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19th INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR JAIN STUDIES 'ISSJS. 2024'

(June 17 – July 21, 2024)

REPORT

The 19th 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



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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



Group with a Jain Family in Pune

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.



Participants at Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya,

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

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.



Participants with Sthananakvasi 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



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ji Maharaj and his group of around 30 other Digambar monks. They also witnessed the foodtaking process (ahara-charya) of the group of Digamabar 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



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DAILY SCHEDULE

Date & Day	Time	Торіс	Faculty
17 th 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 th June	09:15 10:45	Placing Jainism in Indian Philosophical Scenario-I (Introduction to Indian Philosophy and its branches)	Shrinetra Pandey
Tuesday	11:15 12:45	Metaphysics: Sat, Drvayas, existents, Tattvas, Padarthas (Who am I?)	Shugan C Jain
	14:00 15:45	PlacingJainisminIndianPhilosophicalScenario-II(General and special characteristicsJain Tradition)	Shrinetra Pandey
19 th 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 th 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 st 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 nd 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 rd June Sunday		Weekly off	



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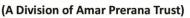
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24 th June Monday	08:00	Puja at Jain temple and visit Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya	
	15:30 19:00	Householder family visit and dinner with family	
25 th June Tuesday	09:15 10:45	Jain History Based on Literature and Myths–I (Pre- historic Jainism, 1 st – 23 rd Tirthankaras, Emphasise on 1 st , 22 nd and 23 rd)	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 th June Wednesday	09:15 10:45	Jain Epistemology – I	Navin Kr. Srivastav
	11:15 12:45	Jain Epistemology – II	Navin Kr. Srivastav
27 th 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	Workshop on Environment and Sustainability with respect to Jainism	Led by Kamal Naulakha
28 th 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 th June Saturday	09:15 10:30	Tri-ratna (three jewels)	Shrinetra Pandey
	11:00 12:30	Jain Cosmology	Pragya Jain
30 th June Sunday		Weekly off	
1 st July Monday	09:15 10:45	Mindful or Mindless meditation	Pragya Jain
	11:15 12:00	Discussion: Cam AI meditate?	Led by Pragya Jain
2 nd 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

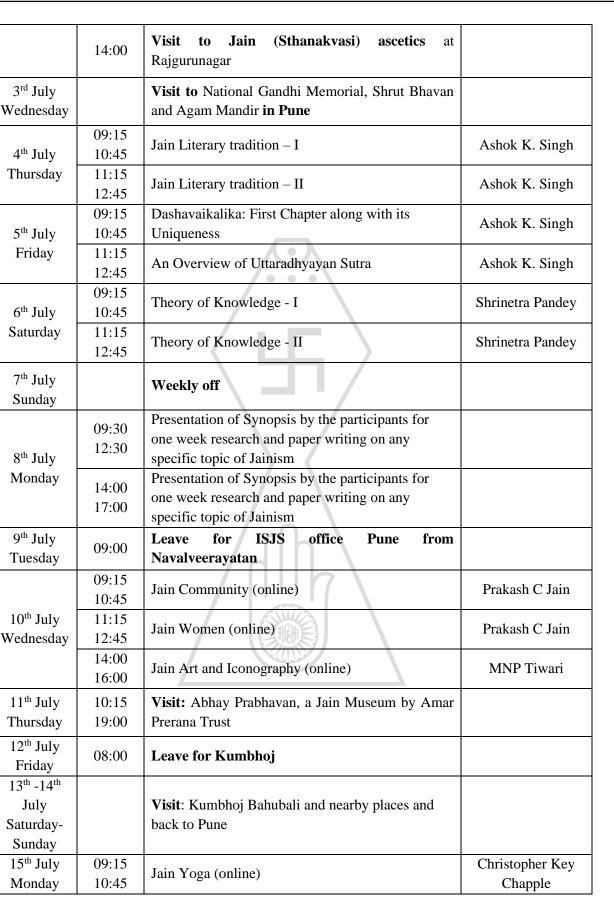


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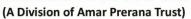
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		Research Project/Paper Writing	
16 th July Tuesday		Research Project/Paper Writing	
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17 th July Wednesday	14:30 16:30	Evolution of Jainism from Rishabhdeva to Mahavira	Abhay Firodia
		Research Project/Paper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



Dr. Shrinetra Pandey Director (Acting), ISJS & Program Director

