

## 19<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR JAIN STUDIES 'ISSJS. 2024'

(June 17 – July 21, 2024)

### REPORT

The 19<sup>th</sup> International Summer School by International School for Jain Studies (ISJS) was organised in association with Deccan College Postgraduate and Research Institute (Deemed to be University) Pune, India. The summer school was organised for **five weeks (June 17 – July 21, 2024)** in Pune.



*Classroom at Navalveerayatan Pune*

Fourteen participants from South Africa, Kenya, Nepal and India attended this program. The inaugural session was held on June 17, 2024 at Navalveerayatan, Pune. The program was started with the rendition of Navakar Mantra by Ms. Pragya Jain. Dr. Shrinetra Pandey, Director of the program, welcomed the participants and talked about ISJS and its activities. Dr. Shugan C. Jain, Founder and President of ISJS delivered the inaugural speech. The program was conducted for three weeks at Navalveerayatan and for two at ISJS office in Pune and some other places.



*Group at Navalveerayatan, Pune*

During these five weeks, 43 lectures on various aspects of Jainology were delivered by the subject experts. Beside the lectures, visits to some important places and interactions were organised. The group had a visit to a Jain householder family where they could interact with three generations of Jain practitioners. They felt welcomed and learnt how Jain laymen and laywomen perform their everyday duties while observing Jain practices.



*Group with a Jain Family in Pune*



*Participants at Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya,*

Rajgurunagar and had a good session with them on their daily routine, spiritual practices and some other aspects related to ascetic life. The group was taken for a day visit to Aga Khan Palace, Agam Mandir and Shrut Bhavan in Pune. On return to Navalveerayatan, they got a chance to interact with a group of Terapanthi Sadhus in Pune. The group was also taken for a day visit to Abahy Prabhavan, a museum on Jain philosophy, culture and history by Amar Prerana Trust.

At Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya, the group was shown around Jain Shwetambar temple by some students who also explained the way of performing worship. The group was welcomed by Mr. Yuvaraj Shah, administrator of the Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya. The group visited a group of Sthanakvasi Sadhvis at



*Participants with Sthanakvasi Sadhvis*

Participants visited Kumbhoj Bahubali (Kolhapur, Maharashtra) and spent two days. During their stay at Kolhapur, they got a chance to interact with Digambar Acharya Vishuddha Sagar



ji Maharaj and his group of around 30 other Digambar monks. They also witnessed the food-taking process (ahara-charya) of the group of Digambar monks. The group was taken to visit Jahaj mandir, Dharmanagari, Mahalakshmi mandir and few other temples in Kolhapur.



*Participants with Digambar Monks in Kolhapur, Maharashtra*

The Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), Pune inspired the group the most. They looked at thousands of manuscripts and learned about the operations of BORI that encourages accessibility to Indian heritage for new generations.

During the program participants were asked to pick up a topic for research for which they presented a synopsis and then presented their research related to their individual fields. The valedictory session on July 20, 2024 was graced by Prof. Pramod Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Deccan College Postgraduate and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Pune. He addressed the gathering and presented the certificates on behalf of his university and ISJS. The ISJS Director (acting) Dr. Shrinetra Pandey presented the transcript to everyone.



*Valedictory Session at ISJS Office, Pune*

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Date & Day	Time	Topic	Faculty
17 <sup>th</sup> June Monday	14:00 14:20	Registration, handbook etc.	
	14:20 15:00	Guidelines, Q & A, individual interaction	Shrinetra Pandey
	15:20 17:00	Introduction to Jainism, Jain Salutations, mantra, signs	Shugan C Jain
18 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday	09:15 10:45	<b>Placing Jainism in Indian Philosophical Scenario-I</b> (Introduction to Indian Philosophy and its branches)	Shrinetra Pandey
	11:15 12:45	Metaphysics: Sat, Drvayas, existents, Tattvas, Padarthas (Who am I?)	Shugan C Jain
	14:00 15:45	<b>Placing Jainism in Indian Philosophical Scenario-II</b> (General and special characteristics Jain Tradition)	Shrinetra Pandey
19 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday	09:15 10:45	Concept of Soul (Jiva)	Shugan C Jain
	11:15 12:30	Dharma in Jainism	Shugan C Jain
	14:00 16:00	Uniqueness of Jainism	Shrinetra Pandey
20 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday	09:15 10:45	Karma Doctrine - I	Shugan C Jain
	11:15 12:45	Karma Doctrine - II	Shugan C Jain
	14:30 15:45	Jain Values	Shugan C Jain
21 <sup>st</sup> June Friday	09:15 10:45	Advance lecture on Soul (Jiva)	Shugan C Jain
	11:15 12:45	Puja, Ritual, Festivals, Pilgrimage, Ceremonies	Shugan C Jain
22 <sup>nd</sup> June Saturday	09:15 10:15	Bases of Jain Ethics	Shrinetra Pandey
	10:45 12:00	Jain Way of Life-1 (Five Minor Vows)	Shrinetra Pandey
	14:00 16:00	Jain Way of Life-1 (Seven Virtuous Conduct)	Shrinetra Pandey
23 <sup>rd</sup> June Sunday		<b>Weekly off</b>	

