



Science and Spirituality Research Institute & Jain Academy of Scholars



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Science and Spirituality Research Institute and Jain Academy of Scholars wish you a very Happy New Year 2026

Awards and Honours received by JAS Fellows

The Jain Academy of Scholars is happy to inform that many fellows of JAS have received awards for their contributions to Jain Philosophy.

Padmashri **Dr. Kumarpal Desai** and **Dr. Narendra Bhandari** received JAINA Global Award this year at JAINA convention held at Chicago on 5th July 2025. It was attended by Munishri LokeshKumarji, several Samanijis and other dignitaries


Dr. Kumar Pal Desai was honoured for his seminal contributions to Jain philosophy and Dr. Narendra Bhandari received the award for his work on scientific foundations of Jain philosophy.

contribution to the field of literature and for making national and international impact.



Dr. Kumarpal Desai **also** received the Narmad Chandrak from the Narmad Sahitya Sabha of Surat for his 634-page Gujarati novel, a theatrical adaptation from the novel itself, titled Anahata, and Girnar Award by the Brihad Mumbai Gujarati Samaj for outstanding

Jainism, Science, and Spirituality



Dr. Narendra Bhandari

We are proud to honor Dr. Narendra Bhandari for his pioneering efforts in bridging science and spirituality. A former Chair of ISRO's Planetary Science and Exploration Program and a key contributor to multiple lunar missions, Dr. Bhandari brought scientific insight to Jain philosophy. He founded the Jain Academy of Scholars and the Science and Spirituality Research Institute, creating premier platforms for scholarly exploration and spreading the universal messages of Ahimsa and Anekantvad across the globe.

Dr. Sushma Singhvi was honoured with Acharya Tulsi Prakrit Samman.



Dr. Renuka Porwal received the Jain Patrakar Sangh, Mumbai - Award on "Ati Prachin Jain Stupa: Kankali Tila, Mathura (Gujarati).

Dr. Dilip Dhing was honoured with Swadhyay Ratna by Shri Jain sangh, Chennai. He was elected as Vice President of Tamilnadu Hindi Academy and Anuvrat Samiti.

Shri Padam Chand Gandhi was honoured with Bharatmata Sahitya Samman, Dr. Radhakrishnan Shreshta shikshak samman, Rai Gandhi kul Gaurav Samman, Vinoba nagari lipi samman and Kavya Kaustubha samman.

International Activities by JAS

A procession was taken through some parts of the city of San Jose, California, on the Indian Independence Day 2025 by Milpitas Jain Centre based on the JAS theme of Jain Philosophy and Science:



Shri Nikunj Mehta, Dr Narendra Bhandari and Smt. Pratibha Mehta with the Indian Independence Day procession, leading the float on the theme of Jain Philosophy.



A meeting was organised by Prof. Kokila Shah with some JAINA dignitaries and Dr. Narendra Bhandari during the JAINA convention at Chicago to discuss the activities of JAS and SSRI.



Dr. Narendra Bhandari had a meeting with Samaniji Amalpragyaji and the Jain group San Jose, California on 27th July 2025.



New Book Release by JAS

Jain Academy of Scholars has published the book on "Reincarnation: Scientific Research and Philosophical Aspect" (पुनर्जन्म: वैज्ञानिक शोध और दार्शनिक पहलू). Edited by Dr Anil Kumar Jain. (Price Rs 400/-)



Summary of 5 Round table meetings held during June-July 2025 on JAS platform

conducted by Dr. Anil Kumar Jain and the book was launched on 9th November JAS Seminar at Bombay. It contains 20 articles on case studies, scientific and philosophical aspects of rebirth, Reincarnation and Avatar, contributed by many JAS Fellows.



MUMBAI Seminar organised by JAS, 9th November 2025 held at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, Nariman Point

The Jain Academy of Scholars hosted its landmark seminar Science Within Scriptures. Over 200 participants—scholars, scientists, students, homemakers, and professionals were attracted by one common quest and participated in the seminar:

Can ancient Indian wisdom illuminate modern scientific truth?

