Jain Vishva Bharati Institute

Established in 1991 on the inspiration of Acharya Shri Tulsi followed by Acharya Shri Mahaprajna as its second Anushasta. Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (JVBI), Deemed-to-be-University is a unique institution that is devoted primarily to Higher Studies and Research to practice, promote and propagate the high ideals of Anekant, Ahimsa, Tolerance and Peaceful Co-existence for the weal of the mankind. The Institute has been Re-Accredited with Grade 'A' by NAAC. Located in serene environment JVBI offers regular post graduate courses and research degrees in :

1. Jainology and Comparative Religion & Philosophy
2. Sanskrit and Prakrit
3. Science of Living, Preksha Meditation and Yoga
4. Non-violence and Peace
5. Social Work
6. Education
7. English
8. Distance courses at PG, UG, Diploma and Certificate levels

JVBI has also signed MOU with Florida International University, Miami (USA), Chulalongkom (Bangkok), University of North Texas (USA) and Ghent University (Belgium) for exchange of students and joint academic programmes. In a short span of about two decades the Institute has published 76 books, 595 research papers and awarded Ph.D. degree to 212 students. Besides hosting 193 National and 65 International conferences and seminars. The Institute has a unique character among the universities in the country that gives equal importance to character building of students with academic excellence.

Network of Jain Centers

We presently have some universities and institutes in the country engaged in teaching and research in Jainology. These centers are working more or less independently and their research activity is largely related to language and literature. The Center is expected to coordinate with other centers and institutions in the country working in the field of Jainology and societal cause. The proposed research centers could also train manpower required for research.

National and International journals of high standard are also planned be published to disseminate knowledge and the research findings in the scholar community.

Approach

The activity envisages coming together of Jain pundits familiar with Agams and modern scientists, both theoretical and experimental. Jain Scholars and interested scientists or experts of repute will be able to visit the centre (by invitation, or based on their proposal) to support the research activities and adequate funds shall be available for their visit and stay for short or extended periods.

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Preamble

Jain philosophy encompasses all aspects of life. At personal level it enables one to keep healthy by dietary control and self discipline, mentally alert and peaceful by meditational techniques and provides methods to develop one’s consciousness to higher stage leading to enlightenment. At social level, Jain philosophy provides ways to live in harmony, not within human society but also amongst all living creatures through non violence, tolerance, forgiveness and by minimizing one’s requirements. In other words it is the best prescription for art of living and sustainable development. At global level it can help in resolving conflicts by emphasizing coexistence and by practice of its profound theories of Anekant and Syadvad. Much of these practices are traditional, passed on from one generation to the other or are taken from scriptures or propagated by Jain saints and have little experimental proof of their effectiveness.

Not believing in God the Creator, or in supernatural powers, but in basic laws that govern both the living and non-living, Jainism is considered to be a scientific religion, giving as much importance to both, the physical universe as to personal development, not at the cost of the other. Jainism is a prescription for self development and for understanding the universe around us at the same time. But the effects of the Jain practices must be first scientifically documented, established and reinterpreted in the modern language to be acceptable.

Centre for Research

For carrying out study and advance research activities in a systematic manner, it is proposed to set up a separate center in JVBI. The research activities have been classified in four broad areas as follows:

- History, Culture and Literature
- Metaphysics, Epistemology and Logic
- Science and Mathematics
- Jain Ethics, Environment and Social Science

The centre shall be headed by a Director and shall be divided in four sections each having a Chair and other supporting research and administrative staff. It is envisioned that the existing Departments of the Institute shall also participate in the research activities of the Center.

Each Chair shall be responsible for execution of the plans and programs of that section. The Director shall be responsible for preparing overall plans for the centre, coordinate the activities of the four sections and reported to the Vice Chancellor.

Advisory Board

There shall be an advisory Board for the Centre. The board shall consist of two or more scholars and field experts to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor and recommended by the Director in consultation with the Chair. The board shall meet twice in a year, form and review plans and advice on such matters as may be relevant for research activities of the centre. The members of the board may be from India or other countries.

Opportunities and Challenges

The proposed Center offers opportunities and challenges to all enthusiastic individuals and organizations looking forward to international activity in the field of applied Jainology and human welfare.

Sponsors

Research is expensive activity and needs financial resources for support and sustenance. It offers opportunity to individuals and organizations to make good use of their funds for the cause of human welfare and social upliftment. The Center shall be a unique place where Jain principles shall be scientifically explored and applied to the welfare of the society not limited to any particular community but for the entire humanity. Improving the living conditions on this planet is a challenge to all of us and you can be a part of this humanitarian movement.

Scholars and Scientists

Scholars and scientists shall be the backbone of the activities of the Center. A good remuneration shall be offered to them but that should not override the consideration of service they shall be rendering to the Centre.

Students

The Center shall offer Research and Teaching Fellowship on the basis of merit. This will create wonderful opportunities for students to express their best and develop their personality for challenging research career and contribute to knowledge generation and thereby help promote upliftment of the society.

Collaboration with Foreign Institutions

The centre shall collaborate with foreign institutions and universities pursuing similar objectives with the aim to have cooperative research programs. MOU can be signed with identified institutions and exchange of scholars, students and faculties can be arranged. Opportunities shall also be explored for joint research projects, book writing projects, conferences and workshops.