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Views on Bibliography of Jaina Literature

A bibliography is the register of the items published on a subject. It normally helps the reader to understand what has been done in a subject, so that one can take a different subject which is untouched or the same subject can be undertaken for revision in the light of new findings or the old ideas can be rectified in the light of new findings. That is why, the bibliography of literature is necessary. As far as Jainism is concerned, Guérinot, Chhotelal Jain, Karl H. Potter, Royce Wiles etc. have put their efforts to prepare Jaina Bibliography. The recognized institution like Jain Vishva Bharati Institute has also undertaken a project like that. It is indeed an incredible work in the field of Jainism. It will be going on and on and volumes after volumes may be published by the university.

– Prof. S.R. Banerjee
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The *Bibliography of Jaina Literature* prepared at Ladnun, especially by the well-named Dr. Samani Aagam Pragyaji, Dr. Samani Rohit Pragyaji and Dr. Vandana Mehta, is a painstaking work which has been made as carefully and thoroughly as possible. In particular, it includes a large number of books published in India, some of them not well-known. Such an encyclopaedia is always a work in progress and exhaustivity is almost unreachable. But, as it is, it will be a very valuable tool for all those who have some interest in Jainism, whether they are academics or common men. I would like to congratulate heartily the Ladnun team for this remarkable achievement.

– Prof. Dr. Nalini Balbir
University of Sorbonne-Nouvelle Paris-3

I am delighted to see that after more than fifty years a list of extent Jain literature has finally been updated. I know that also in western universities this work will be welcomed, because there too it has been seen as an obstacle that no reliable lists of literature including recent writings and translations is available. May this bibliography also reach the libraries of non-occidental universities and libraries world-wide outside India. It will be a book for countries like China, Korea, Russia, Japan and South American and African countries when they can become informed and introduced with the vast body of Jain literature, Jain ethics, Jain cosmology, Jain biology, etc. It is a valuable contribution to the world-view of the coming centuries.

– Dr. Rudi Jansma
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