



ISJS makes significant advances in its mission of promoting Academic Studies of Jainism in the universities overseas. Highlights for the month of June are given below:

1. New developments at ISJS:

From June 1st till 18th, ISJS has signed two strategic agreements, namely with Shobhit University, Meerut and Delhi and Jain Vishwa Bharti Institute, Ladnun, to collaborate on joint research and program developments in Jainism and its applications in today's life (specially profession and business) and scientific researches. ISJS will now be able to attract young scholars to work with it on such projects leading to the award of PhD degrees as well by these universities.

2. Another Fulbright scholar likely:

After the successful completion of the assignment by Christopher Fleming under the Fulbright scholarship scheme, another scholar is likely to come to ISJS in September 2012.

3. ISJS 2012 programs under progress: Intermediate report:

36 Participants for the three programs i.e. 3W, 4W and 6W are attending the programs with lot of enthusiasm, interest and active participation. Besides lectures by eminent Jain scholars, Prof. Gary Francione also gave a very interesting lecture on Ahinsa through Skype. All the participants were in Delhi till June 9th. During their stay at Delhi, they also visited Lal Mandir and Bird hospital, Ahinsa Sthal, Dadabari, Acharya VidhyaNandji. On the cultural side, they spent a very enjoyable evening at Uma Shugan Jain's residence for dinner and family experience and another evening at Sanskriti to see Jain contribution to art and an excellent Delhi dinner in peaceful green ambience. Dr. O.P. Jain Chairman Sanskriti had been hosting the participants every year for the wonderful experience and interactions. Prof. Christopher Chapple our distinguished overseas faculty member gave an illuminating lesson on Yoga in Jainism.

On June 9th all the participants left Delhi for a day at Hastinapur. They had a very enriching experience listening and interacting Pujya Gyan Mati ji, Pujya Chandana Mati ji and a host of other monks and scholars, visited Jambudweep, and temples at Hastinapur. They spent the night there and left for Teerthdham Mangalayatan, Aligarh (to participate in a Jain festival namely centenary celebration of the guiding personality and a Jain scholar) and visit Taj also.

On June 10th the participants split in two groups namely: 6W and 3W left for Jaipur and 4W stayed back at Mangalayatan University who are the joint sponsors of the 4W program. Highlight was a lecture by Mr. Paul Palmorozza on business ethics through Skype.

All the participants are indeed busy attending (first time 100% attendance) and writing their papers for grades etc. It is a pleasure to interact and see them involved in serious discussions amongst themselves.

The 4W group is now at Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi and the 3W participants are getting ready to return home on June 18th.

Indeed it had been a memorable experience not to be missed.

The last special group of 16 school teachers from USA, Spain and Japan are likely to arrive on July 1st for three weeks program on Ahinsa in Jainism and its applications in our daily life.

PHOTO GALLERY



At Mahidol University Bangkok



Class at Chhoti Dadabari, Delhi



Participants enjoying meals at Chhoti dadabari



Meeting with Acharya Vidhya Nandji



At home with Uma & Shugan Jain



At Sanskriti, New Delhi



Prof. Chis Chapple teaching Yoga in Jainism



Ahinsa Sthal, Delhi