

Udaipur Seminar on 'Challenges to Jain philosophy in the modern, scientific, social context'

- JAS organized a seminar, attended by over 48 scholars and 50 students of Jain philosophy, at Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, on 25th & 26th April, 2025, where three Round Table Meetings were held on academics and research on Jain philosophy, social issues and Jains contributions to Indian Heritage and history. JAS is encourage to note that About 10 institutions Joined JAS in conducting this seminar and some provided financial support. This was the first interaction JAS with a university and by the feedback and overwhelming response we got, it appears that this seminar was quite successful.

High lights and recommendations of the Seminar

- 1. Realising that The Jain principles and lifestyle can mitigate most of the problems the world is facing today, like global warming, pollution, intolerance, violence, health issues, and there is an urgent need to prepare Scholars of high stature, who can propagate Jain principles on world platforms, and it is necessary to present Agamic knowledge in simple and logical way on all platforms globally, It is therefore recommended that
- The leaders of society must encourage research and academic activities by way of offering scholarships and facilities to attract young generation, by creating a virtual platform for study, exchange of ideas and publications, and make all effort to preserve Jain heritage by creating a virtual and physical Jain heritage site.
- 2. We need to prepare Jain scholars and send them to various institutions in India and abroad. The aim is to try to prepare 100 scholars who will publish research articles, and books on Jainism in modern context and school/ College curriculum, study the importance of Jain lifestyle, its effect on body and mind and propagate it.
- 3. Prove the various principles of Jainism through experiments and theory and develop them mathematically and propagate them.
- 4. Jain society has a wide network of Jain temples not only in the entire country but also abroad. JASn has developed a temple model with a meditation center, knowledge center, worship center and social cooperation center. Such a scheme must be implemented in one temple as a pilot project and after evaluating its impact periodically, it can be implemented in other temples, if found to be effective.
- 5. The contribution of Jains to history and heritage of India should be documented and attempts be made to get it included in school and college curriculum. All the scholars present in this seminar unanimously reached the conclusion that the problems are serious but various components of society, institutions etc. can resolve these three challenges together.
- To implement these proposal will require cooperation of leaders of the Jain samaj, Acharyas and significant amount of funds. Academic support, volunteers willing to implement these recommendations and financial support is solicited. Please circulate these recommendations in your circles and contribute: