

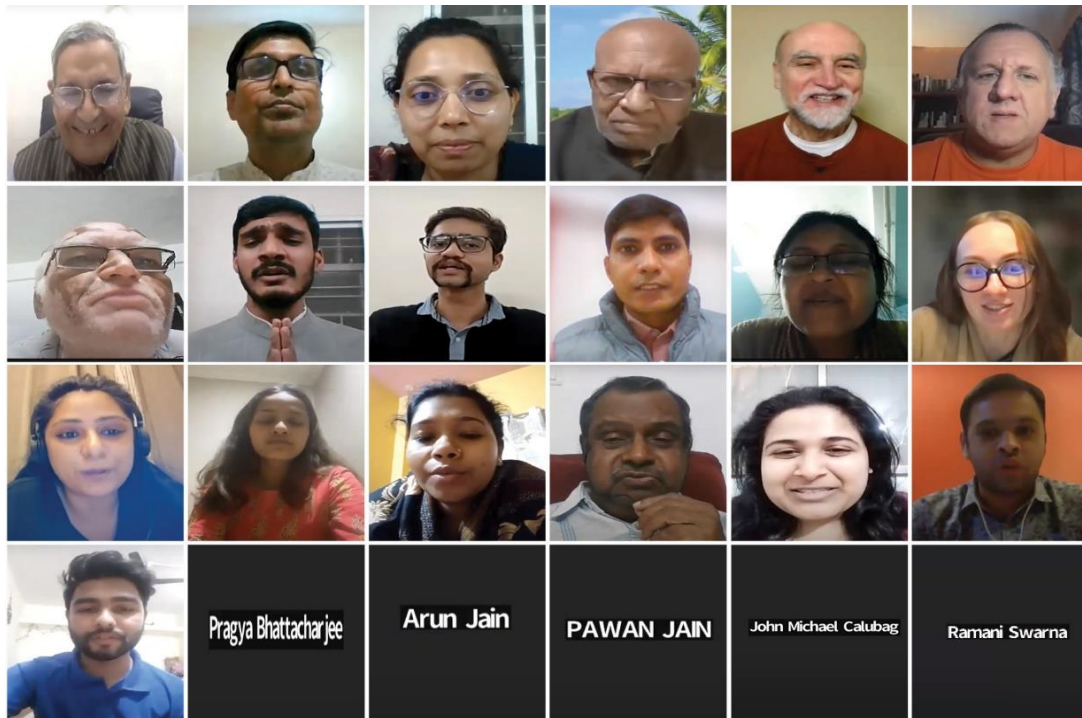
## 10-DAY INTERNATIONAL WINTER SCHOOL FOR JAIN STUDIES 'IWSJS. 2023'

(28<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

### REPORT

The 6<sup>th</sup> Winter School by the International School for Jain Studies (ISJS) was organized from 28<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The program was attended by eighteen participants from different academic institutions in India and abroad.

The inaugural session was held on December 28, 2023. Ms. Pragya Jain compered the session, and the program began with the rendition of Navakara Mantra by Mr. Harshit Mishra. Dr. Shrinetra Pandey, Director of the program, welcomed the guests and participants and talked about ISJS and its activities. Prof. Jeffery D. Long delivered the inaugural speech and highlighted the importance and necessity of study and research in Jainism. Prof. Christopher Key Chapple from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California also addressed the participants. Dr. Shugan C. Jain, President, ISJS gave the vote of thanks. ISJS advisor Dr. Sulekh Jain also addressed the session. The other significant attendees of the session included Mr. Narendra Parson (USA), Dr. Shrikant Ganvir, Coordinator, Bhagwan Shitalnath Jain Chair for Archaeology, Deccan College, Pune, and Mr. John Michael (Philippines).



Inaugural session

During these 10 days, 17 lectures on various aspects of Jainology were delivered by the subject experts. In addition to the lectures, there were two additional sessions. The first special session was an interaction with a Jain householder Mrs. Abha Jain and her family from Delhi and the other special session was an interaction with a Jain Sadhvi Param Asmitaji Mahasati ji from the Sangh of Paramgurudeva Namra Muniji MS of Sthanakvasi Jain sect.

**Below is the detailed schedule of the winter program:**

<b>Date &amp; Day</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Faculty</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec Thursday	Orientation / Inaugural	
	Introduction to Jainism	Dr. Shugan C Jain
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec Friday	Placing Jainism in Indian Philosophical Systems	Dr. Shrinetra Pandey
	Antiquity of Jainism (based on Myths, literature and archaeological facts)	Dr. Gauri Bedekar
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec Saturday	Theory of Knowledge	Dr. Navin Srivastav
	Metaphysics	Dr. Shugan Jain
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec Sunday	Concept of Soul (Jiva)	Dr. Shugan Jain
	Jain values and way of life (Shram, Sanyam, Ahimsa, Anekanta and Aparigraha)	Dr. Shugan Jain
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan Monday	Jain Cosmology	Ms. Pragya Jain
	Jain Ethics	Dr. Shrinetra Pandey
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan Tuesday	Jain Householders Way of Life	Dr. Shrinetra Pandey
	An Interaction with a Jain Householder family	Mrs. Abha Jain & family
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Wednesday	Jain Agamic Tradition	Dr. Ashok K Singh
	Theory of Karma and enhancing wellness	Ms. Pragya Jain
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan Thursday	Jain Art and Iconography	Prof. MNP Tiwari
	Jain Community	Prof. Prakash C Jain

5 <sup>th</sup> Jan Friday	Triratna (Three Jewels)	Dr. Shrinetra Pandey
	Jain Yoga	Prof. Chris Chapple
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan Saturday	Jain way of Embracing Peaceful Death	Dr. Shrinetra Pandey
	Jain Ascetic Practices & Interaction with a Jain Ascetic	Param Asmitaji Mahasatiji
	Valedictory session	

The program closed successfully on January 06, 2024, with a valedictory session. The participants shared their views about the program. Dr. Shrinetra Pandey, Director of the program, delivered the valedictory speech.

This program was highly appreciated by all participants.

**Dr. Shrinetra Pandey**

Director (Acting), ISJS  
& Program Director