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Profile of the Institute

Brief History

About 73 years ago, in the year 1937 Parshwanath Vidyapeeth was set up as an Institute of Indology in pious memory of Sthanakavasi Jainacharya Late Pujya Shri Sohanlalji Maharaj. It is managed by Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, a society registered under the Society Registration Act of 1860. Over the years, the Vidyapeeth has done commendable work in the area of research and publication on Jain Philosophy, Culture, History, Prakrit language, Jain Art etc. Besides, 172 publications to its credit, about 66 scholars of the Parshwanath Vidyapeeth have been awarded Ph.D. by Banaras Hindu University, which recognizes it as a Research centre in the field of Jainology. It is also recognized by Scientific & Industrial Research Organization, Dept. of Science and Technology, Government of India for conducting research. Vidyapeeth has been regularly organizing National Seminars, symposia, and lecture series and brings out a quarterly Tri-lingual research journal *SHRAMANA*. In view of its unique status and the contribution in the study of Jainology and other branches of oriental learning, the Parshwanath Vidyapeeth has earned reputation in the academic world both within and outside India. A few research scholars of Vidyapeeth have been awarded for their outstanding contributions to the Jainology. Noted among them are Muni Punya Vijaya Smriti Purasakara to Dr. Madhulika Singh for her paper read at All India Oriental Conference, Bhubaneshwar (2002), Smbodhi Life time Award (of Rs. 11,000.00) to Dr. Shivprasad on his monumental work “*Gacchon kaltihasa*’ by Sambodhi Sansthana, Ahmedabad (2003). Some publications of Vidyapeeth have also been awarded viz. 1. *Jaina Sahitya Ka Brihad Itihasa* (7 Volumes), 2. *Panchashaka-prakarana* by Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthana, 3. *Nalavilasa-natakam* by Uttar Pradesh Sanskriti Sansthana.

Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, situated near Banaras Hindu University at Karaundi, owns a rich library, containing 30,000 books and periodicals and 200 Manuscripts. It has large beautiful campus of 5 acres, adequate administrative buildings, teacher's quarters, meditation centre, and hostels for boys and girls. It is equipped with modern scientific instruments such as computers, printer and photocopier, etc. It has also developed an Art Gallery and a Museum with valuable antiquities, monuments, and hand written old manuscripts.

Eminence of the Institute

(i) Associations of Scholars

The Institute has produced some eminent scholars in the field of Jainology. Most distinguished among them are Late Prof. Nathmal Tatia, Prof. Mohanlal Mehta, Dr. Indra Chandra Shastri and Gulabchandra Chaudhari. Some prominent scholars who led the Institute by their association are: Pt. Bechardas Doshi, Pt. Sukhlal Sanghvi, Muni Krishnachandracharya, Padmabhushan Pt. Dalsukh Bhai Malvania and Prof. V. S. Agrawal.

(ii) Guest Faculties & Visitors

Following had been attached from Vidyapeeth from time to time as guest faculty: Prof. G. C. Pande, Prof. Surendra Verma, Prof. Ramjee Singh, Prof. S. C. Pande, Prof. Anand Krishna, Prof. J. P. Singh, Prof. S. B. Gupta.

List of the prominent visitors to this Institute is too long. Only a few are named here:

His Highness Holy Dalailama, Shringeri Peethadhishwara Pujya Bharati Tirthji, Pujya Acharaya Rajyash Surishwarji, Muni Jambu Vijayaji, Ganini Mata Gyanmatiji, Acharya Padma Sagar Suri, Sadhvi Kushal Kunvarji, Sadhvi Namrasheelaji, Pujya Mani Prabhashriji, Shri L. M. Singhvi (Member Rajyasabha), Dr. D. S. Kothari (then Chairman University Grants Commission), Mrs. Madhuri Ben Shah (then Chairman UGC), Dr. K. Sacchidanand Murthy (then Vice Chairman UGC), Dr. K. L. Shrimali (then Vice Chancellor Banaras Hindu University), Dr. Hari Gautam (then Vice Chancellor Banaras Hindu University), Dr. Y. C. Simhadri (then V. C. Banaras Hindu University), Dr. P. Ramchandrtia Rao (Vice Chancellor Banaras Hindu University), Prof. V. Venkatachalam (then Vice Chancellor Sampurnanand Sanskrit University), Dr. Ram Janam Singh (then Vice Chancellor Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth), Dr. V. S. Pathak (Ex. V. C. Gorakhpur University), Dr. R. R. Pandey (V. C. Gorakhpur University), Dr. Anganelal (then V. C. Awadh University), Dr. Ram Acal Singh (V. C. Awadh University), Dr. S. Rinpoche (then Director, Central Institute for Higher Tibetan Study, presently Prime Minister, Tibet Government, Dharmashala), Dr. N. Samten (Director, CIHT), Dr. K. K. Chaturvedi (Director Kalidas Academy), Dr. V. C. Shrivastava (then Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies Shimla, Dr. Bhuvan Chandel (then Professor Chandigarh University, presently Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla), Prof. K. C. Sogani, Prof. V. A. Sangave, Prof. K. Bhujabali Shastri, Prof. S. B. Deo.

