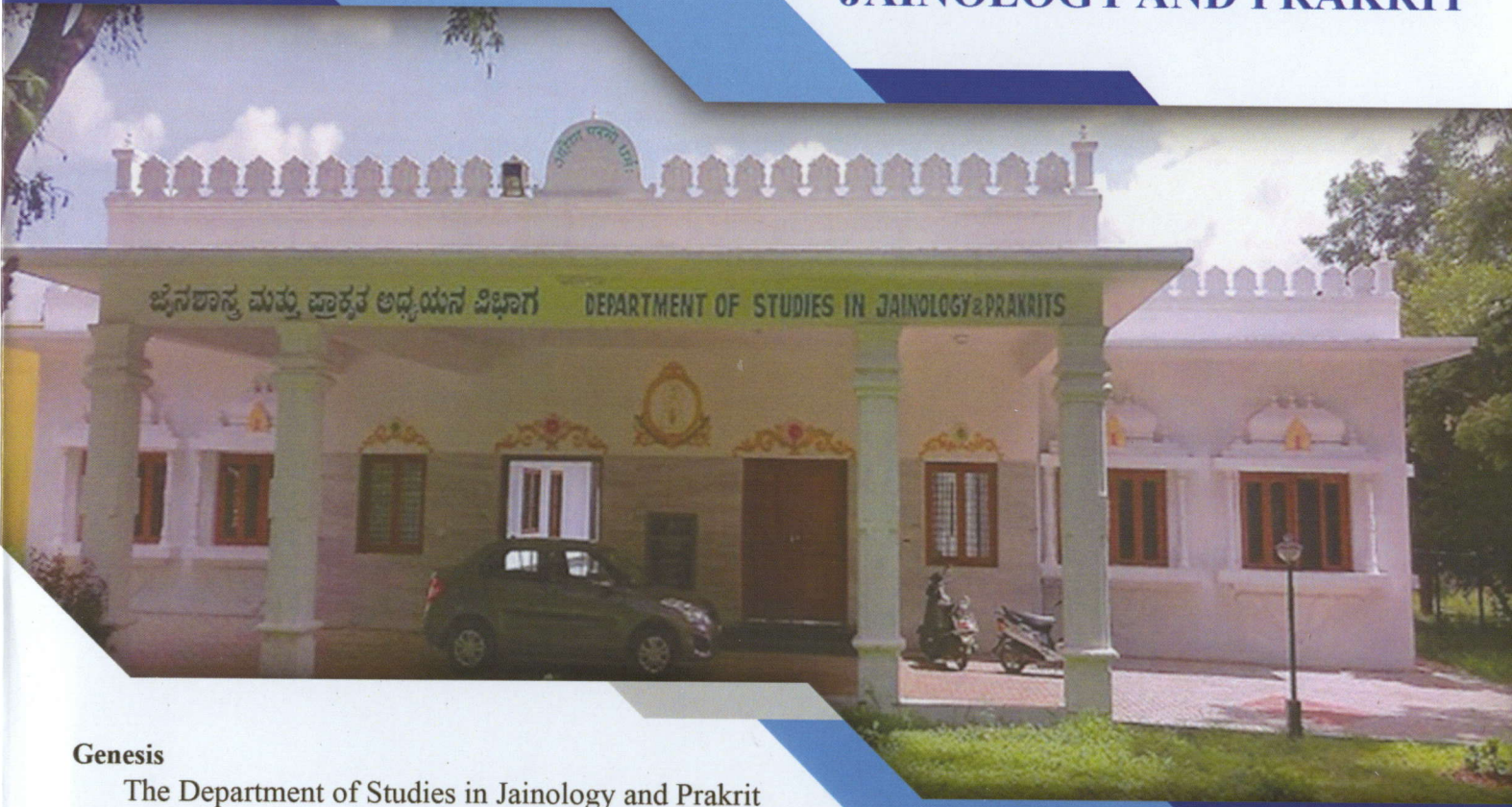




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DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN JAINOLOGY AND PRAKRIT



