



Science and Spirituality Research Institute & Jain Academy of Scholars



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4th Annual General Meeting of JAS held

Fourth Annual General Meeting of Jain Academy of Scholars was held online on 22nd June. It was attended by about 30 members. Dr. Narendra Bhandari chaired the meeting. Progress of the JAS was presented by Dr. S.S. Pokharna. Statement of account was presented by Mr. Udayan Makwana and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Anil Kumar Jain. Dr. Jeoraj Jain, Dr. C. Devakumar, Dr. Sulekh Jain, Dr. Bipin Doshi, Dr. Veersagar Jain, Dr. Pratap Sanchetee, Dr. Dharma Chand Jain, Dr. Ramesh Jain, Shri Vijay Sanchetee, Dr. Renuka Porwal, Dr. L.C. Jain and others participated in the meeting and gave valuable suggestion. Full MOM has already been circulated.

JAS honoured scholars

JAS honoured Dr. Anupam Jain with “Life Time Achievement Award-2024”, Dr. Sushma Singhvi with “Excellence



Award-2024”, and Dr. Renuka Porwal with “Appreciation Award-2024”. All three are well known reputed senior scholars. The award committee consists of Dr. N.L. Kachhara, Dr. Jeoraj Jain and Dr. Parasmal Agrawal.

Gyan Jyoti Award given to Dr. C. Devakumar

Dr. C. Devakumar was awarded ‘Gyan Jyoti Prize’ consisting of Rs. Twenty one thousand for his ‘Outstanding contribution in Jain philosophy, 2024’.



The award has been instituted by Dr. Gyan Chand Jain, a renowned Jain scholar and Fellow of JAS and given to a scholar for exceptional and lasting contribution on fundamentals of Jain philosophy, by innovative interpretation

of Scriptures, research, publications or for carrying out projects, which have global impact. It is an international award and a Jain scholar working anywhere in the world is eligible for the award.

JAS Research Papers Web Portal launched

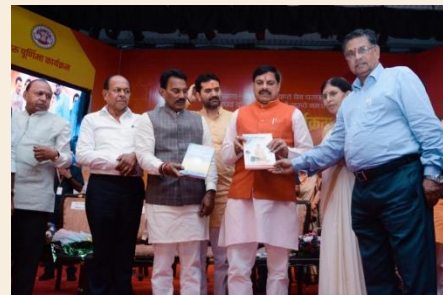
JAS has launched a Research Papers Web Portal on August 2024. It consists of research papers on 25 topics published in National and International journals since 2000. Almost 25 members have created their account & 25 papers have been uploaded on the website. Scholars are requested to upload pdf files of their published research papers/ preface with contents of a book or thesis to on this website, after ensuring the copyright protocol. JAS secretarial office can provide all the details of portal if required.

JAS proceedings on Jain history

JAS in association with Shri Adinath Memorial Trust has completed a lecture series of 12 lectures under the Indian Jain history wing. A working group meeting was held on 13th August 2024

to take the activities forward in which about 40 scholars attended from all over India. The next issue of JAS Proceeding is under preparation, which will be devoted to contribution of Jains to the Indian history and culture, with the objective of making it a part of school and college curriculum and to define the Jain era in Indian History.

MP CM Mohan Yadav launched Prof. Anupam Jain's books



On the auspicious occasion of Gurus-purnima (21st July), two books edited by Dr. Anupam Jain were launched by Honorable Chief Minister of MP Shri Mohan Yadav. One book 'Punya Prasun' is compilation of 27 research articles on Jain studies presented during a seminar held at Ratlam. This seminar was organised by Dr. Anupam Jain. Dr. Anil Jain also participated in the seminar. His other book 'Mathematics and Ancient

Jain Literature’ consists of 12 research papers of international level.

Progress by Gyan Kendra

‘Gyan-kendra’ instituted by ‘Jains India Trust’, Chennai in association with JAS is progressing well. Dr. Varsha Shah & Dr. Pawan Kumar Jain are working as part-time scholars under this scheme with financial support from Shri Sugalchand ji Jain, Chennai.

Book on “Soul-Mind-Body: A Karma and Genetic Study” released



A book on “Soul-Mind-Body: A Karma and Genetic Study” edited by Dr Narayan Lal Kachhara and Dr Pratap Sanchetee was launched on 10th August 2024. In an online and offline program, the authors presented their contributions in the book. Some scholars presented their views on the book. The function organised at Vigyan Samiti, Udaipur was attended by about 50 members.

“Jeevan” conducted activities to prevent Suicides

Senior member of JAS and Director of the organisation- ‘Jeevan’ Dr. Jeoraj Jain informed that its ‘Suicide Prevention



Centre’ organised inter-school and inter college competitions on 31st August to observe World Suicide Prevention Day which falls on 10th September. More than 200 students from 17 schools and 4 colleges participated in various activities conducted at RMS High School, Khutadih. Nukkad Natak was performed on the topic, “Changing the narrative on suicide” - start the conversation. This is to encourage children to start talking about mental health issues and remove stigma attached to it.

