



**Science and Spirituality Research Institute
&
Jain Academy of Scholars
Ahmedabad**



Newsletter # 1, December - March 2023

Greetings from the President

The Science and Spirituality Research Institute was started over 7 years ago and JAS is entering 4th year of its inception. During this period the two institutions have worked hand in hand and have covered lot of ground by undertaking a variety of academic activities and the membership has increased significantly. Several renowned fellows of high standing have joined and some organisations have shown interest in working together with us. To keep everyone informed of our ongoing and forthcoming activities, we have decided to start a quarterly NEWSLETTER with this issue. I am happy that Dr Anil Kumar Jain has kindly agreed to edit and publish NEWS LETTER in future.

I send you my Best wishes on the occasion of Vikram samvat New Year..

Organisational Matters

JAS/SSRI has entered into academic collaboration with Suman Deep Vidyapeeth, Baroda, GJI JAIN university, Bangalore and Shankheshwar Parashvanath Karuna Trust, Palitana, while our activities with Shri Guniaji Teerth Trust, Bangalore and Spirituality Technology Research Foundation, Mumbai are continuing. We have also taken up some activities with ISJS, Poona and Shrut Ratnakar, Ahmedabad. All Fellows are welcome to work with these institutions on activities of mutual interest.

Academic/Research Activities:

- JAS has constituted a Research Board, under Chairmanship of Dr. P. Sanchetee with a small seed money. Fellows are requested to propose and carryout research projects which can be undertaken.
- Lecture course on pannavana sutra by Samani Dr. Chaitanya Prajna ji was completed.
- Lecture course on Gommatsar (Jiva Kand) by Dr. C. DevKumar and Dr S.L. Godawat is continuing.
- Weekly lectures and Round Table discussions (on Pudgal) by eminent scholars are continuing regularly included lectures by
- Dr Veer Sagar Jain on Dravya, Dr. Surendra Singh Pokharna - Quantum Hologram, Dr. Narendra Bhandari - Scientific aspects of Dravya, Prof. Shriyansh Sanghai - Nayavada, Syadvada evam anekanta Mein Antarsambandha, Prof Priyadarshana Jain - Jain Food and Thought - A Holistic Approach - Part 1.
- "Hinsa Mukta Vishwa": Nikhil Shah, Ambassador and Campaign Leadership Awardee, organised an exhibition at Ahmedabad and Palitana and published a book.

- A declaration on 'Essential role of scientific and spiritual approach to save the Earth and life" was promulgated jointly by JAS and SPKTrust at Palitana.
- Vimochan of Bhagvati Sutra (Bhagvai) - Part - 6 with prakrit, Sanskrit and Hindi Bhashya by Acharya Shri Mahashramanji at Ahmedabad on 18th March, 2023.
- An online interdisciplinary course on "Karma and Science ", by Dr N.L.Kachhara is offered by Florida International University, USA, open to students and citizens, starting May 2023 Summer Semester. Contact: Samani Chaitanya Prajna at chaitanyapragya97@gmail.com
- Life of a Digambara Shravaka (35 minutes) made by Dharma Darshan Seva Sansthan, Udaipur can be played on demand.
- Mrs Ashesha Parikh, Dr. Pavan Kumar Jain, Dr. Vijay Sancheti and several other Fellows attended Online course on Jainism offered by Florida International University with exemplary performance.
- Mrs Ankita Shah collected health data on many tapasvis who carried out Varshitap and athai for documentation and analysis.

Publications (2022-23):