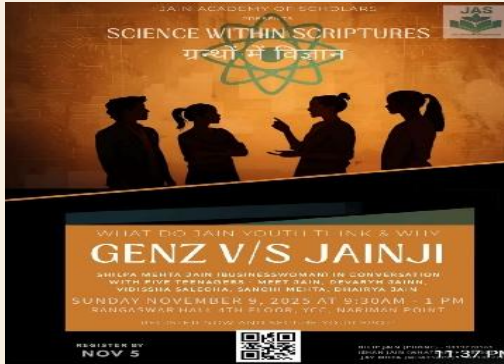
Key Highlights of the seminar are:

✿ Inspiring Morning on Faith (Religion) And/ Or Logic (Science)! ✿ where science meets timeless wisdom — designed for today's generation seeking clarity, logic, and deeper understanding. Theme Focus: Consciousness, Cosmology, Ecology, Karma, Ethics, & Mind-Body Science.

✿ Sunday, 9th November, Rangaswami Hall, 4th Floor, Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai

🎤 Speakers & Sessions:

* Dilip Jain, Executive Secretary, JAS: Ecology & Philosophy Practitioner — Logic, Faith & the Future



***GenZ Panel:**

Young voices in conversation with experts like Shilpa Mehta.

* Conversation of Dr. Anil Kumar Jain and Sonal Jayaswal on the book on Reincarnation and Garbha Sanskar.



- Chief Guest: Shri Vallabh Bhansali-entrepreneur, co-founder ENAM group, Rajiv Jain IAS chief manager, Chintan shah C/A, Punitji- JACF Secretary, were among the dignitaries who participated in the seminar.

- Keynote Address: Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Space Scientist & Founder President of JAS, Science within Scriptures.

Special Talks: Dr. Bipin Doshi Physician & Scholar — Global Relevance of Ancient Wisdom. Shri Dilip Jain, Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, Dr. Sonal Jayaswal, Rebirth & Reincarnation - how it all works

- Youth Session: Jainji vs Gen Z by Shilpa Mehta Jain
- JAS thanks Shri Jay Mota (Head of business development at global Exim group), Ishan Jain (CEO of Imperio Railing Systems), and Anuj Hakked (Photography & Videography) for successfully conducting the seminar.

JAS thanks Shri Dilip Jain, Shri Ishan Jain, Shri Jay Mota and Ms. Sonal Jayaswal for conducting a successful Seminar and for sponsoring the event. JAS also thanks Dr. Bipin Doshi for his guidance in conducting this program.





Proceeding of JAS vol. 5 (2025) on 'Contributions of Jains to Indian History, heritage and culture'

Jain Academy of Scholars (JAS), in association with Shri Adinath Memorial Trust (SAMT), Lucknow, jointly organised about 30 monthly lectures on 'Contributions of Jains to Indian History, heritage and culture'. Based on this lecture series by eminent historians, we have come to the conclusion that Jain's contribution to Indian heritage, culture and ethics has been enormous, but it does not find its rightful pace in Indian history or school curriculum. To correct this lapse, we have put together some typical aspects in form of the history issue of JAS Proceedings, in three sections: (i) post-Mahavir, historical era, (ii) Pre-Mahavir era of prehistory, based on archaeology, climate records etc., and (iii) Jainism outside India. This

proceeding is being launched on 10th January at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad at the International Conference organised by JAINA/Shrutratnakar. We hope to follow this publication with more articles on this issue in future proceedings.

The goal of this effort is to inform NCERT and other education institutions to include this authentic information in school curriculum for sake of presenting correct history.

Activities of JAS Fellows

Dr. Renuka Porwal

Publications

- "Jain Wisdom in Prakrit Literature: With sp. ref. to Vimalasuri's Paumchariyam" on 17-19 Nov. 2025.
- "Exploring Technology in Jainism: A Journey through Literature and Artifacts" at JAS on 9th Nov. 2025
- A memorial Lecture on Prof. Sankalia- "Archaeology of Kumbhalgad: Jain Perceptive" on 10th December 2025
- "The Symbolism of Hair in Rishabhdeva's Iconography" on 19-20 December 2025

प्रो. वीरसागर जैन

प्रकाशित पुस्तकें

कुन्दकुन्द भारती, नई दिल्ली से - 'विद्या का आनंद' और 'आगम-शतक' प्रकाशित हुई ।

व्याख्यान

1. 25 जुलाई को मंगलायतन विश्वविद्यालय अलीगढ़ में 'विश्वशांति में अहिंसा और अनेकान्त की भूमिका' विषय पर व्याख्यान हुआ ।

