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About us

The general perception in the academic community is that Jainism is the religion of asceticism i.e. renunciation or nivṛtti. It preaches ascetic life to attain liberation. This view is perhaps based on the code of conduct for the ascetics in Jain canons and scriptures. Also the story literature (purāṇas) of Jains has the distinctive feature of evolving the entire story around one person (hero) and traces his /her life in many births till he /she because ascetic and archiving liberation thereafter. Only the seventh limb i.e. Upāsakadaśāṅga gives life sketches of ten lay persons during Mahāvira's time. All these may develop a feeling of renunciation rather than engagement (pravṛtti) in the world as the primary objective of a Jain.

However from the 2nd century AD, the Jain holy literature started detailing the conduct for laity (known as Śrāvakācāras) written by Jain preceptors. They emphasized not only the ultimate liberation of the individual laity but also the rules of social conduct for them as they remain engaged in their worldly activities. . Perhaps Samantbhadra (2nd century AD) of Rattan Karanda Śravakācāra and is the pioneering preceptor. Similarly Soma Dev (8th Century AD) in his book Upāsakādhyana /Yasasticampu describes laukika and parlaukika dharmas for laity . These form the basis for Jains to form local communities and become a part of local, regional, national and international societies and contribute to them in multiple ways. are the pioneering efforts in this direction. Later on more than sixty such texts and a large corpus on social activities, religious rituals, conduct for laity has been written by Jain preceptors. Today Jains constitute a very small, less than 0.5 percent of the total population, community of highly educated, prosperous, non violent, peace loving and socially involved community that is contributing to the well being of the neighbourhood, country and world at large.

International School for Jain Studies(ISJS), in association with leading universities of India and Canada, took up the task of organizing a series of national and international seminars on the theme 'Social consciousness and Jainism'. The objective of these seminars is to build a corpus of knowledge concerning Jain doctrine and its application to social engagements, contributions of Jains to society in arts, education, culture, health, and fight the social ills like poverty, violence, terrorism, diseases etc.

The response to these seminars has been overwhelming. Prestigious universities like Rajasthan, Mumbai, Madras, Nagpur etc. and institutes like Somaiya Vidhya Vihar, Parshwanath Vidhyapeeth, Shri BharatvarshiyaDigambar Jain Shrut-

Forgiveness is the virtue of the brave

Samvardhini Mahasabha in India agreed to associate with ISJS in this venture. Internationally, Univ of Ottawa had in principle agreed to organize a seminar on this subject in August 2010. Similarly academicians and social organizations came out and sent over 100 papers for presentation at the ten seminars in different universities and institutes all over India.

Since its inception in 2005, International School for Jain Studies (ISJS) has organized five 'Two months long residential summer schools ISSJSs' for foreign scholars and faculty members of North American, European and Asian universities. In 2009, ISJS also organized the first overseas school at Mahidol University Bangkok Thailand. Some of the achievements of ISJS:

Over 125 scholars from 20 universities of ten countries have already benefitted by attending ISSJSs conducted annually by ISJS.

- ✍ Five ISSJS alumni are teaching Jain philosophy at their universities. Several hundred students in these universities are exposed to Jainism regularly.
- ✍ Five ISSJS alumni have enrolled for PhD with major emphasis on Jainism.
- ✍ American Association of Religion 'AAR' teachers have a permanent panel and session for Jain studies. An ISSJS alumnus is its chairperson.
- ✍ Several books and papers on Jainism are being published by US professors and ISJS associates.
- ✍ ISJS is now recognized by a number of leading universities of North America and Thailand.
- ✍ Large groups of scholars and students from U.S.A. visit ISJS India for orientation program regularly.

In 2010, ISJS is venturing in India to network with leading Indian universities. These seminars are a start in this direction.

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Jai Jinendra

Shugan C Jain PhD
Director

An act performed never goes without results.

Seminar-1

Date: Feb. 15th 2010, Monday
Place: Centre for Advanced studies Rajasthan Univ Jaipur
Associate institution : Centre for Advanced studies Rajasthan Univ Jaipur
Coordinator : Prof. Kusum Jain, Mrs Shivani Bothra

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Dr.N.L.Kachhara	Your Life and the Doctrine of Karma
2	C.A. Mahima Bokariya Jain	Way of life Style- An Eco-Ethical Practice leading to Sustainable Development
3	Dr Sohan Raj Tater	Karmic theory in Jain philosophy
4	Prof K.C.Sogani	Methods Used by Mahavira for Social Change
5	Mr. Surendra Bothra	Ahinsa and its social relevance
6	Samani Sasi Pragya	
7	Prof Dayanand Bhargava	Social Consciousness & Jainism
8	Anil Kumar Jain	Samajik Chetna aur Jain darshana
9	Dr J. D. Jain	Non-violence and Jainism in Countries outside India
10	Dr P.C.Jain	Jainism and resolution of worldly problems

