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“Knowledge comes
from learning,
wisdom comes
from awakening.”

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Bhagawan Mahavira International Research Centre (BMIRC)

With a view to integrate science and Jain philosophy and to evolve a scientific approach to understanding of Jain traditions, BMIRC has recently been established at Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (Deemed University), Ladnun, Rajasthan. The Centre has an ambitious plan of promoting research in science and spiritualism and looks forward to collaborate with universities and institutes which would help in realizing the goal of integrating science with principles and practices of Jain philosophy. The Centre is in its infancy but has vast potential for advancing scientific knowledge in spiritual practices.

Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (Deemed University) (JVBI)

The institute, established at Ladnun, Rajasthan (India) 25 years ago, is devoted to holistic education and training. JVBI provides higher education to students together with inculcation of spiritual and moral values in them through various courses of both types - regular and distant education. There are 7 Departments with defined goals of academics. Besides teaching courses, university pursues quality research for Ph. D students. Based on recent evaluations, the university has been categorized as an 'A' grade university by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and re-accredited with an 'A' grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

“Knowledge precedes conduct.
- Mahavira”

OBJECTIVE

In spite of the unprecedented advancements in science and technology, the scientists themselves have accepted their limitations with regards to knowledge of ultimate truths. They also agree that the global problems like violence, global warming, disparity etc. have intensified as the consequences of wanton use of technology. On the other hand, the ancient wisdom, manifested in the "darshan" (vision) of the sages and seers, especially the Jain Tirthankars, have deeper vision of ultimate reality which includes Consciousness as well as the physical world. On the basis of this kind of intuitive vision, they have prescribed certain spiritual techniques to mitigate the destructive emotions, giving birth to the problems like violence etc. It is high time, therefore, that integration of science with Jainism should be worked out for evolving a better human society free from the evils like violence etc. In this context, this International Conference on Science and Jain Philosophy has been organized and it is anticipated that deliberations in the conference will bridge the gap in Science and Philosophy through an objective approach with scientific spirit.

It is hoped that as the outcome of this conference, we would be able to pave the way for establishing a non-violent, compassionate, just and ethical society on global scale.

It is found that there is a rich source in the Jain canonical texts for scientific and mathematical research which would go a long way in establishing a peaceful world-order which is free from violence, disparity, injustice and intolerance. The major objective of International Conference on Science and Jain Philosophy is to comprehend the Jain doctrines and practices in the light of present day scientific theories and utilize this comprehensive knowledge in favour of the humanity at large.

TOPICS

- 1. Microcosmology: Paramanu and Atom
- 2. Macrocosmology: Universe, Cosmography and Cosmogony
- 3. Jain Mathematics and its Importance
- 4. Soul and Consciousness
- 5. Relativism and Jain Logic
- 6. Laws of Nature and Karma Theory
- 7. Environment and Ecology
- 8. Science, Society and Ethics
- 9. Science and Spirituality

HIGHLIGHTS

Experimental Workshop

Impact of Lifestyle Intervention, Preksha Meditation & Yoga in achieving Holistic Health.

Round Table

Developing Scientific-cum-Spiritual Technique for inculcation of Moral Values and Development of EQ in Global Education Curriculum.

Young Researchers' Program

A special session to give an opportunity to young minds to articulate their thoughts and opinions on Modern Science and Jain Philosophy.

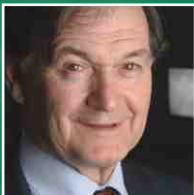
Panel Discussions

- 1. International and National Collaboration for Integrating Jainism and Science.
- 2. Research Problems and Academic Curriculum in Science & Jain Philosophy.

Poster Presentations

An opportunity of one to one interaction with scientists and scholars.

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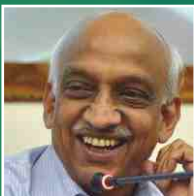
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Time	Particulars		Parallel Sessions
8 th January, 2016 FRIDAY			
8:00-9:30	Registration and Breakfast		
10:00-11:30	Inauguration		
11:30-12:15	Convocation Tea		
12:15-13:55	Technical Session 1: Relativism and Jain Logic	Young Researchers' Session 1	
13:55-14:45	Lunch		
14:45-16:35	Technical Session 2: Soul and Consciousness	Young Researchers' Session 2	
16:35-17:05	Tea Supper*		
17:05-19:00	Panel Discussion 1: International and National collaboration for integrating Jainism and Science	Technical Session 3: Relevance of Jainism in Modern Times	
19:00-20:30	Documentary		
20:30 onwards	Dinner		
9 th January, 2016 SATURDAY			
8:30-9:30	Registration and Breakfast		
9:30-11:10	Technical Session 4A: Science, Society and Ethics	Technical Session 4B: Laws of Nature and Karma Theory	
11:10-11:40	Tea and Poster Presentation (I)		
11:40-13:10	Experimental Workshop 1: Impact of Lifestyle intervention, Preksha Meditation & Yoga in achieving holistic health	Technical Session 5: Macrocosmology: Universe, Cosmography, Cosmogony	
13:10-14:10	Lunch		
14:10-15:40	Technical Session 6: Environment and Ecology	Experimental Workshop 2	
15:40-17:20	Technical Session 7: Science and Spirituality		
17:20-17:50	Tea Supper*		
17:50-19:20	Panel Discussion 2: Research problems and academic curriculum in Science and Jain Philosophy		
19:20-20:50	Cultural Programme		
20:50 onwards	Dinner		
10 th January, 2016 SUNDAY			
8:30-9:30	Registration and Breakfast		
9:30-11:40	Round Table: Developing scientific-cum-spiritual technique for inculcation of moral values and development of EQ in global education curriculum.	Technical Session 8: Jain Mathematics and its importance	
11:40-12:00	Tea & Poster Presentation (II)		
12:00-13:50	Technical Session 9A: Microcosmology: Paramanu and Atom	Technical Session 9B: Jain Culture, Literature and Science	
13:50-14:50	Lunch		
15:00-17:00	Valedictory Function		
17:00-17:30	High Tea		
17:30	Close		

* Facility of food before sunset will also be available.

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