2. 28 अगस्त से 6 सितंबर तक दशलक्षण महापर्व पर लॉस एंजिल्स में तत्त्वार्थसूत्र एवं दसलक्षण धर्म पर व्याख्यान हुए।
3. 12 सितंबर को हंसराज कॉलेज, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में 'प्रमाण, नय और अनेकान्त' विषय पर व्याख्यान हुआ।

Dr. Dilip Dhing

प्रकाशित पुस्तकें एवं लेख

1. 'यादों का उपवन', 'समय के अश्व', 'संघर्ष से उत्कर्ष' नानेश-नेमी निर्झर'
2. देशभर की दर्जनों पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में प्रासंगिक और उपयोगी विषयों पर शताधिक निबंध, शोधलेख, कविता, संस्मरण, प्रेरक प्रसंग, टिप्पणियाँ, समीक्षाएँ, समाचार आदि प्रकाशित।
3. 'जैन इतिहास के प्रसंग' (भाग 1-40) पुस्तकों पर चातुर्मास काल में, जुलाई-2025 से नवम्बर तक हर रविवार को स्वाध्याय प्रतियोगिताएं हुईं। यह आयोजन दोनों ही नगरों के जैन संघ की ओर से हुआ। उल्लेखनीय है कि ये प्रसंग पिछले एक दशक से 'जिणवयण' (मासिक) में धारावाहिक प्रकाशित हो रहे हैं।
4. 16 नवम्बर 2025 को आचार्य जवाहरलालजी महाराज की स्मृति में भारत सरकार ने डाक टिकट और सिक्का जारी किया। इसकी विवरणिका में आलेख प्रकाशित।

संगोष्ठी, व्याख्यान

1. श्री जैन संघ, एमएमडीए कॉलोनी, अरुम्बाकम, चेन्नई के तत्वावधान में 20 अगस्त 2025 से 27 अगस्त 2025 तक रुक्मिणी विद्यालय में अष्टदिवसीय पर्युषण व्याख्यान।
2. श्री श्वे. स्था. जैन संघ, सैदापेट, चेन्नई के तत्वावधान में 5 सितम्बर 2025 को आचार्य जयमल जयंती समारोह में बतौर अतिथि उद्बोधन।

3. सम्यग्ज्ञान प्रचारक मंडल, जयपुर एवं श्री वर्धमान स्थानकवासी जैन श्रावक संघ, वालकेश्वर (मुंबई) के तत्वावधान में 19-21 सितम्बर 2025 को मुम्बई में आयोजित राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी में लेश्या सिद्धांत पर विचाराभिव्यक्ति और शोधलेख प्रस्तुति।

Other activities

1. डॉ. दिलीप धींग की पहल और प्रयासों से चेन्नई के अनेक शिक्षण संस्थानों व पाठशालाओं में प्राकृत भाषा शिक्षण शुरू हुआ। इस प्रयत्न के फलस्वरूप लगभग एक हजार विद्यार्थी प्राकृत शिक्षण से जुड़े हैं।
2. साहित्यिक संस्था 'अनुभूति' और अणुव्रत समिति चेन्नई के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में 14 दिसंबर 2025 को डॉ. धींग के संयोजन में अणुव्रत काव्य चेतना कार्यक्रम।

Dr. Jeoraj Jain

Publications

1. Book: Water- Bodied Living-Beings published by Sumandeep Vidyapeeth University, Vadodara Co-authored by Dr. Acharya Shri Vijay Nandighoshuriji. The research highlights that Life is a subset of 4 Universal Traits and water fulfils these traits.
2. Article "विश्वधर्म की भूमिका में जिनवाणी" in Jinvani
3. A video film "A Prediction Beyond Science" dealing with cosmology and extra-terrestrial life.

Subhash C. Jain

Publications

- Jain, Subhash C., Good (Puṇya) and Sinful (Pāpa) Actions and their Karmic Consequences (karma phala) in Jain Karma Doctrine, in

Spiritual Consciousness as Evolution Learning, ed. Maureen P. Ellis, Routledge, 2025.

Jain, Subhash C., Virginia University Research and Karma Theory, in Reincarnation: Scientific Research and Philosophical Aspects, ed. Anil K. Jain, Jain Academy of Scholars, 2025.