Seminar-2

Date : Feb. 18th 2010 Thursday
Place : Dept of History & Culture, Nagpur University
Associate Institution : Dept of History & Culture Nagpur University
Coordinator : Prof Bhag Chand Jain, Mrs Manju Jain

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Dr. Mahavir Sanglikar	History of Jainism in Maharashtra
2	Prof Bhag Chand Jain	Seed of mantra in Bhaktamer strotra
3	Sh Satish Chand Jain	Contribution of Jainism in Greek philosophy
4	Smt Manju Jain	Spiritual healing through Bhaktamar Technology
5	Dr. Shugan C Jain	Being healthy-the Jain way
6	Dr. Sulekh C.Jain	Is Ahinsa endangered
7	Dr. Umresh Mehta	Live demo on super power of namokar mantra
8	Dr Uday S. Shah	Aura presentation & auto-photography

Ahimsā Parmo Dharmah

Non Violence is the supreme spiritual virtue

Seminar-3

Date : February 21st 2010 Sunday
Place : J. P. Nayak Bhavan University of Mumbai
Vidyanagari Campus Santacruz (E) Mumbai
Associate institution : Dept of Philosophy Mumbai University
Coordinator : Prof Meenal Katarnikar

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Dr Meenal Katarnikar	Key-concept of the Seminar
2	Dr Shugan C Jain	Social consciousness and its origin,enhancements in Jainism
3	Dr Ela Dedhia	Feel Green; A Movement Reflecting Compassion and Ahimsa
4	Dr. Utpal Mody	Aparigraha;Panacea for Social Ills of the Present Day World
5	Dr Kamini Gogri	We are One:Jaina Approach to Transform Human Society
6	Ms Shilpa Chheda	Symbolism to Imagery: Jain Contribution to Indn Art
7	Dr Raksha Shah	Social Significance of Ahimsa
8	Mr Khushal Gala	Are Jain Doctrines valid for Today's Business Activities?
9	Mr Anil Kumar Jain	Jainism and Environmental Protection

Seminar-4

Date : February 22nd 2010 Monday
Place : K.J.Somaiya Center for Studies in Jainism
Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus, Vidyavihar (E) Mumbai
Associate institution : Dept of Philosophy, K.J.Somaiya Center
Coordinator : Prof Geeta Mehta

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Hemali Suresh Sanghavi	Jainism and Art of Management
2	Dr Padmaja Patil	A century of boardinghouses under(D) Bharat Jain Sabha
3	Dr. Kokila H.ShahJain	Doctrinal Principle and their application in social life
4	Johny K. Shah	Case Study of ShantiNiketan Sadhna Kendra, Tithal
5	Navnit Mehta	Anekanta: A powerful tool in progress of humanity
6	Varsha Shah	Role of Jainism in new paradigm of social consciousness with respect to technology
7	Dr. Hansa S.Shah	Uplift through education and social reformation
8	Dr Geeta Mehta	Aparigraha And Social Welfare
9	Dr. Shugan C. Jain	Humanity Peace and Spirituality
10	Dr. D.N.Sharma	Jain commentator of non- jain works

Jiyo aur Jinedo Live and let live

Seminar-5

Date : February 24th 2010 Wednesday
Place : Bhagawan Mahavira Jain College J.C.Road Bangalore
Associate institution : Jain University Dept.of Humanity & Social Sciences
Coordinator: Prof. Choodamani Nandagopal.

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Prof Hampa Nagarajaiya	Social Consciousness and Jainism from literary perspective
2	Prof N Choodamani	Aesthetic Approaches in Jaina Visual Art
3	Prof Dr SV Padigar	
4	Dr Rangaraju Jain	Trikutachala at Katrghatta
5	Dr. Jayalakshmi Y.	Etymology, Myth & Iconographical Variations-Cakresvari
6	Dr Uma Maheshwari	Nilakeci: Retrieving a “possessing” ‘Pey’ (Understanding a Tamil Jain text in context)
7.	Dr M S Ananthraju	Some aspects of Jainism in social context
8	Dr. Shanta Kumari	Social Consciousness reflected in Veerendra Jain’s Narrative Literature
9.	Dr Pooja Surana	Implications of Jain value in Organizations
10	Ms. Gomati Manohar	The Concept of Yaksha and Yakshi in Jainism

Seminar-6

Date: February 26th 2010 Friday
Place: Department of Religion and Philosophy
University of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai
Associate institution: Dept of Religion and philosophy University of Madras
Coordinator: Prof Priyadarshana Jain

