

## **Jain Academy of Scholars**

The Jain Academy of Scholars was established in June 2020 with the main objective of carrying out and promoting study and research on Jainism by “supporting concepts of Jain Darshan with scientific methodology and logic” and “enriching scientific theories by introducing Jain concepts”.

JAS is a unique forum where exchange of ideas related to Jain philosophy and its practical applications takes place between scholars globally. It was created with the vision that it will act as a ‘Think Tank’ and carry out research in Jain philosophy.

Currently about 50 renowned Jain scholars from India and abroad are involved in this academic activity. Several Sant scholars representing different Jain sects are Mentors of the Academy.

The Academy holds weekly on-line lectures by world announced experts on various aspects of Jain philosophy and science. When serious discussion is required, Round Table Discussions are held to have various points of views to arrive at some logical consensus.

Some of these are available on

YouTube Channel: [https://youtube.com/c/JainAcademyofScholars\\_SSRI](https://youtube.com/c/JainAcademyofScholars_SSRI)

& JAS website : <https://www.jainscholars.com/>

JAS also publishes a technical Journal called Proceedings of JAS containing original research papers related to science and Jain darshan. The articles are peer reviewed to maintain the highest standards. The inaugural issue deals with topics like modern view of Jain philosophy, physical structures of matter, violence and non-violence in daily life and effect of meditation on aggressiveness by accomplished professionals. It also brings out latest scientific news about Jain concepts. The second issue has attempted to resolve the conflict between Jain Loka and modern cosmology and another issue is devoted to Gyan mimasa. A library having Svetambar and Digambar Scriptures and modern topics of philosophy and science are available at its headquarters in Ahmedabad.

JAS was a knowledge partner in organising an International Conference on Science and Jain Philosophy-2 on consciousness which was organised by Florida International University, Miami, USA. The academy also supports academic projects and the Faculty is available as Research Guides.

The Academy has instituted several awards for outstanding contributions to Jain philosophy, work of excellence and appreciation awards to scholars selected globally.

Fellowship and membership of JAS is open to all who are desirous of understanding the fundamentals of Jain darshan and carrying out research and academic activities. Scholars and students may contact [nbhandari@yahoo.com](mailto:nbhandari@yahoo.com) or 9824077890 or [jainacademyofscholars@gmail.com](mailto:jainacademyofscholars@gmail.com).

Encouragement is solicited from the leaders of Jain samaj and other institutions.