JAS Mumbai – 3 Month Course Begins

Following the success of the Science Within Scriptures conference in November, JAS Mumbai launched its first 3-month Introductory Course on the Scientific Aspects of Jainism, with a curated batch of 15 enthusiastic participants. The weekly sessions (Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM) bring together professionals, students, homemakers, and seekers to explore consciousness, cosmology, karma theory, ecology, and the universal scientific foundations of Jain philosophy. The course is based on Dr. Narendra Bhandari's acclaimed work combines reading, discussion, and guided exploration.

Announcing Next Batch Starting from 18th February 2026

Encouraged by the strong response, the next batch of the same 3-month Introductory Course will begin on Wednesday, 18th February, from 7:00–8:30 PM near Charni Road, Mumbai. The batch is limited to 12–15 participants to ensure personalised learning, and those who successfully complete the course with good attendance receive complimentary JAS membership. Registrations are now open for learners who wish to understand Jain wisdom through the lens of logic, science, and practical application. Contact Dilip Jain 9819278161/ dilip@djed.in

Dr. L. C. Jain

Books

(i) 'Amrut Bindu' in English

(ii) "जैन दर्शन: एक वैज्ञानिक अनुशीलन"

Prakrut Bharati Academy, Jaipur.

Articles

-प्राचीन तीर्थ जीर्णोद्धार में प्रकाशित: प्रथम: दक्षिण भारत का शक्तिशाली जैन सम्राट, दिगम्बर जैन अतिशय क्षेत्र कंबदहल्ली, समानर पहाड़ियों के विश्व प्रसिद्ध जैन मंदिर, राजगृही सिद्ध क्षेत्र, तमिलनाडु की आठवीं शताब्दी का वैभव, कर्मों का वैज्ञानिक विश्लेषण, दिशा बोध में प्रकाशित: जैन व्रत, उपवास और विज्ञान, गोवा की प्राचीन विरासत

Talks given: 'कर्मों का वैज्ञानिक विश्लेषण; जैन दर्शन के परिपेक्ष में'

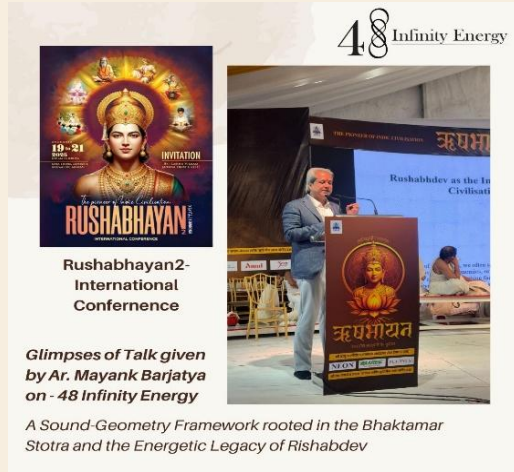
Dr. Vijay Sancheti

As National Coordinator of Jain Vidya certificate, organised a course for about 500 students during the Chaturmas of Acharya Mahashramanji at Koba, Ahmedabad during July 2025.



Mayank Barjatya

Gave a Talk on Infinite energy rooted in Bhaktamar at seminar on Rushabhayan at Bombay



Dr. Dhruvi Ghiya Rathi

Articles published

- Rishabhanath and Mahavir Murtis at the British Museum- Jain Digest
 - Parshwanath Idol at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK. - Jain Digest
- Talk given** on Rishabhadeva: The Originator of Trade and Commerce- Rushbhayan 2

Dr. P. M. Agrawal

1. Reviewed the manuscript of the book, 'Soul Science for the Millennials', authored by Dr. Medhavi Jain and published by Motilal BanarasiDas.
2. Delivered talks that introduced books: (1) You can Heal Your Life by Louise Hay, and (2) The Anatomy of the Spirit by Carolyn Myss. The summary of the talks were published in a magazine entitled 'Shraddha' by Acharya Bhikshu Alok Samsthan, Kelva.

4. Reviewed the manuscript of the book, 'Samvad-Samayasara', authored by Dr. Shuddhatma Prakash Jain, published by Motilal BanarasiDas.

Dr. Pratap Sanchetee

Publications

Sanchetee Pratap, Sanchetee Prakash. Mantra meditation and health. IP Indian Journal of Neurosciences 2025; 11(2): 109-110. <https://doi.org/10.18231/j.ijn.2025.023>

Rajesh Kumar Parasramani

Trained students, generating a variety of sounds on electric sindhi sarangi (on Zoom A1x four and Zoom G1 four multi - effects processor and with Boss GT-1 multi - effects processor.

