

## FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR'S DESK

We are glad to present this issue of the *ISJS-Transactions* to our readers. It consists of three articles and one book review on different themes of Jain Studies. The first article titled “The Dissenting Judgements in Indian Judiciary: An Examination of their Roles in the Perspective of Anekāntavāda” is authored by Mr. Rishabh Gandhi. Discussing a number of landmark dissenting judgements, the author argued that such judgements “offer alternative perspectives, insights and interpretations on legal provisions promoting an inclusive legal system” and concluded by saying that the “anekāntavāda, with its emphasis on relativity of truth and acceptance of multiple perspectives, resonates profoundly with the ethos of dissenting judgements.”

The next article “The Antiquity of *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* in the Light of Indian Philosophical Literature” is authored by Dr. Reshma Bhansali. As the title of the article itself suggests it attempts to ascertain the antiquity of *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* through the chronological survey of the Indian philosophical literature, namely the Buddhist texts, Vedic literature including the six schools of the Indian philosophy and the Jain agamas and other scriptures. Finally, on the basis of the mention of certain historical personalities in *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* the author concludes that “the contents of the *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* are older than the six *darśanas*.”

The third article authored by Prof. Alka Jain is titled “The Path to Inner Peace in Accordance with Jain Philosophy”. Discussing the notions of inner and outer peace and the difference between the two, the author presents the Jainist path to inner peace in terms of the doctrine of Guṇasthāna (stages of spiritual progress) supported by Ahimsā (non-violence), Aparigraha (non-possession) and Anekāntavāda (non-onesidedness).

In this issue we have a review of the book titled “The Jain Path of Purification” by the eminent scholar Prof. Padmanabh S. Jaini. It is reviewed by Ms. Joanna Flynn.

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