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**Jain Academy of Scholars and Science & Spirituality Research
Institute wishes you a very happy and prosperous new year 2025**

Projects Conducted by JAS

1. JAS has entered collaboration with JEEV Academy, Bombay. Chairman of JEEV Dr. Rajendra Gandhi and JAS agreed jointly to conduct field survey of Jain heritage sites in India.

1.1 A project to identify abandoned Jain temples, and Jain artifacts, idols etc. in villages & various museums in Chattisgarh was completed during October-December, 2024. A handbook of such rare idols, artifacts and temples has been prepared by Dr Shivam Dubey and Dr. Shivaji Rai and is available with JAS, (to be published after review).



Teerthankara
Parshwanath idol
(dated to 11th
12th century CE)
at Nagpura durg
district of Madhya
Pradesh



24 Teerthankara
Panel (Patta)
(dated to 7th 8th
century CE) from
Malhar.

1.2. A Web site on Jain heritage sites in India and abroad is being created which will have photos, videos and research articles of such heritage in India and abroad.

2. Video on Ganadharvad: script of Q and A has been prepared by Dr. Varsha Shah and video is under preparation.

3. With a grant from JainsIndia Trust and encouragement by Shri Sugul Chandji Jain, a project on Gyan mimansa in Jain philosophy was completed with Dr Pawan Kumar Jain. Another project on Tandul Vaicharik Prakirna is under progress.

4. SSRI collaboration with Shankheshwarpuram Vigyan Teerth Karuna Trust, Palitana is continuing.

5. Work on contributions of Jain Philosophy to India's culture and history is continuing with Shri Shailendra Jain as the coordinator. A monthly series of lectures has been held for over an year now and selected papers will be published in the next issue of JAS Proceedings, with the help of Juhi Tiwari.

JAS Research Papers Web Portal

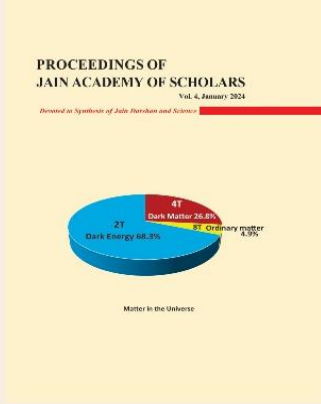
JAS has launched a Research Papers Web Portal in August 2024 where research papers on 25 topics published in National and International Journals since 2000 will be available.

More than 27 members have created their account & 32 papers have been uploaded on

the website. It is available for any scholar in the world.

Scholars are requested to upload pdf files of their published research papers/ preface with contents of a book or thesis on this website, after ensuring the copyright protocol. JAS secretarial office can provide all the details of portal if required.

Dravya issue of Proceedings



JAS Proceedings (Vol-4) (Dravya issue) was published as a soft copy about a year ago and now it has been printed JAS thanks Shri Rajendra Gandhi for his kind support to get this issue of proceedings published.

Lectures held during Sept to Dec 2024

Speaker	Topic
Dr. Anil Kumar Jain	श्रुत तीर्थ अंकलेश्वर का इतिहास
Samaniji Shashi Pragya ji	Sanmati Tarka Prakaran
Dr. Dharm chand Jain	(1) आत्मा की स्वतंत्रता और परतन्त्रता, (2) संसारी और सिद्ध आत्मा में भिन्नता एवं समानता, (3) क्या पुण्य खतरनाक है?
Dr. P.C. Jain (Jaipur)	ध्यान - जैन धर्म के विशेष संदर्भ में
Dr. Manish Jain (Udaipur)	वड्डमानु का जैन स्तूप और पुरावशेष
Mr. Shivam Dubey	Jainism in Chhattisgarh: an overview
Dr. Sudip Jain	History from Jain Aagam and Possible Reality

