughts in Jain philosophy' on 19th

December, 2023 in a national seminar organised by University of Rajasthan.

(10) 'The relevance of the teachings of Mahaveer Swami' in sarva-dharma-sangoshthi on 28th December, 2023 at India International centre, New Delhi in the presence of various religious leaders including Acharya Dharma-dhurandhar.

(11) 'Environmental consciousness in the Ācāranga Sutra' in an International seminar organised by Shrutaratnakar, Ahmedabad in the collaboration with JAINA on 21st and 22nd January, 2024

6. Presented a paper entitled 'Karma theory and its effect on our Health: Views in the Āgamas' in a seminar workshop organised by Sumandeep Vidyapeeth, Vadodara on 9-10 February, 2024

Dr. L.C. Jain has published the following articles:

(1) 'प्राचीन ग्रीस में जैन धर्म' in 'Prachin Tirth Jirnodhar' (April'24)

(2) 'प्राचीन अमेरिका में जैन धर्म इन 'Disha Bodh' (Feb' 24)

(3) 'धारासिव की विरासत' in 'Prachin tirth Jirnodhar' (Mar' 24)

(4) 'महान दार्शनिक सुकरात और जैनधर्म' in 'Disha Bodh' (Oct' 23)

(5) 'शाश्वत जैन तीर्थ श्रावस्ती' 'Prachin Tirth Jirnodhar' (Feb' 24)

Dr. Anupam Jain, editor of renowned research journal 'Arhat Vacan' (Indore) and various other magazines and Principal Investigator in 'IKS Centre in Jaina Mathematics', Devi Ahilya Vishva Vidhyalay (Indore) presented his papers at different forums as following:

(1) Key note address in workshop on Vedic Mathematics at NMIMS-Indore, 15.01.2024.

(2) Keynote address delivered in TMU Moradabad on 24.01.2024 on IKS-Moradabad.

(3) Invited Lectures delivered in the workshop on 'Bhārtīya Ganita Śāstra and its Usefulness' organised by JKMS Foundation (Ahmedabad) and SGSITS Indore on 09.02.2024

(4) Lecture delivered in Rashtriya Jain Vidvat Sammelan, Sheetal Tirth, Ratlam, 17-19 Feb. 2024.

He also organised a conference during 'Rashtriya Jain Vidyut Sammelan' at Ratlam during 17-19 February 2024.

Dr. Veer Sagar Jain, editor of bimonthly research magazine 'Prakrut Vidya' delivered following lectures during last quarter:

(1) जैन विद्या के विविध आयाम during 'Rashtriya Jain Vidyut Sammelan' at Ratlam

(2) जैन परंपरा में पर्यावरण चिंतन in Rajasthan University

(3) जैन दर्शन में न्याय व्यवस्था in Bombay University

Dr. Anil Kumar Jain presented paper on 'क्या अकाल मृत्यु संभव है?' during 'Rashtriya Jain Vidyut Sammelan' held at Ratlam.

Dr. Sulekh Jain (USA) informed that 'The Bhagwan Suvidhinath Endowed Chair in Jain Studies' at California State University, Long Beach organized a conference in Jainism on April 21-23, 2024. Dr. Kusum Jain (JAS fellow) participated in this conference. Dr. Sulekh Jain also participated actively in this program. During Mahavir Jayanti celebrations at California, he delivered lecture on Ahimsa at Jain Centre.

Shri Ram Gopal Jain informed that he has been selected as Vice Precedent (NRI Committee India Chapter) of the Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvana Mahotsav Samiti (Reg.). An article in his appreciation has been published in 'Business Darpan' & 'Anokhi Patrika'.

Under the Gyankendra, supported by JainIndia Trust, Chennai, Dr. Pawan Kumar is working on 'Gommatsar Karma Kand', and Dr. Varsha Shah on 'Gandharvada'.

Errata: In the *Newsletter#3*, name of the editor of the book **भारतनामा** was wrongly published; its editor is Dr. Prabhakiran Jain.
– Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, Editor – Newsletter)

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