The Parshwanath Vidyapeeth is frequently visited by foreign scholars and researchers. Some of visitors who took keen interest in its activities are: Prof. H. P. Smith (Tuebingen University), Nalini Balbir (Paris), Prof. Vanden Bosche (University of GENT, Belgium), Prof. Luitguard Soni (University of Marburg, Germany), Mrs. Christian Bruser (Vienna, Austria), Prof. He Xinong (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China), Prof. A. Saitu (Taisho University, Japan), Prof. R. F. Gombrich (Oxford University, UK), David Waterhouse (Toronto University, Canada), Prof. K. L. Sheshgiri Rao (University of Verginia, USA), Prof. Karl H. Potter (University of Washington, USA).

(iii) Jaina Sadhu-Sadhvis at Vidyapeeth

The Jaina Sadhu and Sadhvis prefer Parshwanath Vidyapeeth for their studies. Four Sadhu-Sadhvis viz. Sadhvi Sudarshana Shri Ji (1985), Sadhvi Priya Darshana Shri Ji (1985), Muni Chandra Prabha Sagarji (1986), Sâdhvî Pramod Kumariji (1991) did their Ph. D. from Vidyapeeth. Besides, many Sadhu-Sadhvis visited Vidyapeeth for the study of Sanskrit, Prakrit, Jainology and Indian Philosophy, e.g. Muni Krishna Chandracharya, Muni Pravin Vijayaji, Muni Virag Sagarji, Muni Vishrut Yasha Vijayaji, Muni Veetarag Yasha Vijayaji, Muni Ratna Yash Vijayaji, Achary Raj Yash Surishwarji and his group (6 Munis and 30 Sadhvis), Sadhvi Vidyut Prabhaji and her Group (4 Sadhvis), Sadhvi Bhayanandshriji and her group (9 Sadhvis), Dr. Chetanprabhaji, Dr. Chandraprhashriji, Muni Shri Mahendra Sagarji, Muni Manish Sagarji, Muni Manibhadraji, Muni Padamji 'Aman'. Muni Piyush Sagarji, Muni Deepratna Sagarji, Sadhvi Samyam Purnaji. Sadhvi Saumya Gunashriji with her two disciples.

(iv) Buildings:

(i). Shri Rajyash Suri Guest House:

In this building there are eight rooms with attached lavatory.

(ii) Smt. (ii) Lajavanti Jain Guest House:

This Guesthouse has four rooms attached with lavatory.

(iii). Main Administrative Building: Two storied main Administrative Building which covers the area of 6148 square feet which comprises Shatavadhâni Ratanchandra Library, Seminar Hall, Computer sections, Director and Assistant Director's Room, seventeen (17) Research Cabins for Research scholars, Publication store, Museum, Art Gallery etc.

(iv). Shri Rajendra Vihara:

This building is meant for Jaina Sadhu-Sadhvis who comes for their study at Vidyapeeth.

(v). Muni Awas: This building is made only for the Jaina monks who visit the Vidyapeeth.

(vi). Upadhyaya Yashovijaya Meditation Hall

Covering area of 900 sqf, this building is used exclusively for the Meditation purpose. Here the Yoga & Meditation course is running.

(vii). Nuns & Ladies Hostel: This hostel is only for girls research students and Jaina Sadhvis. It comprises 7 rooms and one big hall.

(viii). Boys Hostel: The Jagannath Jaina Boys Hostel has 7 rooms among which two are double seated and rests five are single seated.

(ix). Pt. Sukhalal Sanghvi Boys Hostel- This hostel comprises two rooms.

