



University of Madras Department of Jainology

In Association with Research Foundation for Jainology, Chennai and Jain Academy of Scholars, Ahmedabad National Seminar

Glory of Jainism and its relevance in the Modern Context - New Findings

Jainism belongs to the Shramanic current of thought and occupies a glorious place in Indian Philosophy and Indian Culture. The three principles of Ahimsa, Anekanta and Aparigraha offer solutions for Holistic Development of the individual and society at large which need to be scientifically measured and established. The Department of Jainology is one of its kinds in South India. It belongs to the School of Philosophy and Religious Thought in the University of Madras and conducts extensive learning in different branches of Jain Philosophy, be it Metaphysics, Ethics, Epistemology, Logic, Axiology, etc. The Department of Jainology, University of Madras in association with Research Foundation for Jainology, Chennai and Jain Academy of Scholars, Ahmedabad invites Well Researched Papers focussing on New Findings for a Two-day National Seminar to be conducted in March, 2026 at the University of Madras.

Sub-themes

(I) Philosophy, Metaphysics and Scientific Interpretation of Jain Concepts

- ❖ Understanding Uniqueness of Jainism for Holistic Wellbeing
- ❖ Psycho-Spiritual Mentoring through Jain Philosophy
- ❖ Application of Anekantvad and the Role of Jain Logic in the age of Artificial Intelligence
- ❖ Jain Metaphysics and its role in promoting deeper understanding of life and living

(ii) Jain Antiquity and Heritage

- ❖ Antiquity of Jainism and New findings
- ❖ Symbolism in Jain Art and Architecture
- ❖ Sallekhana Inscriptions and Case Studies-New findings
- ❖ Revival of Jain Pilgrimage Traditions in the Modern Era
- ❖ Digital Preservation of Jain Manuscripts and Heritage

(iii) Jain Literature in Prakrit, Sanskrit, Apabhramsha and other languages / Manuscripts

- ❖ **Pride of Jainism - Exhaustive Jain Literature in Prakrit, Sanskrit, Apabhramsha and other languages**
- ❖ **Methods to spread Prakrit and Jain Studies Globally**
- ❖ **Contribution of Jainism to Indian Knowledge System**

(iv) Life-style, practices and their effects

- ❖ **Jainism and Minimalism: A Blueprint for Modern Living**
- ❖ **Jain Principles for Sustainable Living and Climate Action**
- ❖ **Anekantavad for social and global harmony**
- ❖ **Jainism and Science: Bridging Ancient Wisdom with Modern Discoveries**
- ❖ **Contemporary Spiritual Practices and Mental Health Issues**
- ❖ **Ethical Principles and their Strengths and Limitations in Modern Crucial Times**
- ❖ **Relation between Spirituality and Rituals**
- ❖ **Life without Medicines through Jain Practices**
- ❖ **Life Changing Practical Application of Jain Principles**
- ❖ **Udumbar Trees and their importance in conserving the ecosystem**
- ❖ **The Role of Jain Women in Historical and Modern Contexts**
- ❖ **Jain Dietary Practices and their Modern Implications**
- ❖ **Comparative Analysis of Sallekhana and Modern Palliative Care**
- ❖ **Jainism and Alternative Therapies: Insights into Traditional Health Practices**
- ❖ **Jain Rituals: Bridging Tradition and Relevance for Youth**

Any other topic related to the Main Theme of the Seminar

Proposed Dates :

Seminar Dates : March 23rd & 24th, 2026 (Monday-Tuesday)

Last date to receive abstracts: 30th Sep, 2025

Last date to receive full length papers: 30th Nov, 2025

Outcome :

- 1. Publication of Book of Abstracts**
- 2. All presented papers will be compiled and published in a book with an ISBN No.[Abstracts (1 page) and Articles (not more than 10 pages in Times New Roman)]**
- 3. In-depth analysis of Jain Philosophy in the Modern Context**
- 4. Spreading awareness of the core Jain Philosophy and Practices**
- 5. Scholars will have the opportunity to share their latest research and insights.**

Scholars, Research Scholars, Students, Experts working in the field of Jainism are expected to participate. Only New Findings in the field of Jain Philosophy need to be addressed. Abstracts and Papers will pass through an Editorial Scrutiny before being called up for presentation. Travel fare by 3rd AC shall be provided to outstation Presenters along with the basic Hospitality during the Seminar. Presenters will receive a Certificate of Presentation and a token Honorarium.

Presentation Guidelines :

Duration : Each presentation should be concise 10 min for students and not exceed 20 minutes for experts.

Content : The presentation must remain focused and strictly relevant to the assigned topic.

Number of Speakers : The conference will feature 40-60 speakers.

Session Structure :

Plenary and Parallel Sessions : Sessions will be conducted in parallel multiple halls, giving the audience the flexibility to choose which to attend.

Presided by Scholars : Each session will be chaired by a senior scholar with expertise in the respective subject matter.

Mandatory Submission : Scholars must submit a detailed article prior to the conference. Failure to do so will disqualify them from presenting.

Live Streaming :

The entire conference will be live-streamed on YouTube channel to ensure wider accessibility.

Mode :

Hybrid – Online and Offline Sessions.

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