



Science and Spirituality Research Institute & Jain Academy of Scholars



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Welcome: New Fellows & members of JAS

The Jain Academy of Scholars is pleased to inform that the following scholars have joined JAS as its fellows/ members. We welcome them and believe that JAS will be benefited with their expertise in different fields.

1. Mr. Manish Bhandari, Mumbai
2. Dr. Palakh Jain, Delhi
3. Dr. Manisha Doshi, Mumbai
4. Mr. Vimal Shah, Mumbai
5. Mr. Ishwar Parmar, Pune
6. Mrs. Shilpa Bhavsar, New Jersey
7. Mr. Mahendra Dholakia, Mumbai
8. Dr. Anil Jain, Surat

JAS Guardian Group formed

With the initiative of our Senior Fellow, Dr. Bipin Doshi JAS Guardian group has been created to guide and support JAS financially. Currently about 60 dignitaries have become JAS Guardian members. The fund created will be utilised to carry out research in the field of Jainism and Science. Our gratitude to all Guardian members for their encouragement.

Participation of JAS in seminars at Ahmedabad and Chennai

A seminar on "Glory of Jainism - New Findings" was organised by Department of Jainology, University of Madras in March 2026 jointly with JAS (Ahmedabad). The seminar was

sponsored by the Research Foundation on Jainology, (Chennai). Dr. C. Devakumar delivered the Keynote address on this occasion.

Shrut Ratnakar, Ahmedabad in collaboration with JAINA USA, organised an International Conference at Gujarat University on 10th & 11th January, 2026. Many JAS scholars participated in both the seminars and presented their research papers.

JAS Award ceremony

JAS Award ceremony was organised at the conference and the following scholars were honoured with different awards:

1. Dr. Prem Suman Jain – Life time achievement award
2. Dr. Veer Sagar Jain – Excellence Award
3. Dr. L. C. Jain – Appreciation Award

Congratulations to all the awardees.

On this occasion 'JAS Proceeding 5 on Contributions of Jains to Indian Culture, history and heritage was released.

Collaboration of JAS with Universities,

Heartfulness Academy for Research and Innovation (HARI) at Kanha Shanti Vanam, near Hyderabad has established a Jain Chair to carry out research in the field of Jainism. It has requested JAS to help establish this department of Jain philosophy.

Visit by Scholars at JAS, Ahmedabad

Many scholars visited JAS including Shri Dilip Jain, Dilip Dhing, Anil Kumar Jain, Padamchand Gandhi, Ashok Salecha, Vidhi Salecha, Suvarna Jain, Sarika Oswal, Sunil Kumar Jain, Renuka Porwal, Sushma Singhvi and Jaswant Shah. Mr. Dilip Jain CA, Mumbai, executive Secretary, JAS has conducted a 12 week course on Scientific aspects of Jain philosophy, based on the book by Dr Narendra Bhandari. Several participants of this course visited JAS office and had interaction with Padma Shri Dr. Sudhir Shah, Space scientist Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Dr. S.S. Pokharna, Dr. Harish Sheth, Jaiwin Jain & others.



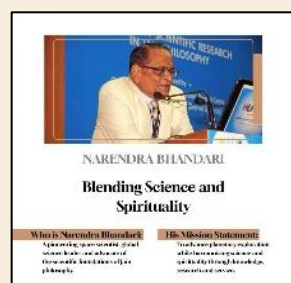
followed by a conversation on meditation, fasting, karma, music, prayers, evolution—and how to learn & live better.

Lecture series cum Round Table Meeting on Brain and Mind

Jain Academy of Scholars, with Dr. Anil Kumar Jain (Jaipur) as Chairman and Dr. Pratap Sanchetee, as moderator, has organised a series of lecture cum Round Table discussion on Brain, Mind and their relationship. The first session was conducted on 30th June and will be followed by four more sessions.

Narendra Bhandari featured in 'Virasat aur Vikas -2025'

JAS president Dr. Narendra Bhandari featured in the Rajasthan Pravasi book of eminent personalities Virasat aur vikas-2025 published by the Government of Rajasthan.



Meeting with SNJB on 5th march

A meeting was arranged by SNJB (Jain Gurukul) in the Serene town of Neminagar, Chandwad with the objective to formulate curriculum structure and daily practice protocols integrating with Jain Philosophy. It was attended by Sadhvi Shashvat shri ji (M.S.), Sadhvi Divya purnaji (M.S.), Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Shri Abhayji Bhadani, Dr. R. G. Tated, Ms. Purvi Dave & Dr. Mahesh Sanghavi.



