

Annual ISJS Faculty Meet of ISJS on Feb 9th Saturday in New



Highlights of the meet are:

1. Chairman ISJS gave a brief presentation about ISJS, its successes, areas for improvement as identified in 2012 program, corrective actions taken (Study Notes edited and compiled in 3 volumes, catalogue of each lecture prepared and tentative schedule of lectures prepared for 2013) and will be awarded credit units for transfer to their universities programs to all participants require.
2. Sh. D. R. Mehta (of Jaipur foot fame) and Prof. Kusum Jain, chairperson Academic council ISJS made powerful presentations about their experiences and uniqueness of ISJS program as well as areas for further improvement as to the message (Compassion, service etc as applications of ahimsa), scheduling of lectures in the program for a smooth flow of knowledge and connectivity between lectures.
3. Dr. Sunil Gupta (www.ideas-consulting.com), an expert teacher's trainer and skill development expert, made an excellent presentation as to how to engage the participants in learning using two of the 60 tools listed by Dr. De Bono, an authority on the subject. His presentation was applauded by all and did open the doors for improving our skills to teach and help others think for solutions. ISJS intends to use his expertise more for Ahimsa programs.
4. Prof. Chapple from LMU USA demonstrated how learning can be made experiential as well in the class room.
5. All faculty members present discussed their experiences and made suggestions for incorporation in the program.
6. All participants agreed for the need for faculty members to prepare themselves for engaging the class in the subject, limit their lecture to the topics outlined in catalogue, be available for discussions after the lecture and help ISJS to build a database of 100 questions to be used for testing the learning of participants and grading.
7. The meet ended with a sumptuous lunch hosted by ISJS.

Shugan Jain delivers endowment lecture on Ahimsa in schools at University of Madras

Dr. Shugan Jain, Chairman ISJS, delivered an interesting and well received lecture to over 75 faculty members and students of University of Madras on teaching and practice of ahimsa at University of Madras on Feb 11th. The lecture was based on the experiences of ISSJS.2012 program for school teachers from USA and extended to make it a universal program.

University of Madras (one of the most prestigious universities of India) has officially also joined Federation of Institutes of Jainology 'FIJ' promoted by ISJS. Accordingly University of Madras, Deptt. of Jainology has offered to accept ISJS recommended overseas students and scholars for admission to MA and PhD programs of the university. In the near future when FIJ membership increases to ten, it will be hived off as an independent entity.

Research Project: Gandhi & Jainism, an impact analysis



ISJS had been awarded a major project to undertake the subject research project by Gandhi Research Foundation Jalgaon. The project team will include experts from ISJS-PV Global Centre for Ahimsa and Indic studies, noted scholars on Gandhi and Jainism from Jaipur and Ahmadabad and managed by ISJS. The project will last one year at the end of which a book will be published on the research findings and details.

Other news

- GRF is actively assisting ISJS to find new and permanent office premises of its own in Delhi.
- Prakrat Bharti Academy Jaipur through its founder chairman Sh. D. R. Mehta has agreed to co-publishes the three volumes Study Notes and Transactions of eleven seminars on Social Consciousness in Jainism organized in 2010.
- Admissions to various ISSJS2013 programs are in full swing. ISJS hopes to cross last years number of participants. An interesting development is that all participants to ISSJS.2013 programs will be awarded credit units with grades for transfer to their respective universities.
- Our research team of Jains during partition project, sponsored and executed by Claremont Lincoln University USA is making steady progress. Cooperation of concerned Jains involved actively during partition is being lined up.