

CHIEF EDITOR'S NOTE

We are glad to present this issue of the *ISJS-Transactions* to our readers. It consists of three articles on different themes of Jain Studies. The first one “Control of Kaṣāyas and Emotional Wellbeing” is authored by Anop R. Vora. The article discusses various aspects of *kaṣāyas* and *no-kaṣāyas* (pseudo-*kaṣāyas*) which can be considered as the corner-stone of the Jain Psychology. Controlling them in varying degrees is the key to progress on the path of liberation. The article is full of many practical suggestions for controlling *kaṣāyas* and in the process enriches our emotional wellbeing.

The next article “Gradual Development and Treatment of Conjuncts by Prakrit Grammarians Vararuci and Hemacandra” is authored by Harshit Mishra. Focusing on the development and treatment of conjuncts in Prakrit grammar, the article is a comparative account of the work of two scholars who lived from each other some seven centuries apart, and during which time a corpus of literature was added in Prakrit language giving edge to Hemacandra. Against this background, the article “studies verbatim and non-verbatim similarities between both the grammarians, and highlights Hemacandra’s new ligature-related formulae.”

The third article by Surindar Nath Pandita is titled “Georg Buhler’s Encounters with Jain Identity and Literature.” The article profiles the life and work of a distinguished German Indologist Georg Buhler who immensely contributed to the cause of Jain Studies. Although for thousands of years, Jainism has been recognized as an independent philosophy and religion in India, ignorance prevailed among Western scholars regarding this fact. Amidst collecting a large number of Jain and other Indological manuscripts in India, Buhler emphatically maintained that Jainism was neither a sect of Hinduism nor an off-shoot of Buddhism.

In this issue, we have a book for review of the book “Jain Business Engagement and Ethics: An Overview” edited by Dr. Shugan C. Jain, Prof. Prakash C. Jain and Dr. Malay R. Patel. It is reviewed by Dr. Triveni Mathur.

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