Genesis

The Department of Studies in Jainology and Prakrit was established in the year 1971 with generous funding from Shri Sahu Shantiprasadji, founder of the BHARATIYA JANANAPEETHA during the Vice-Chancellorship of eminent Kannada Laureate, Karnataka Ratna Prof. D Javare Gowda. The belief that Jain studies and the rich Prakrit literature held immense possibilities of providing time-tested solutions for the present day maladies prompted the intellectuals and scholars of the time to establish the Post Graduate Department of Studies in Jainology and Prakrit in the University of Mysore. Prakrit, the language of our ancient civilization, regarded as the mother of many modern Indian languages, is unique for the vast body of literature covering each and every subject of human interest, without adhering to any religion in particular.

Dr. A.N. Upadhye, an eminent scholar of Prakrit, is the founder-Professor who contributed immensely to the growth and development of this department. The department that had no independent building for over four decades has now found an independent existence. Today, the long-cherished dream of housing the Department of Studies in Jainology and Prakrit in an independent building has been realized with the efforts of the Ex- Chairperson of the Department Prof. Padma Shekar under the stewardship of the former Vice Chancellor, Prof. V.G Talawar. A major grant was allocated to this department from the special assistance received from the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD), Govt. of India for an Institution of Excellence.

Apart from the contribution from the University, generous contributions and blessings of religious heads like His Holiness Jagadguru Karmayogi Swastishree Charukirti Bhattarakji, Bhuvanakeerti Bhattarakji, Devendrakeerti Bhattarakji, Jayagaccha Munishree Dr.Padmachandraji, Padmabhushana awardee Dr. D Veerendra Heggade and others have helped in setting up an independent Jainology and Prakrit department equipped with modern infrastructure, classrooms, library, computer room, auditorium and a museum. Indeed, Jainology and the study of Prakrit language and literature form a unique combination. They provide a comprehensive framework to anyone seeking in depth knowledge of India's rich heritage in the fields of Art and Architecture, Social Sciences, Ethics, cultural aspects like rituals and festivals. They foster the temperament of non-violence, peace, brotherhood and compassion.

Academic Programs

M.A in Jainology and Prakrit is a Two-year and four-Semester Program conducted in the CBCS pattern. This program emphasizes the doctrines of Jainism, Jaina Ethics- Shravakachar and Muni Achar. The study of the history of Jainism, jaina canons, Prakrit language (its great grammarians and grammar structures, classifications and narrative literature), are part of this program. Apart from these, Jaina literature in Sanskrit and Kannada, and the study of Jain religious centers are the hard core courses offered. Study of Anuprekshas, Aradhana, Life sketch of Teerthankaras are soft core courses in the curriculum.

Interdisciplinary Courses

The study of Ratnatraya, study of Ahimsa as a Universal Concept, Contribution of Jainism to Sanskrit, Kannada and Tamil literature, Jainism in Karnataka and in Tamilnadu are offered as inter-Disciplinary open electives. Each of these open elective courses are popular among students of both humanities and social sciences.

Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

Both formal and informal methods come in handy in this endeavour. With a rich blend of the ancient works and manuscripts, peppered with inscriptions, the department is committed to imparting knowledge. The Master's degree in Jainology and Prakrit is exemplary in this regard. Group interactions, seminars, symposia and field study provide opportunities for self-learning. Participation in community interactions provides a practical knowledge of the socio-ethics, the varied social practices and cultural elements. Evaluation is a continuous process throughout the semesters. It is calibrated in the form of attendance, internal tests, assignments, project work and final exams.

One-Year Diploma in Jainology focuses on the fundamentals:

Elementary Grammar of Prakrit
Basics of Jainism
Introduction to Jain canons
Readings from selected Prakrit literature [prose and poetry]
Ethics and Doctrines of Jainism.

One year PG Diploma in Prakrit covers:

Advanced Prakrit Grammar, Apabhrahmsa language and literature, Prakrit Narrative literature, study of select canons, Prakrit and Jainology.