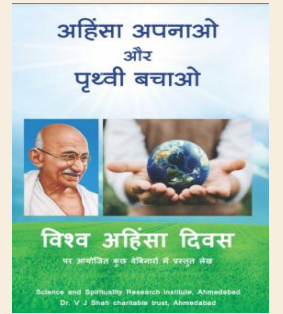
Note: Samaysaar classes by Pt. Dipakbhai Kotadia are continuing on every Wednesday @8.30 to 9.30pm (IST)

Participation of JAS fellows in Seminars

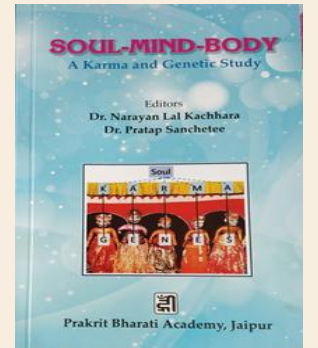
- (1) Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Dr. Jeoraj Jain, Dr. S.S. Pokharna, Dr. Priyadarshana Jain and Dr. Anil Kumar Jain participated and presented their papers in the seminar on Science and Jainism held at Jahajpur (Rajasthan) and conducted jointly by 'Gyansagar Science Foundation' and 'Jahajpur Tirth Kshetra'.
- (2) Dr. Dharm Chand Jain, Dr. Dilip Dhing and Dr. Anil Kumar Jain participated and presented their papers in the seminar on literature in Prakrit and Pali language, conducted by Bhogilal Leharchand Institute of Indology, Delhi and Kendriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.

Books launched

- (1) विश्व अहिंसा दिवस (2 अक्टूबर 2024) के अवसर पर विभिन्न सेमिनारों में प्रस्तुत लेखों में से कुछ चयनित लेखों को इस पुस्तक संग्रहित किया गया है. इसका सम्पादन डॉ. सुरेन्द्र सिंह पोखरना, डॉ. नरेंद्र भंडारी, श्री चंद्रशेखर माथुर तथा श्री राधेश्याम गुप्ता ने किया तथा इसका प्रकाशन SSRI और डॉ. वी. जे. शाह चैरिटेबल ट्रस्ट, अहमदाबाद द्वारा कराया गया. पुस्तक का विमोचन पूज्यनीय गच्छाधिपति राज्यश सूरिश्चरजी महाराज साहब द्वारा किया गया।



- (2) The book "Soul-Mind-Body: A Karma and Genetic Study", Dr. Narayan Lal Kachhara and Dr. Pratap Sanchetee (Editors) was published by Prakrit Bharati Academy, Jaipur. It was launched in an online and offline



program organized by Vigyan Samiti, Udaipur. Dr. Kachhara introduced the book, and the other authors, Dr. Pratap Sanchetee, Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, and Dr. Shyam Lal Godawat, presented their contributions in the book. The program was conducted by Dr. Shyam Lal Godawat.

Dr. Shugan Jain, Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Dr. Dharm Chand Jain, Dr. C. Deva Kumar, Dr. Paras Mal Agrawal, and Dr. Prem Suman Jain presented their views on the book.

(3) डॉ. वीरसागर जैन की नई पुस्तक “प्राकृत भाषा एवं जैन साहित्य” अभी हाल ही में ‘भारतीय ज्ञानपीठ’ द्वारा प्रकाशित हुई है.



Congratulations to all the writers and editors of the above books.

Achievements of JAS scholars

(1) **Mr. Indrachand Dudhedia** presented a paper on “Exploring Consciousness: Non-duality to Non-locality” in “International Conference on Exploring Consciousness, the Man-Machine Debate”, held on 22-24 Sept at Bangalore; also published a paper in ‘Arhat Vachan’, July-Dec 2024 on “Jiva and Ajiva in Modern Science”.

