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**Jain Academy of Scholars and Science & Spirituality Research
Institute wishes you a very happy and prosperous new year 2024**

JAS participated in JITO exhibition



information about the activities carried out by JAS.

'Jain Academy of Scholars' (JAS) participated in the exhibition 'JITO Connect 2023' held in Jaipur from 6th October to 8th October. In this, Dr. S.S. Pokharna, Mr. Nikhil Shah, Mrs. Purvi Dave and Mr. Udayan Makwana from Ahmedabad, and Dr. Sushma Singhvi, Dr. Anil Kumar Jain and Mrs. Hemlata Jain from Jaipur played an active role. Books published by JAS members were displayed at the stall. About 60 visitors showed special interest who were given detailed

Lectures by History group

JAS's history group arranges monthly lecture on Jain history and archaeology. Following is the list of the lectures given by various speakers:

1. भगवान ऋषभदेव और गिरनार तक धर्मयात्रा by Dr. Pawan Gaud
2. मथुरा के स्तूप और परंपरा by Dr. Renuka Porwal
3. अयोध्या का सांस्कृतिक इतिहास by Dr. Sanjay Sonvani
4. प्राचीन ग्रीस में जैन परंपरा by Dr. L.C. Jain

5. मदुरै का जैन इतिहास Dr. Manish Jain

Loka issue in Hindi under print

Selected papers from Loka issue of the Proceedings of the Jain Academy of scholars has been translated in Hindi, for the benefit of Hindi reading scholars and acharyas, in collaboration with shri Shankheshwar Parshwanath vigyan Kendra Palitana, and is under printing.

Collaboration of JAS and Jains India trust

JAS is collaborating with Jains India trust, Chennai, on various ways to propagate Jain concepts, especially in school education. Dr. D.C. Jain, Dr. Anil Jain, Dr. Narendra Bhandari are members of the Board constituted for this purpose, under chairmanship of Shri Sugul Chand Jain.

Workshop on ‘Theory of karma and its effect on health’

JAS is knowledge partner for a workshop being organised by Sumandeep Vidyapeeth University, Baroda on ‘theory of karma and its effect on health’ which will be held on

9th and 10th February 2024. Dr. Pratap Sanchetee, Dr. Bipin Doshi from JAS and Dr. Ashish Shah from Sumandeep are organising this workshop.

Dr. Bhandari honoured

Dr. Narendra Bhandari, was given a certificate of Appreciation for his Excellent contribution to ‘Science and Mankind’s future’ By Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) in Francisco, USA during November 2023.

Dr. Dhing honoured

Dr. Dilip Dhing was awarded the Acharya Bhikshu Pragya Samman (2023) in Udaipur. This honour was given to him by Acharya Bhikshu Alok Sansthan, Kelwa (Rajsamand) for his remarkable contribution in the fields of philosophy, literature & spirituality.

Other achievements of JAS Scholars

- Pranshushriji has submitted her Ph.D. synopsis to Jain University, Bangalore. She is carrying out her research work on “Scientific

and Psychological Responses to the Environmental Crisis: A Journey through Jain Philosophy” under the guidance of Dr. Trapti Jain. Dr. Narendra Bhandari is its co-guide.

- Shri Mahesh Patil , a fellow of SSRI presented a paper on” Sanskrit Shlokas describing Meteor impact in the Godavari coincidence or co-relation’ at the Bhartiya Vigyan Sangathan conference held on 23rd December 2023 at Science city Ahmedabad.
- Papers on ‘Uniting on Kshamavani Day’ and ‘Two Jain Objects at Royal Ontario Museum, Canada’ by Dr. Dhruti Rathi have been published in ISJS publication (October 2023) and Jain Digest (JAINA publication) respectively.
- Dr. Narendra Bhandari chaired a session and gave a talk on “Falling stones from the sky” at the Bhartiya Vigyan Sangathan conference held on 23rd December 2023 at Science city Ahmedabad.

- Contribution of Dr. Sulekh Jain, Dr. Jasvant Modi and others for popularising Jainism outside India was much appreciated during the celebrations conducted by donors and supporters of at the University of Birmingham on 23rd October 2023.
- Two students of Priyadarshana Jain, Dr. Reshma and Kashmira Shah, completed their thesis under her supervision.

Books Published by JAS Scholars

Following new books written by JAS Fellows have been published during Aug-Dec 2023:

1. ‘Jaina Loka verses Modern Universe’ by Dr. Jeoraj Jain & Dr. Acharyasri Vijaya Nandighoshasuriji
2. ‘मूल्यात्मक अर्थशास्त्र’, लेखक डॉ. दिलीप धींग
3. ‘जैन धर्म (संक्षिप्त परिचय)’, लेखक डॉ. अनिल कुमार जैन
4. ‘भारतनामा’ (तृतीय आवृत्ति), संपादक - श्री शैलेन्द्र जैन
5. English and Tamil versions of Tattvartha Sutra (Charts and Tables Book) by Dr. Priyadarshana Jain along with Dr. Sunitha Jain and Guna Madam is in press.

On-going Classes

Following two online classes are going on regularly

- (1) **Samaysaar:** It is conducted on weekly basis by Pt. Dipakbhai Kotadia.
- (2) **Shri Gommatsar (Jiv Kand):** It is continuing by Dr. C. Devakumar and Dr. S.L. Godawat.

Weekly Lectures by JAS scholars

List of the weekly lectures given by eminent scholars during Oct-Dec 2023 is as following:

S.N.	Topic	Speaker
1	Evolution History on Earth: Scientific and Jain Views	Dr. N. L. Kachhara
2	Social Implication of Jain Ethical Doctrines.	Samani Shashi Pragya ji
3	Relationship of soul with body	Dr. S. L. Godawat
4	scientific perspectives of Jivastikay (consciousness)	Dr. L. C. Jain
5	How Soul manages the Body?	Dr. N. L. Kachaara
6	Neuroscience & Karma	Dr Pratap Sanchetee
7	Gommatsar Jiv Kand (औलोकिक गणित) (2 lectures)	Dr. Ratnakumar S. Shah
8	जैन दर्शन में प्रमाण ,नय और निक्षेप की व्यवस्था (2 lectures)	Dr. S. L. Godawat
9	Does Landing of Pragyan create Contradictions with Jain Loka? / क्या प्रज्ञान की यात्रा आगम सम्मत नहीं है ? (2 lectures)	Dr. Jeoraj Jain
10	कर्मवाद में भ्रांतियां	Dr. Subhash Jain
11	Comparison of Fundamental Principles and Theories of Jainism and Science	Dr. Madanlal Modi

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Dear Scholars,

The newsletter brings you the developments and information about SSRI and JAS activities. It also provides information about the achievements of our scholars. Your suggestions are important to us. Please feel free to give the suggestions.

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SSRI Website: <https://www.ssri.global/>

Lectures are available on YouTube Channel Link:

<https://youtube.com/c/JainAcademyofScholarsSSRI>

Tatva characha with Pujya Mahendra Muni are available on YouTube Channel Link:

<https://youtu.be/9buAC4AK1E8>

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