

**SHREE KALIDAS SANKALCHAND DOSHI JAIN ACADEMY
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE**

Faculty of Arts

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

The M.S. University started a Jain Academy Education and Research Centre in 1998 to promote a religion that inspired the Mahatma and propagates non-violence and peace, at a time when violence and terrorism have grown strong in India and around the world. The centre is established with an ambitious plan that would include course in Jainism and Jain philosophy as well as research in ancient literature. Shree Kalidas Sankalchand Joshi Trust had provided M.S.U with a grant of rupees 11 lakh to start the course, which would later also expand into B.A. and M.A. Degree Programmes that can lead to M. Phil and Ph.D. Programmes.

So SKSD Jain Academy Education and Research Centre, The M.S. University of Baroda is now one of the important Centres in India promoting studies in Jainology as an essential component of Indian intellectual culture and philosophy. It aims at extending promoting and exploring the treasure enshrined in the valuable texts composed by the Jain Acharyas and Tirthankars. It is felt that textual studies are not getting their due recognition and research in this important field of knowledge is not receiving proper recognition and encouragement. Therefore the Academy intends to encourage the learners by way of conducting different courses.

The Academy aims at the following academic activities:

1. To conduct one more Certificate Course in the next academic year
2. To begin Diploma Course in Jainology
3. To organize State Level and National Level Seminar, Symposia and Workshops
4. To arrange expert lectures of Jain Acharyas and preceptors
5. To publish some unpublished manuscripts after critically editing them
6. To publish an annual Research Journal
7. To award Scholarships for pursuing research works by the students for their Ph.D. relating to Jain religion, culture and Philosophy.

At present, a Certificate Course is being conducted under the above scheme. Twenty-five students have registered for this course. Eminent external and internal scholars are invited to give lectures on various aspects of Jain literature, philosophy, culture, religion, Art and Architecture.

The course fee is nominally priced at Rs.330 inclusive of examination fee. Those who have passed HSC would be eligible for admission. Though the medium of instruction is English, a student may choose another language of his choice for examination purpose. The course in Jain studies would include subjects in Jain philosophy, culture and religion. The aim of this course is to help both Jains and non-Jains to understand the religion and significance of the practices followed in the community.

SYLLABUS OF CERTIFICATE COURSE IN JAINOLOGY

Paper – I History, Literature and Philosophy of Jainism

1. History of Jainism, its Source, Language and General Features
2. The Jaina Trithankaras, Acharyas and Writers
3. Major Jaina Sects – Digambar, Shvetambara, Sthanakawasi, Terapanthi
4. Jain Literature, Jain Art and Architecture, their relation to ritual and Cosmology. Essentials of Jain Iconography, Sculpture, Painting.
5. Jain Metaphysics and Epistemology
6. Jain Ethics
7. Jain Philosophy – Anekāntavāda, Nayavāda, Syādvāda, Saptabhangi

Part – II Jain Religion, Culture, Society Mythology and Art

1. Pancha Parameshthi – Navakara Mantra and other daily recitations
2. Four-fold Jain Community – Ascetic and Devotional Practices, Vegetarianism and environmental concern, non-violence, Sallekhana, Worships, fasts and festivals, Anuvata and Mahavrata Gender and Salvation, Rituals.
3. Jain Mythology, Places of Pilgrimage

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