One year PG Certificate course in Prakrit covers:

Elements of Prakrit grammar, select readings from Prakrit literature, elementary knowledge of Jainology and Prakrit.

READING ROOM AND LIBRARY



Ph.D in Jainology and Prakrit

- Admission through entrance test
- One semester course work is mandatory
- Two publication in any reputed journals periodic assessment of Progress by the doctoral committee

Thrust Areas of Research

- Jaina Teaching & Environment Protection
- Yoga in Jainism
- Jaina History
- Jaina Art & Architecture in India and abroad
- Languages of Jaina Scriptures
- Comparative studies in Jainism and the other religions of the world
- Jaina Festivals & Rituals and their unique characteristics
- Jaina Karma theory and Jainism
- Worship & Bhakti in various Jaina sects
- Study of the biographies of Tisatthi Shalakhya Purushas

Infrastructure

The Department has well-equipped classrooms, a seminar hall and a departmental library.

The Departmental Library comprises about 1000 books, apart from a large collection of over 3000 books on Jainology and Prakrit that are available in the University Main Library. Students also have access to a rich repository of E-resources.

Endowment Scholarships

- Bhagwan Mahaveer Scholarship
- Mahaveer scholarship
- R.P. Jwalaappa Scholarship
- Kasturbai Waichand Scholarship
- Shrutakevali Scholarship
- Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade Scholarship
- Rajakrishan Jain Scholarship
- Dr. Veerendra Heggade Scholarship (Specially for non-Jain Students)
- Dr. Shri Shantiraj Shastri Trust Scholarship

Gold Medals

- Acharya Shri Deshabhushan Gold Medal for First Rank in Two-Year M.A. Course
- Madhukar S Mehta Gold Medal for acquiring the Highest Marks in Jainism and its doctrines
- Dharmatma Gubbi N. C. Bommannayya Memorial Gold Medal for Highest Marks in Prakrit.
- Dr. A.N.Upadhye Gold Medal to Ph.D awardees

Academic Activities

- The Department organized a National Seminar on the topic ,“An Analysis of Prakrit Literature” – 10.05.2016
- The Department organized a one-day Seminar on “Mahamastakabhisheka: Cultural Aspects” on 12.02.2018 to commemorate the Mahamastakabhisheka of Bhagawan Bahubali Shravanabelagola.
- Organized a Special Lecture on 2018 on the topic “Tarangavatee of Palitta (PadaliptaSuri)” by Dr. Andrew Ollett (Well-known scholar of Prakrit and Sanskrit from America)
- Dr. A.N. Upadhye Lecture Series: The Department regularly organizes Special Lectures by renowned scholars for the Dr. A.N. Upadhye Lecture Series.
- The Department regularly conducts Endowment Seminars and Lecture Series in collaboration with other institutions such as NIPSAR, Shrutkevali Education Trust, Department of Archaeology etc.

Unique Features of the Department

- 1) Scholars of Philosophy and educationists of all religions, who visit India, visit this Department to acquaint themselves with the Jaina Philosophy, its doctrine and methodology.
- 2) Bi-annual Lecture series by national scholars from various universities.
- 3) The first-ever Jainology & Prakrit study department established in the world. Adopting this as a role-model, other Universities have also followed suit. Some of these are Mohanlala Sukhadiya University (Udaipur), Madras University (Chennai), Karnatak University (Dharwad), Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Delhi) and others.
- 4) While Sanskrit enjoys the status of being one of the oldest literary languages, abundant secular and non-secular literature and inscriptions available in Prakrit shouraseni, Ardhamagadhi, Magadhi, Pali, Avantika, Maharashri, Chandali, Paishachi, Dhakki etc, make Prakrit language and literature the world's largest literary treasure.
- 5) The philosophical study in this department revolves around the fact that the practice of Jainism is more a scientific way of proper living than mere religion. The scientific aspects of Jainism are quite evident from the doctrines, philosophy and approaches to life hidden in this rich literary treasure.
- 6) The Department is actively involved in Kannada translation of Dhavala and other Aagamic literature.

Faculty



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