Dr. Dharm Chand Jain

1. Project- Working on a project entitled 'History of Jain philosophical Literature' sanctioned by Indian council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi
2. National and International conferences, Seminars and Workshops- participated and presented research paper in more than 8 seminars and conferences in Bodhgaya, Agra, Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Beawer etc. Also organised three seminars. Taught Prakrit language and literature in Workshops on Prakrit in Delhi and Jaipur.

Delivered lectures in workshop on Tattvārthasūtra, Syādvādamañjarī and Prakrit certificate course. Delivered some lectures on various topics like Contribution of Jain

Acharyas in development of Jain Pramana shastra. One lecture delivered in ISJS on 13th December on Contribution of Acharya Haribhadrāsūri to Jain Yoga.

Publication - 1. A book on Ratnatraya published by Shri Ostra Parshvanath Jain Shwetambar Trust. 2. Edited a Sanskrit book Siddhāntashatakam of Tejsingh gani published by Samyagjñāna Pracharak Mandal, Jaipur, 3. Edited a Prakrit book Mokkhapadam of Acharya Ghasilalji Maharaj published by samyagjñāna Pracharak Mandal, Jaipur.

An article published in Reincarnation book of JAS. Every month an editorial, explanation of Agam vachan and an article in Prakrit language is published. Bhumika on Prakirnaka sangrah part 1 published by Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur.

Nikhil Shah (Cilans Systems Analytics)

The following initiatives were implemented, and successfully executed across Non-violence (Ahimsa), Knowledge (Gyan) across multiple geographics regions.

Other activities

- 1) **JYB (Jain Yuva Bot)** Anyone can use this by sending Hii to +91 7048522287 (daily 10 questions limit per person)



2) Jain Standard Book Number, is designed to simplify, standardize, and modernize the cataloging of books across Jain

Gyanbhandars. Each ISBN is uniquely generated and paired with a corresponding QR code, enabling it to be conveniently printed on the back of books for quick identification, seamless access, and efficient digital referencing. More information can be found at <https://isbn.in/>

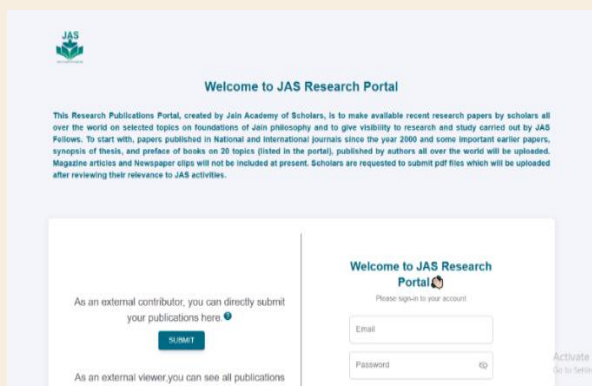
- 3) In collaboration with Pankaj Sangh, of Jain Sangh, bulk digital up was carried out. website - <https://www.jainsangh.info/>
- 4) Through **GranthAI**, GranthAI is among the Top 10 AI initiatives promoting Jainism.



More information can be found at www.granthai.in

5) **The Violence Free World (VFW)**
VFW (violence Free World / हिंसा मुक्त विश्व) is a global initiative that leverages scientific and logical reasoning to advocate for nonviolence in all forms with a focus on vegetarianism, nature friendly lifestyle, animal compassion, and stress-free living. Its activities were carried out in Mumbai, Baroda, Ahmedabad including participation at LOTUS group. VFW collaborated with 121 schools in Baroda and with 10 hospitals in association with Sumandeep University, creating a strong interdisciplinary impact, under the guidance of Acharya Sunilsagarji Maharaj in which we conducted 5 days of VFW expo, significantly enhancing public visibility, engagement, and outreach. (www.vfw.life)

- 6) The platform **AskBuddhisagarji.com.**, a digital platform was created as knowledge resource within the Jain community. www.askbuddhisagarji.com
- 7) **Shri Adinath Jain Sangh**, the Ayambil booking process was significantly streamlined through a dedicated digital platform to simplify Ayambil bookings for devotees. <https://adinath-jainsangh.vercel.app/>
- 8) Research Publications Portal, was created to make available recent research papers by scholars all over the world on selected topics on foundations of Jain philosophy and to give visibility to research and study carried out by JAS Fellows.
- For more information - <https://research.jainscholars.com/>



Dr. Anil Kumar Jain

- Presented papers on current problems prevailing in Jain society in three different seminars at Agra & Kolkata conducted by “Jain Patra Sampadak Sangh” and at Jodhpur.
- Published articles in ‘Jain Sandesh’, ‘Dish Bodh’, ‘ISJS Journal’ etc.
- Edited the book “Reincarnation: Scientific Research and Philosophical Aspects”.