(x). Staff Quarters: Besides, Vidyapeeth have facility of residence for its academic and non-academic staff.

(x) Shri Dhanaptraj Sushila Bhansali Vidya Bhavan

With view to make stay of Sadhu-Sadhvi and Girls students a **Shri Dhanaptraj Sushila Bhansali Vidya Bhavan** which contains one big Hall and 8 Rooms.

(xi) Infra-structure- Institute has 7 computers, Xerox Machine, 2 Generators, A big Library containing 40,000 books, Girls and Boys Hostel, Museum, Seminar Hall, Mess, Guest Houses and Staff Quarters..

Academic Programs

(1) Project Sanctioned by Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi

Dr. Sudhir Kumar Rai, a Senior Fellow of the Vidyapeeth is working on the Project *Pōrva Madhyakalina Bharata Men Janajivana* which has been sanctioned by ICHR initially for two years. After he may get extension for one year. He is getting Rs. 6000/= per month as fellowship + annual contingency of Rs. 12000/=. The project is undertaken under the supervision of Prof. Maheshwari Prasad, Former Director, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth.

(3) Dr. Manisha Sinha, a Senior Fellow of the Vidyapeeth is working on the Project *Prachina Bharatiya Lokadharma : Eka Adhyayana* which has been sanctioned by ICHR initially for two years. After she may get extension for one year. He is getting Rs. 6000/= per month as fellowship + annual contingency of Rs. 12000/=. The project is undertaken under the supervision of Prof. Maheshwari Prasad, Director, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth.

ICPR Project on "Shraman Sangh Men Vidhi Vyavastha" submitted to the Council

Project Sanctioned by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi to **Dr. Sharada Singh**, a General Fellow of Vidyapeeth working on the Project on "Shraman Sangh Men Vidhi Vyavastha" has been submitted to the council under supervision of Dr. S. P. Pandey, Asst. Director, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth in 2009.

(4) Project Sanctioned by Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

Pt. Vishwanath Pathak is working on the project *A Critical Edition and Translation of Prakrit Text Tarangalola* sanctioned by Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for 3 years. He is getting Rs. 10,000/= per month as fellowship + annual contingency of Rs. 30000/=.

Current Projects

Parshwanath Vidyapeeth is already working on the following Research Projects at present:

(1.) Encyclopaedia of Jaina Studies: The Institute has undertaken a very prestigious project of Encyclopaedia of Jaina Studies, which is to be, completed in 7 volumes each containing 1000 pages. The volumes and their Editors are as follows:

Prof. Sagarmal Jain	Chief Editor & Editor of Volume of Jaina Ethics
Dr. Maruti Nandan Pd. Tiwari	Vol. of Art & Architecture (Published)
Dr. Kamal Giri	Vol. of Art & Architecture
Dr. Harihar Singh	Vol. of Art & Architecture
Prof. Maheshwari Prasad	Coordinator & Editor Vol. of History of Jainism
Dr. A. P. Singh	Vol. of History of Jainism
Dr. N. L. Jain	Vol. of Science & Technology
Dr. A. K. Singh	Vol. of Language & Literature
Dr. S. P. Pandey	Vol. of Philosophy & Psychology
Dr. Ratanchanad Jain	Vol. of Religious Practices
Sh. Indrabhooti Barar	Convener

The project is running in full swing and shall be completed in time.

First Volume of Encyclopedia of Jaina Studies Published: Authored by Dr. Maruti Nandan Pd. Tiwari, Prof. Kamal Giri and Prof. Harihar Singh, the first vol. of Art & Architecture of Encyclopedia of Jaina Studies published in the year 2011..It was released by in function by Prof. D. P. Singh Vice Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University in the Chairmanship of Prof. C. D. Singh, Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Amarkanatak. Second volume of Jaina Literature is in press for publication.

(2). History of Hindi Jaina Literature: This is also a voluminous project undertaken by the Vidyapeeth. Commenced in 1994, this project is to cover entire Hindi Jain Literature commencing from *Adikala* (about 10th Century AD) to 20th Century. The Four Volumes written by Prof. Shitikanth Mishra have already been published under the project, which covered the literature up to 10th Century.

Volume V (in four parts) of the same is being prepared by Dr. Sudha Jain, Lecturer at the Vidyapeeth. The project is likely to be completed by the year 2010.