Experiments on Jain astronomy proposed

A set of experiments were proposed to Shankheshwarpuram Vigyan Tirth, Palitana to show that Jain astronomy and modern astronomy are in agreement provided we ignore the

astrology part from Jain geography & astronomy described in our scriptures. Two Research scholars. Two research scholars - Paras Sharma and Vishva Jain are working on this project on behalf of JAS under the guidance of Shri Tanmay Vyas.

Participation of JAS in seminar on Jain Philosophy & modern Science

Shri Amichand Dugar, Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Dr. Ashok Jain, Dr. Kirti Bhore, Dr. Kamal Kumar Jain and several other JAS Fellows participated in a National seminar on Jain Philosophy & modern Science organized jointly by Savitribai Fule Pune Vidhyapeeth, Gurudev Samantbhadra Centre for Jainism, Karanja and Mahavir Brahmacharyashram (Gurukul) during 20th-21st July, 2024.

Dr. Bhandari gave a talk on Scientific Foundation of Jainism which was followed by an open discussion lasting over an hour. Dr. Anil Jain gave a talk on Cells and Viruses. There was an overwhelming response from the staff and students of various organizations.

Dr. Amichand Dugar took active interest and organized several zoom

meetings with students & teachers who are inclined to work with JAS.

Dr. Bhandari presented various lectures at Chennai



Dr. Bhandari participated in the lecture series on Jain Darshan, Science & Technology organized by Vardhman Sthanakvasi Jain Mahasangh-Tamilnadu at Chennai during 26-27th July, 2024 and gave three talks on (i) Scientific basis of Jain Philosophy, (ii) Bright past of Jain Dharma and challenging future and (iii) Importance & merits of Jain Darshan.

These sessions were organized under the guidance of Yuvacharya Mahendra rishi ji maharaj during 26th and 27th July 2024 and gave us an opportunity to present the activities of JAS before the leaders of Jain samaj, notably amongst there were, Shri Sugalchand ji, Shri Abhay ji Shri Shrimal, Shri Dharm Chand ji, Shri Nemichand ji Singhvi, Shri Narendra Kankaria , and was coordinated by Dr. Dilip Dhing.

The sessions were attended by students, teachers and Jain Shravaks.

Dr. Bhandari's article on 'जैन दर्शन और विज्ञान में अवकाश की अवधारणा: एक तुलनात्मक अध्ययन' will appear in 'Yuvadristi' published by 'Akhil Bharatiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad.'

Dr. Pokharna met with Director of IONS Prof. Dean Radin



A meeting of Dr. Surendra Singh Pokharna was held with Prof. Dean Radin, Director of Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), Petaluma on August 26, 2024. He informed him about his work of Jainism on soul and his interpretation of 47 *Shakties* of soul as indicating similarities with quantum hologram. He also discussed his work on Jain concept of consciousness (soul) in comparison to the concept of consciousness in the modern science.

Paryushana lectures

Dr. Bipin Doshi, director of 'Sumandeep Vidyapeeth', Baroda has been presenting his talks online on

'Tatvarth Sutra Parichaya' during Paryushana.

Dr. Dharm Chand Jain, editor of prestigious magazine '*Jinvani*', is in Kolkata to deliver lectures during these days and spreading Jainism.

Participation in seminar organised by 'Palliwal Jain Patrika'

Dr. Dharm Chand Jain, Dr. Anupam Jain and Dr. Anil Kumar Jain participated and gave lectures in a seminar on '*Jain Sadhu Charya*' organised by 'Palliwal Jain Patrika' at Jaipur. This was attended by about 200 people.

Achievements of JAS scholars

- (1) **Dr. S.S. Pokharna** delivered lectures at different forums on (i) "47 shakties of a pure aatma indicates that it is a hologram" on 8th July, (ii) "Need of Ahimsa (Non- Violence) to save Earth: Scientific prospective" on 15th July, and (iii) "Is Universe a hologram ?" on 12th August 12.
- (2) **Dr. Vijay Sanchetee** attended the 2 days workshop at Jain Vishva Bharati,



Ladnun on 17th & 18th May 2024. He inaugurated the banners for *Samyak Darshan Karyashala*, and guided hundreds of *Karyakartas*.

(3) **Dr. Dilip Jain** participated in the Ecoversities Planetary Gathering in Brazil, an inspiring event that brought together 100 participants from 20 countries. The gathering was a vibrant celebration of diverse cultures, featuring an array of food, rituals, clothing, dance, music, and traditions. Dr. Dilip's experience was a true embodiment of Anekantwada, embracing and learning from this rich tapestry of global perspectives. In September, he will continue to share his expertise and passion for the environment at the Earth Festival in Portugal, hosted by The School of Philosophy of New Acropolis. He is set to deliver five engaging lectures on various environmental themes, furthering his commitment to ecological education and awareness.