(2) **Dr Dharm Chand Jain** presented following papers in various Seminars/Workshops:

1. Six lectures on “Prameya-Kamala-Martanda” of Acharya Prabhachanadra in ‘Parshvanath Vidyapeeth’, Varanasi on 23rd- 24th September
2. “Antiquity of Prakrit language” in ‘Akalank Shodh Sansthan’, Kota on 28th September
3. Conducted a seminar on “Aparigraha” in Balotra (Rajasthan) on 13th October and

delivered a lecture on “Psychological Causes of accumulation and remedy of its bad”

4. “स्थानांग सूत्र के प्रथम अध्ययन में ‘एगे’ शब्द की वाचकता” in a Prakrit National seminar on 19th October on in Gohana (Haryana)

5. “Nyāya Dīpikā” was delivered on 21st November at Shri Digambar Jain Acharya Sanskrit College, Jaipur

(3) **Dr. L. C. Jain (Jabalpur)** published following articles in “Prachiin Tirth Jirnodhar”:

- (1) Jain puratatv ki Vishva dharohar- Devagarh
- (2) Kalikund Parshvanath: Digambar Siddh Kshetra Kundal, Sangali.
- (3) Tamilnadu men jain dharm ka udabhav aur vikas
- (4) Jain Samskruti kala evam puratatv

(4) **Dr. Narendra Bhandari** has given following lectures:

1. Scientific Foundation of Jain Philosophy, Workshop conducted by Savitri Bai Phule University, Pune, July 2024
2. Scientific Basis of Jainism at Jain Darshan, vigyan aur Technology lecture series, Chennai, August 2024, organised by Jain Sthankavasi Maha Sangh
3. Jain History: ‘Bright past and bleak future’ at vigyan aur Technology lecture series, Chennai, August 2024, organised by Jain Sthankavasi Maha Sangh, Chennai.
4. Merits of Jain religion, at vigyan aur Technology lecture series, August 2024, organised by Jain Sthankavasi Mahasangh, Chennai.
5. Untold stories of Moon and Mars Missions by ISRO; Talk at Rotary International Meeting, Bangalore, on 28th December 2024.



function organised by Sharda Group on its 29th Foundation Day & World Minority Day celebrations.

and has published following papers:

1. Theory of matter in Jain Philosophy and its scope, Proc. Jain Academy of scholars (IV), 2024.
2. A Physical model to explain some unresolved problems related to Binding of Karma, Proc. Jain Academy of scholars (IV), 2024.
3. Who Am I (Editorial), Proc. Jain Academy of scholars (IV), 2024.
4. Book Review: The holographic Universe by Michael Talbot

He was awarded the Acharya Bhikshu Pragya Samman, by Acharya Bhikshu Alok Sansthan, Kelava.

(5) Dr. Shivam Dubey presented paper on "Jainism in Chattisgarh" at National conference in Jahnsi, Dec. 2024 and published a book titled, 'Jainism in Chattisgarh: A study of Iconographical art, A handbook'. Dated back to 7th-8th Century CE

(6) Dr. Veersagar Jain was honoured at a



(7) Samani Dr Shashi Prajna ji published her article on 'Achara Mahashraman: A Living Legend of Nonviolent Communication' in 'Jain Avenue'. She completed a project on 'Jain Aagamie Drishtant Kosh', (ICPR Project) (in Press, JVBI). She participated in the lecture series on Paintings in B. L. Institute of Indology; presented a paper on 'Jain's Eco-friendly Principles of Environmental Protection and Non-violence: the Need of the Hour' at Utkal University, Bhuvaneshwer (31st Sep. 2024), Presentation series of lectures on Anekantvada, Nayavada, Syadvada, Nikshepavada, Dravya-Guna-Paryaya etc. based on Sanmati Tarka Prakaran of Acharya Siddhasena (10 lectures).