PAVAN KUMAR JAIN, IDSE Retd. (Delhi)

- 1) Research Paper-" Scientific Analysis of Jain Philosophy" Presented at Seminar held in April 2025 by JAS at MLSU Udaipur. Now being published in Journal of JAS Ahmedabad.
- 2) Article- "Philosophical views of Reincarnation" was Published in in Journal/Book by JAS in Sept 2025.

Dr. Sonal Jain Jayaswal

Dr. Sonal is founder of **Garbha** Sanskar Academy promoted Holistic prenatal education, Conscious parenthood, and nurturing future-ready generations from the womb itself.

Books published:

1. Hindi edition of Garbha Sanskar; The English edition is the top10 books on Amazon in the Spirituality and Mental Well-Being categories
2. Fertility and Conscious Conception is under publication.

JAS Regular online classes

- (1) Samaysaar conducted on weekly basis (Wednesday) by Pt. Dipakbhai Kotadia.
- (2) Textual Study - Philosophical Understanding of Tattvartha Sutra for Spiritual Evolution: conducted by Dr. Priyadarshana Jain, Chennai.

Dr. Bipin Doshi

Dr. Doshi gave a series of 4 lecture series on 18 Paap Sthanaks during November-December 2025. (Lectures available on JAS YouTube channel).

JAS thanks all the Gurus: Dr. Bipin Doshi, Dr. Priyadarshana Jain, and Pt Dipak Kotadia for sharing their deep knowledge with JAS and SSRI members.

Following the successful Bombay seminar, two more courses have started-

Shri Dilip Jain, Executive Secretary, JAS has started a discussion course at Charni Road, Mumbai on the book – “Jainism: the eternal and universal path to enlightenment”, by Dr Narendra Bhandari (published by Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur). 14 participants are taking part in this discussion course.

Shri Rajesh Sheth: "How to decode Happiness?" is a 12 session Jainism course. Classes are held online on Zoom (also live on You Tube), every Sunday at 8.30 to 10 am IST.

Teacher: Shri Rajesh Sheth

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Join WhatsApp group to enroll and receive further updates:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JbtwycE2u8FFxdBEov9vDR?mode=wwt>

JAS welcomes new fellows

1. Prof. Ashok Jetawat, Udaipur
2. Mr. Rajesh Sheth, Mumbai
3. Mr. Naresh Motta, Mumbai
4. Ms. Meena Shah, Mumbai
5. Dr. Pravin Mehta, Pune
6. Dr. Parag Melvanki, Dharwad

Announcements

1. Chennai National Seminar

Dr. Priyadarshana Jain, Professor, University of Madras, Department of Jain philosophy Chennai is organising a 2-day seminar on Glory

of Jainism and its relevance in the Modern Context – New Findings. during 23rd – 24th March 2026. JAS will participate as a knowledge partner. The Research foundation, Chennai is sponsoring this course.

2. International Conference at Ahmedabad

Dr. Jitendra B. Shah, Shrut Ratnakar, Ahmedabad in collaboration with JAINA, USA is going to conduct a 2-day International Conference at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad during 10th – 11th January 2026. JAS awards will also be presented during this event to Dr Prem Suman Jain, Dr Veer Sagar Jain and Dr L.C.Jain.

3. Positions Available

Ten research/post doctoral/faculty positions are available on Jain philosophy in various universities in USA. Qualified and interested candidates may contact Dr Sulekh Jain (scjainphd@gmail.com). Some part time/on-line project positions are also available with JAS, research scholars may write to Purvi Dave for details.

Dear Scholars,

We are glad to present you the 8th issue of the newsletter. If you have any suggestion, please let us know.

Dr. Anil Kumar Jain
Purvi Dave

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