1. Proceedings of Jain Academy of scholars (Gyan Mimamsa ank - 3), Drs. L. C. Jain and N. Bhandari (Chief eds.), 2022.
2. D.C Jain, "Chintan Ke Āyāma, vol. 3' Samyag Jñāna Pracharak Mandal, Jaipur, March, 2023.
3. D.C Jain, Causality in Jaina Philosophy & its Practicability'. in Shramana, July- Dec, 2022.
4. D.C. Jain, Preface in Vasudev Hindi (Prakrit), Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur in 2023.
5. Dhruvi G. Rathi, Jainism & Environment, Jain Avenue Magazine, Feb. 2023. Pg 4.
6. G. Srinivasan and others, Constraining the Resurfacing processes on small asteroids using cosmogenic effects in their regolith, in International Planetary Science Conference, 22-24 March, 2023 @ PRL, Ahmedabad.
7. Jeoraj Jain, " Science of non-Living Water and Conservation of Water" and "Is Jain Geography - Astronomy True"
8. Jeoraj Jain , covering research on Water and on Cosmography were exhibited in "Vishva Book Mela" held in Feb. 2023.
9. Mahesh Patil, Possible origin of Muong Nong Tektites by a grazing impact in Tibet, Ind. Geophys. Union, 27(1) (2023), 56-61.
10. N. Bhandari Jain Dharma:Darshan and Practice, Jain Avenue, p. 3, Dec. 2022.
11. N. Bhandari, Scientific foundation and practice of Ahimsa, in Encyclopedia of Ahimsa, Nandkishore Acharya, 588-593, Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur.
12. N. Bhandari, Anil Kumar Jain and M S Sisodia, Speciation model based on Jain theory of Shrivivād and limited intra-species Darwinian evolution, Jain Journal, July 2022
13. N. L. Kachhara: Primer on Principles of Jain philosophy.
14. N. G. Rudraswami and others, Characteristics of the Rantila, Diyodar enstatite achondrite meteorite fall, International Planetary Science Conference, 22-24 March, 2023 @ PRL, Ahmedabad

15. S. S. Pokharna, A comparative study of the concept of Consciousness in science and Jain philosophy, pp.414, Indian Council of Philosophical Research.
16. Subhash Jain: The Path to Inner Peace: Mastering Karma and Karma Doctrine and Rebirth in Jainism: A Logical Perspective.

Conferences attended

- Several scholars participated in the 2nd International Conference organised by JAINA, USA and Shrutratnakar on "Forgiveness", held at Gujarat university on 21st and 22nd January 2023.

Achievements

- Dr. Narendra Bhandari and Dr. Dilip Dhing were honoured with Acharya Hasti Award
- About 20 Fellows of JAS (Mrs. Ashesha Parikh, Nikhil Shah and Drs A. K. Jain, Anupam Jain, Bipin Doshi, C. DevaKumar, Dilip Dhing, DharamChand Jain, Jeoraj Jain, J. B. Shah, Kumar Pal Desai, N. Bhandari, N. L. Kachhara, P. Sanchetee, Prof. Priyadarshana Jain, Prabhudas Thakkar, S. V. Shah, S. S. Pokharna, Sulekh Jain) were honoured for their work on Science and Jain Philosophy by SPKTrust.
- Drs. Dhananjay Raval, Narendra Bhandari, Pankaj Joshi, Prabhudas Thakkar, Rajmal Jain, Sudhir Shah, S. S. Pokhara. of SSRI / JAS were honoured by Dharm Jagriti Kendra, Ahmedabad on 23rd January, 2023.
- Dr. Anil Kumar Jain was honoured with: अखिल भारत वर्षीय दिगम्बर जैन शास्त्री परिषद् द्वारा प्रदत्त "आचार्य नरेन्द्रप्रकाश जैन स्मृति शास्त्री परिषद् पुरस्कार, 2022.
- Dr. Prayadarshana Jain represented Jain philosophy at Vatican, Rome.

Upcoming events / publications

- International Conference to sustain Mother Earth, April 22,24, 2023 D.S.Kothari Institute, Udaipur.
- Proceedings of Jain Academy of Scholars Pudgal issue is under preparation. Paper submission date: 1st April, 2023
- Applications of Anekantavad: A book edited by ISJS, JAS, U. Muenster and some other scholars is proposed. Paper submission date : 1st October 2023.
- Dr Bipin Doshi will be on a lecture tour of USA and will conduct 16 workshops on Scientific Foundations of Jain principles and practices during 27th June 23 September, 2023.

Welcome : New members

- Prof. Prassannanshu, Dr. Purnima Mehta, Prof. Trapti Jain & Ms. Hansi Surana

Visitors at the Academy:

- ❖ Acharya Labdhi Chandra Surishvar Sagarji

- ❖ Acharya Shri Vijay Nandji Ghosh Suri ji and Muni shri Mrugendra ji
- ❖ Shri Amichand Duggad, BJS, Pune
- ❖ Dr Trapti Jain from Jain University, Bangalore.
- ❖ Dr Ashish Shah from Suman deep Vidyapeeth, Baroda.

Photo Gallery



Condolence :



SSRI paid tribute to Pt. Romesh Bhai Shah, our Samayasar Guru, in a condolence meeting held on 20th Dec.2022 who passed away a month earlier.

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https://youtube.com/c/JainAcademyofScholars_SSRI

Tatva characha with Pujya Mahendra Muni are available on YouTube Channel Link:

<https://youtu.be/9buAC4AK1E8>

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