(3). History of the Digambar Jaina Sect: The project covers the literature and tradition of the Digambar Jaina Sect. It is undertaken by Dr. Vijay Kumar of the Vidyapeeth and it is likely to be completed by the year 2008.

(4). History of Shvetambara Jaina Gachchas: The project covers the History of three prominent Gachchas of the Shvetambara Sect into three parts:

1. History of Tapagachcha
2. History of Kharatara Gachcha, and
3. History of Anchala Gaccha

This project is undertaken by Dr. Shivaprasad, Senior Lecturer at Vidyapeeth who has already completed most of the part of the project. Of these first part has already been printed out and the remaining parts shall be published within a year.

(5). Editing & Translation of Acharya Haribhadra's works: A large number of texts in Prakrit and Sanskrit composed by the renowned ancient Jaina ÀcÂrya Haribhadra Sôri of 8th Century AD will be Edited and translated by different scholars of the Vidyapeeth under the collaboration of Prakrit Bharati, Jaipur. Under this project the following texts have been published:

1. Panchashaka-prakarana translated by Dr. D. N. Sharma
2. Ashtaka-prakarana Translated by Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh
3. Vinshativinshika Translated by Dr. Indu Mourya
4. Shravaka-vidhi-prakaraàa Edited by Pt. M. Vinaya Sagar

The remaining texts will be edited and translated in due course.

(6). Jaina Kosh Parampara:

The project is undertaken by Shri O. P. Singh, Librarian of Vidyapeeth. The aim of this project is to make a thorough study of all the published *Jaina Koshas*.

(7) Lecture Series

With view to flourish the institutional activities on academic scenario amongst the general masses and the scholars as well, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth has started organizing **Lala shri Harjas Rai Jain Lecture Series** in which many scholars

have delivered their lectures on different allied interesting topics by local and outside scholars. More than 8 Lectures have been organized by different scholars in last year. The Institute will publish these lectures in book form.

(8) Teaching for Sadhu-Sadhvis

From every nook and corner of the country Jaina monks and nuns are coming here for study at Vidyapeeth. They study here mainly Sanskrit, Prakrit, Jainology and Indian Philosophy etc. In last session 14 Sadhu-Sadhvis of four different sects stayed mainly for study purpose. Presently 9 nuns of Parshwachandra Gaccha in leadership of P.P. Sadhvi Bhavyanand Shriji are studying here.

The presence of Sadhu-Sadhvis at Vidyapeeth campus is the direct source of information for the foreigner research scholars who by interaction with them use to get the complete picture of their stern monkshood, severe austerities and their observance, code of conduct etc.

(9). ISJS-PV GLOBAL CENTRE AT PARSHWANATH VIDYAPEETH

As a joint venture of International School for Jaina Studies (ISSJS) and Parshwanath Vidyapeeth ISJS-PV Global Centre for Ahimsa and Indological Research was inaugurated on 17th May 2009, at Parshwanath Vidyapeeth. Purpose of this centre is to explore and execute the Jaina Studies programme for foreign scholars. Since 2006 every year more than 30 foreigner students are visiting every year to Parshwanath Vidyapeeth for Jaina Studies. Parshwanath Vidyapeeth organizes their studies inviting scholars of different disciplines. In the last 4 years more than 70 students have visited PV-ISJS Global Centre for Jaina Studies.

In 2009 (June 14th -July 19th 09) two ISSJS programmes were held for one month and two months respectively in which more than 28 Foreigner scholars completed their studies. The students who attended this one month programme are 1. Ms. Shelby Carlos (USA), 2. Ms. Jessika Gebel (USA), 3. Ms. Lori Harting (USA), 4. Ms. Nicole Giltner (USA), 5. Ms. Anne Surratt (USA), 6. Ms. Leah-Jane Costello (Canada), 7. Dr. Chizuko Allen (USA), 8. Christopher Flemming (USA), 9. Ms. Shelby Carlos (USA), 10. Dr. Sarah Hadmack (USA), 11. Ms. Chris De Lauwar (Belgium), 12. Mr. Alden Hearn and 13. Mr. Beckmann Anderson.

The students who attended the two months programme are-

1. Mr. Rajesh Balakaran (USA), 2. Mr. Savior B. Vila (Japan), 3. Dr. Maes Clair (Belgium), 4. Dr. Mathieu Courville ((USA), 5. Mrs. Valley Anne (Canada), 6. Mr. Nipitsukkarin Siwaphon (Bangkok), 7. Mrs. Nicol Dutaram (USA), 8. Mr. Tim Helton (USA), 9. Mrs. Harting Lori (USA), 10. Mr. Sean Bewis (UK), 11. Mr. Ezra (USA) 12. Nicole and 13. Miss. Sarah Pitterson.