(4) **Dr. Dhruti Rathi** published articles on (i) 'Leshya and Transmigration of Souls' in 'Jain Avenue' June 2024 issue, and (ii) 'Jina and Kalpasutra Folio at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts VMFA' in 'Jain Digest' June 2024 issue.

(5) **Dr. Indrachand Dudhedia** has translated his Book "Supreme Scientist Bhagwan Mahavir" in Hindi. (ii) Attended international conference on "Consciousness in Science and Jain Philosophy." (iii) Published article titled "Jiva & Ajiva in Modern Science" in Arhat Vachan. He is also very active on social media, making serious attempt to spread Jain values.

(6) **Dr. L.C. Jain** published - (i) Siddh kshetra Nainagiri banam reshandigiri, (ii) Prachin Jain tirth aur vishva dharohar, (iii) Prachin America men Jain dharm, (iv) Keral ke vismaykari jain mandir, (v) Hanumantal bada Digambar Jain mandir. He also delivered a talk in Gyansagar Science Foundation on 15 May 24. He was honoured by Nainagiri Tirth Committee.

(7) **Dr. Dharma Chand Jain** taught Prakrit language and literature in a Prakrit workshop at Delhi organized by B.L. Institute of Indology, Delhi from 10th to 15th June, and in another Prakrit workshop organized by Central Sanskrit University, Jaipur at Arihant Giri, near Chennai from 4th to 10th July.

(8) **Dr. Anil Kumar Jain** attended three seminars and published 4 lectures during last 4 months. He also addressed young Jain scholars, who are going to give *Pravachana* during *Paryushan*, in a workshop organized by *All India Dig. Jain Shatri Parishad*.

डॉ. दिलीपधींग के अकादमिक कार्य

डॉ. दिलीप धींग एक जाने माने लेखक, कवि और चिन्तक हैं. आपके के विभिन्न आलेख जिनवाणी, श्रमणोपासक, जैन जाग्रति, स्वाध्याय सन्देश, जैन प्रकाश, संस्कृति, महावीर मिशन, चाणक्य वार्ता आदि अनेक पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में प्रकाशित होते रहते हैं. शायद ही कोई दिन ऐसा होगा जिस दिन इनका कोई न कोई लेख प्रकाशित न होता हो. आपने अनेक संगोष्ठियों में अपने आलेखों का वाचन किया तथा आपकी अनेक वार्तायें आकाशवाणी, चैन्नई पर प्रसारित हो चुकी हैं.

आपको डेली हिंदी मिलाप, सावित्री बाई फुले पुणे विश्वविद्यालय, तथा दैनिक भास्कर, उदयपुर द्वारा पुरस्कृत और सम्मानित किया गया है.

Last date for articles extended

A book is going to be published by JAINA on the significant contribution of Jainism to the world. Its editors are Dr. Dhruti Rathi, Dr. Sulekh Jain, Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, Dr. Nitin Shah and Dr. Narendra Parson. The last date for submission of intent to contribute and sending abstract has been extended by 22nd September 2024, and date for submitting final paper has been extended by 30th November 2024.

Lectures held by JAS during May-August 2024

Speaker	Topic
Dr. Nilam Jain	प्राकृत जैन रामायण की मौलिकता और प्राचीनता
Dr. Shilpa Cheda, Mumbai	Journey of Jain Art - Symbolism to Anthropomorphism
Shri Paras Jain	Bhartiya Sanskruti Mein Jain Dharma Ka Yogdan

Speaker	Topic
Dr. C. Devakumar	Gommatsar Jiva Kand (2 lectures)
Dr. C. Devakumar	लघु द्रव्य संग्रह
Dr. Dharamchand Jain	जैन दर्शन में आत्मा का कर्तृत्व एवं अकर्तृत्व
Dr. G. C. Jain	Jain Way of life
Dr. S. L. Godawat	उपयोगाधिकार व जीव के असाधारण भाव
Prof. Bhaskar Bhagchandra Jain	Contribution of Jainacharyas to development of Sanskrit literature
Samani Shashi Pragya ji	Sanmati Tarka Prakaran (4 lectures)
Shri Jagdish Singh	जैन दर्शन में स्यात्वाद अर्थात् स्यात्कार का स्थान

**Samaysaar classes are going
on every Wednesday.**

Dear Scholars,

We are glad to present you the 5th issue of the newsletter. Our main focus is to bring to you the major activities carried out by Jain Academy of Scholars. We also provide various achievements of our scholars.

We request all the scholars to provide us their major achievements so that we can highlight them in our next issue. Please take care that the news provided should be brief and precise. Sometimes it is difficult for us to shorten it.

Good wishes and regards,

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**Tatva characha with Pujya Mahendra Muni are
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