24 <sup>th</sup> June Monday	08:00	Puja at Jain temple and visit Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya	
	15:30 19:00	<b>Householder family visit and dinner with family</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> June Tuesday	09:15 10:45	Jain History Based on Literature and Myths-I (Pre-historic Jainism, 1 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Tirthankaras, Emphasise on 1 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> )	Gauri Bedekar
	11:15 12:45	Jain History Based on Literature and Myths – II (History of Jainism Mahavira, his life, teachings, and schism)	Aarti Bapat
	14:30 16:00	Antiquity of Jainism: Archaeological Evidence	Gauri Bedekar
26 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday	09:15 10:45	Jain Epistemology – I	Navin Kr. Srivastav
	11:15 12:45	Jain Epistemology – II	Navin Kr. Srivastav
27 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday	09:15 10:45	Stages of Householder's Life (Pratima)	Shrinetra Pandey
	11:15 12:30	Gunasthan: Stages of Path of Spiritual Purification	Pragya Jain
	14:30 16:30	<b>Workshop</b> on Environment and Sustainability with respect to Jainism	Led by Kamal Naulakha
28 <sup>th</sup> June Friday	09:15 10:45	Anekantavad and its applications	Pragya Jain
	11:15 12:30	Samayika, Pratikraman	Pragya Jain
	15:00	Jain Way of Embracing Peaceful Death (Sallekhanā)	Shrinetra Pandey
29 <sup>th</sup> June Saturday	09:15 10:30	Tri-ratna (three jewels)	Shrinetra Pandey
	11:00 12:30	Jain Cosmology	Pragya Jain
30 <sup>th</sup> June Sunday		<b>Weekly off</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> July Monday	09:15 10:45	Mindful or Mindless meditation	Pragya Jain
	11:15 12:00	Discussion: Can AI meditate?	Led by Pragya Jain
2 <sup>nd</sup> July Tuesday	09:15 10:15	An Introduction to Tattvarthsutra	Shrinetra Pandey
	11:45 12:15	Tattvarthasutra Chapter IX.1-9 (Stoppage of Influx of Karma)	Shrinetra Pandey



	14:00	<b>Visit to Jain (Sthanakvasi) ascetics</b> at Rajgurunagar	
3 <sup>rd</sup> July Wednesday		<b>Visit to National Gandhi Memorial, Shrut Bhavan and Agam Mandir in Pune</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday	09:15 10:45	Jain Literary tradition – I	Ashok K. Singh
	11:15 12:45	Jain Literary tradition – II	Ashok K. Singh
5 <sup>th</sup> July Friday	09:15 10:45	Dashavaikalika: First Chapter along with its Uniqueness	Ashok K. Singh
	11:15 12:45	An Overview of Uttaradhyayan Sutra	Ashok K. Singh
6 <sup>th</sup> July Saturday	09:15 10:45	Theory of Knowledge - I	Shrinetra Pandey
	11:15 12:45	Theory of Knowledge - II	Shrinetra Pandey
7 <sup>th</sup> July Sunday		<b>Weekly off</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> July Monday	09:30 12:30	Presentation of Synopsis by the participants for one week research and paper writing on any specific topic of Jainism	
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9 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday	09:00	<b>Leave for ISJS office Pune from Navalveerayatan</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday	09:15 10:45	Jain Community (online)	Prakash C Jain
	11:15 12:45	Jain Women (online)	Prakash C Jain
	14:00 16:00	Jain Art and Iconography (online)	MNP Tiwari
11 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday	10:15 19:00	<b>Visit: Abhay Prabhavan, a Jain Museum by Amar Prerana Trust</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> July Friday	08:00	<b>Leave for Kumbhoj</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> July Saturday- Sunday		<b>Visit: Kumbhoj Bahubali and nearby places and back to Pune</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> July Monday	09:15 10:45	Jain Yoga (online)	Christopher Key Chapple

		Research Project/Paper Writing	
16 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday		Research Project/Paper Writing	
17 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday		Research Project/Paper Writing	
	14:30 16:30	Evolution of Jainism from Rishabhdeva to Mahavira	Abhay Firodia
		Research Project/Paper writing	
18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday- Friday		Research Project/Paper writing	
20 <sup>th</sup> July Saturday	08:00 16:00	Presentation by Participants	
	16:30 17:30	<b>Valedictory Session</b> (certificate distribution, participants feedback)	
21 <sup>st</sup> July Sunday	09:30	<b>End of the Program/Final Departure</b>	



**Dr. Shrinetra Pandey**  
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