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Dr. Jayanti Lal Jain	Thirthankaras – Archetype of social reforms
2	Dr. R.Rajalakshmi	Social Consciousness and Jainism
3	Dr. Dulichand Jain	KARUNA, significance of its social implementation
4	Dr. C. Venkatachalam	Community Building & Practical Resolution of Social Conflict
5	Dr A. Murugesan	Jiva daya in the light of terrorism, religious fundamentalism and ecology
6	Prof A. Ekambarnathan	Archeological appraisal of growth in TN of socio religious consciousness of Jainism
7	Prof T.K.Parthasarthy	Aparigraha, its social relevance today
8	Prof Priya Jain	
9	Dr Shugan Jain	Humanity, Power, Spirituality and unity of religions

Parasparopagraho Jivānāma

Living beings cooperate with each other

Seminar-7

Date : February 28th 2010 Sunday
Place : Kund Kund Jnanapeth, M.G.Road, Tukoganj, Indore
Associate institution : Kund Kund Jnanapeth
Coordinator : Prof. Anupam Jain

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Prof. P.N. Mishra	Management of self through Jainism
2	Prof. Ganesh Kavadia	Economic Philosophy and Jainism
3	Prof. Narendra Dhakad	Community Building & peaceable resolution of social conflicts
4	Dr. P.K. Jain	Management of emotion through Jainism
5	Prof. V.K. Nahar	Atomic Nature of Time [Jain view]
6	Prof. Anupam Jain	Development of Mathematics in Jainism
7	Mrs. Keshar Jain	Ankeantavada: The Principle and its Application 9.
8	Mr. Surajmal Bobra	

Seminar-8

Date : March 5th 2010 Friday
Place : Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, I.T.I.Road, Karaundi, Varanasi
Associate institution : Parshwanath Vidyapeeth
Coordinator : Prof. S.P.Pandey

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Dr. Rajjan Kumar	Jainism, Social Consciousness & contemporary Issues
2	Dr. Sunita Jain	Jain Dharm Our Samajik Chetna
3	Dr. R. K. Jha	The unique spirit of jainism
4	Prof. M. N. P. Tiwari	Social reflections in Jaina art
5	Dr Sudhanshu Shekhar	Conflict Resolution, Human Rights and Anekānta
6	Prof. Phool Chand Jain	Asprishyata Ke Prati Jaina Dharma Ka Udarvadi Dristikona
7	Dr S.P.Pandey (PV)	Application of Minor vows (Anuvratas) in building Social Harmony and Personal Development
8	Prof.Shriprakash Pandey	Visha Shanti Aura Sadbhava men Ahimsa Ki Bumika
9	Dr. Sharda Singh	Jaina Dharma Aura Samajika Chintan
10	Dr Subhash Jain	Jain religion & non violence for world peace & human unity
11	Prof. U. C. Dubey	Role of Panchmahavratas in Social Consciouness

Carita khallu dhammo Conduct is the religion

Seminar-9

Date : March 7th 2010 Sunday
Place : Teerthankar Mahaveer Univ.,N.H.24 Moradabad, U.P.
Associate institution : Teerthankar Mahaveer University
Coordinator : Prof. R.K.Mittal

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Dr Shugan Jain	Origin of social consciousness in Jainism
2	Prof. Viney Jain	Concept of supreme forgiveness in Jainism & its relevance today
3	Dr Subhash C Jain,	Myth about karma
4	Gr capt Vimal Jain	Jain Practice of Pratikramana its relevant today
5	Acharya Gopilal Amar	Ahimsa is a positive term ,
6	Dr. D.C.Jain	Jain Way of Life for sound life
7	Prof P.C.Jain	Jains in 2001 census, sociological aspects
8	Swami Dharmanand	Meditation to Cure heart disease

Seminar-10

Date : March 8th 2010 Monday
Place: L.B.S.Vidyapeeth, Qutab Institutional Area,Katwaria Sarai
Associate institution : Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi
Coordinator : Prof. Anekant Jain

S.No	Speaker	Topic
1	Dr Jagdish P Jain sadhak	Tolerance
2	Prof Anekant Jain	Anekanta ki vyavaharikta
3	Dr Veer sagar Jain	Jain dharma ki vyavaharikta
4	Prof Kamla Jain	Samyakdarsana social perspective
5	Dr Rajnish Shukla	Jain dharma ke samajika sandarbha,
6	Mrs Usha Rani Agrawal	Adhunik samaj mein purano ki upayogita
7	Mr Gopilal Amar	Ahimsa: Criticisms Refuted
8	Ms Gunjan Jain	Ahimsa and its applications in social implementation
9	Sarman Lal Jain	Case studies-S.B.D.J.T.S.C, S.B.D.J.M., S.B.D.J.P., D.J.M.S.,
10	Prof Sudeep Jain	Sallekhan
11	Shri Pawan Jain	Jain Puratatva (Archaeology)

Kohan asaccan Kuvējā

Suppress (destroy) anger

Seminar-11

Date : August 2010
Place : University of Ottawa Canada
Associate institution : University of Ottawa
Coordinator : Prof. Anne Vallely
(Date to be announced)

Six papers already received.

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