(8) डॉ. दिलीप धींग के कुछ अकादमिक कार्य निम्न प्रकार रहे:

(१) निर्दिष्ट अवधि में देशभर की दर्जनों पत्र-पत्रिकाओं में प्रासंगिक और उपयोगी विषयों पर अनेक निबंध, शोधलेख, कविता, संस्मरण, प्रेरक प्रसंग, टिप्पणियाँ, समीक्षाएँ, समाचार आदि प्रकाशित। (२) जैन दर्शन के दो विद्वान श्री वीरचंद राघवजी गांधी और स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पं. बेचरदास जीवराज दोशी के योगदान पर 1 सितंबर और 8 सितंबर 2024 को आकाशवाणी, चेन्नई से प्रसारण। (३) 13 और 20 अक्टूबर को कविताओं का प्रसारण हुआ। (४) अनेक संगोष्ठियों में आपके व्याख्यान एवं कविता पाठ तथा विभिन्न उपाधियों से सम्मान। (५) 12 नवंबर 2024 को भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान, तिरुचिरापल्ली में सोमा वीरप्पन की पुस्तक विमोचन समारोह में अतिथि के रूप में व्याख्यान।

(9) Dr. Dhruthi Rathi's publications:

(1) 'The Contemporaries of Mahavir', and (2) 'Nigantha Nataputta of Buddhism(Both in the proceedings Nirvana Dating of Tirthankar Mahavir Swami -The Anchor Point of History of India).

3. Yoga and Rishabdeva- Rushabhayan Seminar October 2024

4 Navapada Yantra at Philadelphia Museum of Art - Jain Digest October 2024

(10) Dr. Vijay Sancheti,

coordinator of "Jain Vidya Pariksha", conducted

'Jain Vidya Pariksha 2024' online and offline both;

also arranged a state level workshop on Jain Vidya at Jalgaon (Maharashtra).



(11) Dr. Ami Chand Dugar is Honorary Director (Research) of 'Vardhaman Education & Research Institute' at Pune. Under his directorship, more than 10 research projects are going on. Dr. Narendra Bhandari, Dr. Dharmachand Jain, Samani Dr. Chaitanyapragya and Dr. Shyamlal Godawat are helping in improving the activities.

(12) Dr. Anil Kumar Jain published various articles in 'Jain Sandesh', 'Palliwai Jain Patrika', 'Purna' and other magazines. He also gave presentation on 'Environmental pollution and Jain ways to control it' in online lecture program held by D.S. Kothari Institute, Udaipur.

(13) Dr. Varsha Shah published an article in "Sadhvi Vijayshri: Jain Dharma ki Sramaniyo ka Bruhad Itihasa", in Prabudha Jivan, June 2024, issue-4, Vol. No 12.

"Significance of Charity (Dana) in Parsi Religion and Community and the Parsi Diaspora", in Prabudha Jivan, August-September, 2024, issue-5-6, Vol no 12.

(14) Publication of Dr. Pawan Kumar Jain under JAS/Jainsindia Trust project:

1. Kevali Samudghat Ki Vyakhya Tatha Aath Samayon Ki Sthiti, Presented at Third Rashtriya Prakrit sanghoshthi, Gohana (Haryana) October 2024

2. Matijnan and method of its acquisition

3. The process of Avadhijnan acquisition and a critical study of Clairvoyance

(15) Mr. Neeraj Jain sent us a table showing comparison between Darwin's Theory and Jain Theory of Evolution You are welcome to give your comments (It is available with JAS Secretarial).

(16) M. S. Sambodh Shriji has prepared a series (videos) on atma, jiva etc., which will be available soon on JAS youtube channel.

Obituary

Dr. Jinendra Surana, (Fellow JAS) passed away on 17th December, 2024. In a condolence prayer arranged by JAS.

Dr. N.L. Kachhara and other members paid tribute to him by keeping 2 minutes mourn.



Dr. Surana encouraged the activities of JAS and financially supported them. On behalf of all the members of JAS and SSRI, our humble tribute to the departed soul'

Dear Scholars,

We are glad to present you the 6th issue of the newsletter. We request all the scholars to provide us their major achievements in short.

Happy new year 2025.

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Editor - Newsletter

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Dravya issue of Proceedings

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