Kumarpal Desai awarded 'Paras Chandrak'

Padmshri Dr. Kumarpal Desai was awarded the Paras Chandrak by the Governor of Gujarat Acharya Shri Devvratji for his contribution in the field of prose in Gujarati literature. On this occasion, Paras Foundation Trustee Shri Paras Patel and Gujarat Sahitya Akademi Chairman Shri Bhagyesh Jaha as well as other literature lovers and creators were present.

Anupam Jain awarded 'Mahavir Puraskar 2026'

Dr. Anupam Jain was awarded with 'Mahavir Award 2026' on his book 'Jain Ganit' by Sri Mahavir Digambar Jain Tirth Kshetra Committee at Jaipur.

Dilip Dhing's book launched

The book 'Nanesh Nemi Nirjhar'—compiled and edited by Dr. Dhing was launched in January 2026. He has also translated the book in 'Sabak' (Stories of Precise Transformation) by Mr. Abhaykumarji Shrishrimal in Hindi that was published in May 2026.

Lectures by Shri Rajesh Sheth

More than 600 students have successfully completed the three-month basic course on Jainism Conducted by Shri Rajesh Sheth. Another course on 'How to Decode Happiness?' based on Jain philosophy was also organised by him.

Shri Sheth has now begun the study of 'Samaysaar Kalash' that is being held every Sunday from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM (IST) on Zoom and YouTube under the banner of SSRI and JAS.

Book on 'Significant Contribution of Jainism to the World'

Dr. Dhruvi Rathi has published a book 'Significant Contributions of Jainism (Volume – 1)', containing more than 40 scholarly papers on various aspects of Jain philosophy. It has been published by Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi

and was launched during a seminar at Sumandeep Vidyapeeth, Baroda.

Book by Sonal Jayaswal 'दिव्यता का आधार – गर्भ संस्कार' launched

Dr. Sonal Jayaswal's Hindi book "दिव्यता का आधार – गर्भ संस्कार" was launched at Patanjali Yogapeeth, Haridwar on 27th March, 2026. Dr Jayaswal was awarded 'Transformational Leader in Maternity Health care at Times Future of Maternity Awards 2026, Delhi on 28th March, 'Social Impact Leader' at 'Women Who Lead' Awards 2026, by FICCI FLO Mumbai on March, 2026.

'Jain Drishtant Kosh' by Samani Shashi Prajna

Senior scholar Samani Dr. Shashi Pragya has written 'Jain Drishtant Kosh in three parts. These volumes are published by Jain Vishva Bharati in March 2026. She has also presented her research papers in various national and international seminars.

Some publications by JAS scholars

1. Scientific Perspectives of Jainism
2. Jain Philosophy: A scientific approach to Reality
3. Soul-mind-Body
4. Jainism: A scientific synthesis
5. Genesis of Jainism
6. Jinatva Ka path (Hindi)
7. Reincarnation
8. Scientific Explorations of Jain Doctrines
9. Living systems in Jainism: A scientific study
10. Consciousness in Science and Jain Philosophy
11. Jain Darshan: Vigyan ke Paripeksya mein
12. Jain Geography
13. Water-bodied Living Beings
14. Significant Contribution of Jainism to the World.
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Proceedings of JAS

1. JAS Proc. vol 2, Loka issue (English & Hindi), 2020.
2. JAS Proc. vol. 3, Gyan Mimansa issue, 2021.
3. JAS Proc. vol 4, Pudgal issue, 2024.
4. Contributions of Jains to India's History, culture and Heritage, vol 5, 2025.
5. Proceedings of the Udaipur Conference, vol 6, 2026.

Editorial

Dear Scholars,

We are pleased to present the 9th edition of the SSRI and JAS newsletter. Our aim is to highlight significant achievements of our scholars. As we cannot publish exhaustive accounts of individual accomplishments, we request all scholars to submit only the key highlights of their achievements, keeping the text concise (within 4–5 lines). It is difficult for us to identify significant achievements from detailed submissions.

In accordance with JAS policy, we generally publish news related only to JAS and/or SSRI members; therefore, we encourage you to become a JAS member.

Please share your feedback and suggestions.

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Science and Spirituality Research Institute and Jain Academy of Scholars are registered organisations. SSRI was established in the year 2016 and JAS in 2020 with the aim of promoting research in the field of Jainism and science. More than 120 experts/scholars from all over the world are associated with it. With its limited financial resources, it has published several books and papers, and organized many seminars and Round Table discussions, which are available at JAS office. It regularly organizes lectures which are available on YouTube. JAS is open to all who are interested in philosophy and wish to conduct research on basic concepts of Jain philosophy. JAS invites Research project proposals for research in logical and scientific foundations of Jain philosophy.

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projects

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