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1. Birth - 1st February, 1929 in Bundelakhand, M.P., India.
2. Position - a) Former Professor of Prakrit,  
P.G. Jain College, Arrah  
Magadh University, Bodhgaya  
b) Ex-Director, Kundakunda Bharati,  
Prakrit Institute, New Delhi.
3. Field of work - i) Editing of Apabhramsa and Prakrit Manuscript  
ii) Teaching of Prakrit
4. Research - a) Prakrit and Apabhramas  
Works of Kavi Raidhu (Ph.D. in 1965)  
b) D.Lit Degree from L.B.S., New Delhi 2006
5. Ph.D. Guide - More than 15 Scholars
6. Publication - More than 120 papers and 35 books on  
Apabhramsa, Prakrit & Jainology
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### Some Works of Prof. Raja Ram Jain, India

1. Raidhu Sahitya Ka Alochanatmaka Parishilana (1974)
2. Vaddhamanacariu (Vibudh Sridhar, 1975)
3. Aramsohakaha (1989)
4. Chakkhandama Lehanakadha (1992)
5. Punnasava Kahakosu (2000)
6. Saurseni Prakrit Bhasha avam Sahitya ka Samchipta Itihasa (2001)
7. Pasanahacariu (2006)
8. Vittasaro (Prakrit Text, 2006)

## **2. Prof. Dr. Nalini Balbir, Paris, France**

An Indologist, Dr. Nalini Balbir born in 1955 in France. She is working as Professor in the University of Paris since 1988, She is well known in the world to all specialists of Prakrit narrative literature. Equally at ease and fluent in Prakrit, Pali, Sanskrit, Hindi, Gujarati, French, English and German, She is the recipient of Parvati Jain International Award (Delhi- Amabala 1988). Her works include the Dana-Shataka-Katha(1982), Avashyeka-Studies (1993), Yogindu(1999), Haribhadra's Dhurtakhyana and Nagadeva(2004). It is astonishing that she has published about 80 research papers on various aspects of Prakrit and Jaina Studies.

Prof. Nalini Balbir is one of the rare and devoted scholars to study linguistic aspects of Prakrit Languages - like the Dialectical variation in Jain Maharashtri, Jaina Exegetical Terminology, Prakrit Riddle Poetry etc. The Glossary of Paramatma- Prakasha and Yogasara is note worthy.

However, the crowing Glory of Nalini Balbir's erudition and dedication to Jainology finds expression in the CATALOGUE OF THE JAINA MANUSCRIPTS OF THE BRITISH LIBRARY (2006), in three volumes, consisting of 1278 pages. The scope of the catalogue extends from the jaina Manuscripts in the Oriental Collection of the British Library to those in the Indian Office Library. This Catalogue sheds light on 1983 Manuscripts in 1425 entries. The Importance of the Catalogue is not merely scholarly, it is also religious.

### **Some works of Prof. Dr. Nalini Balbir (Research papers and Books) :**

1. Jaina Bibliography
2. Anadhyas a Jaina Topic
3. The Story of Slomon's Judgement.
4. Women in Jainism
5. Recent Developments in a Jaina Tirtha
6. Samayasundara's Samacari Satak
7. The Perfect Sutra
8. Tirthankars of the Future
9. Past and Present of a Jaina Festival
10. The Monkey and the Weaver Bird
11. A New Instance of Common terminology...
12. Stories from the Avasyaka
13. Jaina Exegetical Terminology
14. About a Jaina Polemical Work...
15. Morphological Evidence for a dialectical...
16. ...Trends in Jaina narrative
17. Grammatical Riddles....
18. Prakrit Riddle Poetry
19. Jaina Buddhist Dialogue
20. The Micro-genre of Dana Stories

### **3. Prof. Dr. Adelheid Mette, Munich, Germany**

Prof. Dr. Adelheid Mette born in 1934 in Germany. As Professor of Indology, University of Munich, Germany, Adelheid Mette has studied Prakrit and Sanskrit the two Indo-Aryan languages in addition to Greek and Latin, the two Indo-European languages. She has written invaluable research papers in German and English, on Jaina canonical topics and Prakrit studies.

Prof. Mette Studied at the University of Hamburg in 1953-1958. She completed her Ph.D in 1959 at Hamburg University. The topics of Ph.D. was " The Aiolic Meters in Euripides Dramas" related to classical philology. Prof. Mette contributed her study to habilitation for indology at the University of Hamburg up to 1972. Prof. Mette moved to the Ludwigs-Maximilians-University of Munich in 1973. She was adjunct professor at the University of Munich up to 1978 and she became Extraordinary professor at the for middle Indic languages at the University of Munich in 1980. Prof. Mette served as full professor at the University of Muenster from 1988-2000. Prof. Mette hold there the Chair for Indology and was Director of the department of Indology. After her retirement in 2000 Prof. Mette moved back to Munich and gives since winter Semester -2000/2001 courses in the department of Indology. She has also supervised some research scholars in the field of Prakrit studies.

#### **Some Works of Prof. Dr. Adelheid Mette:**

- a. The Oha-nijjutti Prakrit Commentary (1974)
- b. The synchronism of the Buddha and the Jain Mahavira and the Problem of Chronology in Early Buddhism (1995)
- c. Some Regulations for Protection of life from the Rules of the Order of Jain Monks.
- d. Waste Disposal (Paritthavana-Vidhi) in Ancient India ( Special reference to Prakrit Texts)