In 2010, in three groups more than 50 students completed their one week, two weeks and three weeks study at Parshwanath Vidyapeeth.

Research Projects to be undertaken

(1). Editing & Translation of Upadhyaya Yashovijaya's works: Upadhyaya Yashovijaya of 18th Cent. AD has composed more than 100 works in Prakrit and Sanskrit on different aspects of Jainism. This is the great project to be

undertaken by the Vidyapeeth, which shall be completed within 10 years. Of these, the first text *Shodshaka-prakarana* of Haribhadra along with the commentary of Upadhyaya Yashovijaya is already edited and translated by Prof. Bhagchandra Jain and published by the Vidyapeeth in collaboration with Prakrit Bharati, Jaipur. The other texts shall also be published under the project in due course.

(2) Jaina Bibliography

This bibliography will contain books and research papers on Jaina and allied subjects arranged author wise in first part and content wise in second part.

(3). Diploma in Prakrit & Jainology

Parshwanath Vidyapeeth plans to start a Six-Month Diploma course in Prakrit & Jainology by the next session. The course will cover Jaina Philosophy, Jaina History, Prakrit grammar and Literature, Original Jaina Text, Manuscriptology, etc. The syllabus of the course has already been prepared.

(5) Short Term Training Courses on Yoga & Meditation

Parshwanath Vidyapeeth has already started Yoga course for Indian Students and has planned to admit foreign student as well. The students of International school of Jaina Studies participate every year when they come to Parshwanath Vidyapeeth for Jaina Studies in June and July.

(6) Children Literature

Considering the need of familiarizing the children with our glorious tradition and character building Vidyapeeth intends to publish light magazines named **BALA JAGAT** and **BALA MANJUSHA**.

The Bal-jagat will contain the didactic Jaina stories in the form of comics, which the children from 4-7 age group would like to read with great interest.

The Bal-manjusha will contain short narratives along with basics of Jainism in nutshell which the children of 8-12 age group may find interesting and useful.

Details of Seminars, Conferences, workshops and training courses etc. conducted by the Institute during last three years:

(i) Workshop on Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology, New Delhi was held from March 25-28 Feb.2004).

(ii) National Seminar on Crafts & Craftsman: a Socio-economic profile was organized in collaboration with Rastriya Manava Sanskriti Shodh Sansthan, Varanasi from 4-6 December 2004.

(iii) Three Day's National Workshop on Conservation and Preservation of the Manuscript was held in collaboration with National Manuscript Mission New Delhi and INTAC, Lucknow from 19-21 February 2005. In this workshop 60 scholars participated and learned the techniques of conservation and preservation of Manuscripts.

(iv) A National Seminar on Anekantvada: Its Contemporary Relevance was organised by Parshwanath Vidyapeeth and Raikrishnadas INTAC and Triratna Trust, Varanasi on 25th September 2005.

(v) A National Seminar on " Vaidika and Shramana Parampara Men Paraspara Adan-pradan" in collaboration with Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vedyapratisthan, Ujjain on 26-28 February 2006.

(vi) A Three Days **National Seminar** on ‘ ‘ ***Contribution of Shramana Tradition to Indian Culture & Tourism*** ’ ’ was organized by Parshwanath Vidyapeeth from 23-25th December 2007. This seminar was sponsored by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

(vii) A Three Days **National Seminar** on ‘ ‘ ***Continuity of Vedic Dharma*** ’ ’ was organized by Parshwanath Vidyapeeth in collaboration with Rastriya Manava Sanskriti Sansthan, Varanasi from 10-12 March 2007.

(VIII) A Three Days **National Seminar** on ‘ ‘ ***Dimensions of Indian art Heritage and Contribution of Jainism and Buddhism*** ’ ’ was organized by Parshwanath Vidyapeeth in collaboration with Indian Council of Historical Research, Varanasi from 17-19 October 2008.

(IX) An one day **National Seminar** on ‘ ‘ ***Jainism & Social Consciousness*** ’ ’ was organized by Parshwanath Vidyapeeth in collaboration with ISJS on 5th March 2010.