

Science Within Scriptures – When Ancient Wisdom Meets Modern Science

Event Report | 9 November 2025 | Mumbai



The Jain Academy of Scholars (JAS) hosted its landmark seminar *Science Within Scriptures* on 9 November 2025 at the Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, Nariman Point. The auditorium was filled with **over 200 participants**—scholars, scientists, students, homemakers, and professionals—drawn by one common quest:

Can ancient Indian wisdom illuminate modern scientific truth?

A Powerful Opening

The event began with a warm welcome by hosts **Jay Mota** and **Ishan Jain**, who stressed the need to reconnect youth with logic, ethical inquiry, and the scientific foundations of spiritual traditions. Their message set the tone for a morning that blended curiosity with deep reflection.

Key Highlights of the Day

- Chief Guest: **Shri Vallabh Bhanshali**
- Keynote Address: **Dr. Narendra Bhandari**, Space Scientist & Founder of JAS
- Special Talks: **Dr. Bipin Doshi**, **Dr. Anil Kumar Jain**, **Dr. Sonal Jayaswal**, **Dilip Jain**
- Youth Session: *Jainji vs Gen Z* by **Shilpa Mehta Jain**
- Book Launch: *Rebirth & Reincarnation*
- Theme Focus: Consciousness, Cosmology, Ecology, Karma, Ethics, & Mind-Body Science

Exploring the Science Within Scriptures

Youth & Logic

In the opening dialogue *Jainji vs Gen Z*, young participants shared why they look for logic, relevance, and scientific explanations behind spiritual ideas. Shilpa highlighted how **minimalism, mental health, and sustainability**—the concerns of today's youth—are deeply rooted in Jain principles.

The Science of Living

Senior scholar **Dr. Bipin Doshi** spoke on the global relevance of Jain ethics and emphasized that Jainism is not ritual-based but a **scientific way of life** built on compassion, discipline, and rational inquiry.

Understanding Rebirth through Science

The seminar also marked the launch of *Rebirth & Reincarnation*, a collaborative work blending:

- modern scientific research,
- philosophical reasoning,
- and Jain metaphysics.
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Advancing Research

Dr. Anil Kumar Jain presented scientific models of karma and logical structures within Jain ontology.

Dr. Sonal Jayaswal Jain connected **epigenetics**, **prenatal development**, and **consciousness studies** with foundational Jain teachings.

Ecology, Ahimsa & Modern Challenges

In a compelling session, **Dilip Jain** linked ahimsa with ecology, highlighting how environmental destruction is essentially violence against life.

He shared real-world insights and explained how ecosystems mirror Jain principles of interdependence.

The Chief Guest's Message

In a deeply reflective address, **Shri Vallabh Bhanshali** urged the audience to embrace **scientific spirituality** and inner discipline. He stressed that Jainism offers a timeless framework for national character and ethical leadership.

Cosmic Perspectives

The concluding keynote by **Dr. Narendra Bhandari** was a highlight of the day. He connected:

- Jain cosmology with **modern astrophysics**,
- Anekantavada with **quantum perspectives**,
- Consciousness science with **neuroscience**,
- Karma theory with **empirical logic**.

His talk demonstrated that Jain wisdom is not sectarian—it is **universal science** expressed through ancient language.

Building a Community of Inquiry

The event closed with networking, book exhibits, and open discussions. Many participants signed up for:

- JAS research groups
- The 3-month introductory course
- Membership and fellowship programs

The energy in the hall reflected a growing movement—one that wants to unite **reason with reverence**, **science with spirituality**, and **ancient wisdom with modern discovery**.