

ISJS celebrates 10th Anniversary India International Centre, New Delhi on July 27th 2014

ISJS celebrated its tenth anniversary at a true global meet at IIC where over fifty foreign scholars and teachers and 150 academicians and influential society leaders and government officials shared their experiences and vision of ISJS.



Group Photo at IIC

What started as a small project in 2004 to introduce academic studies of Jainism in the universities of North America primarily has now become a promoter of global Peace Harmony and Development through the application of Jain principles of Ahimsa (non violence), Anekant (multiplicity of viewpoints /truth) , Aparigraha (non possession/ sharing) and work ethics. Incidentally Jain canons and holy texts abound with details on these principles where Mahavira promulgated Ahimsa doctrine and path for spiritual purification called Moksamarga comprising Right belief-knowledge-conduct.

To implement its objectives, ISJS organizes residential summer schools, popularly called ISSJS, in India for university scholars and high school teachers from all over the world. The participants to ISSJS will live like Jain students / laity in Jain dormitories for 3 to 8 weeks depending on the interest group. The participants will attend academic lectures on different aspects on Jain doctrine,

culture and way of life in the morning; discussions in afternoons; interaction with monks, lay people and practitioners periodically; sometimes visit Jain holy places to participate in rituals and experience the spirit of pilgrimage. On return ISJS, supports participants for further research and application.



Lecture by Dr. Shugan Jain

Since its inception, more than 450 foreign participants from 35 universities and 20 high schools of 25 countries have attended the summer schools. Similarly over 1000 foreign participants have attended one day programs in India and abroad conducted by ISJS or its faculty members. This year alone 80 participants from eight countries participated in ISSJS programs.

In ten years, ISJS had been instrumental in enhancing doctoral education and and post doctoral research overseas, publication of books and articles in English, organizing seminars globally, introducing Jain studies in several universities overseas and in India, networking Jain education research and education institutes and University departments, and overall enhancing interest in Jain values of Ahimsa, Anekant, Aparigraha and work ethics for peace, harmony and sustainable development.

To recognize ISJS contribution, JAINA of USA decorated ISJS with outstanding education services in 2013 at Detroit.

ISJS ensures that its costs are minimal by using internet and computer technologies, networking experienced university professors for knowledge dissemination and dedication of its top management in giving selfless service for ISJS. Towards this end ISJS adopts openness in its program offering through its website www.isjs.in and ONLINE admission procedure which is non partisan by having academicians critically look at each application. ISJS believes in keeping the interests of its participants FIRST.

Having achieved its objectives, ISJS is now aiming to institutionalize ISJS by having its own infrastructure, full time research scholars and become self financed; promote development of young Jain scholars for 21st century and offer programs based on application of Jain principles of Ahimsa, Anekant, Aparigraha and work ethics to resolve issues related to education, business, health care, administration and environment.

You are welcome to join ISJS as per your inclinations and needs. Please visit ISJS web-site for further information, Forms and deadlines www.isjs.in

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4W & 6W Group at Jambudweep



Yoga group performing puja at Ashtapad



Lecture by Prof. Christopher K. Chapple



Teaching for Peace group photo at BJS



Group Discussion at Naval Veerayatan



Performing puja at Vallabh Smarak