



# International Conference

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## **MAHAVEER VANI : A MODERN PERSPECTIVE**

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**THE JAIN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY - NASHIK**

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**BHAGWAN MAHAVEER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER**

**Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan**

### **WORKSHOP REPORT**

**B**hagwan Mahaveer International Research Center & Department of Jainology and Comparative Religion & Philosophy of Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun have successfully organized its first international Conference on 'Mahaveer VANI: A Modern Perspective' in collaboration with The Jain Philosophical Society - Nashik (JPSN) on November 25, 2018. The Chief purpose of this conference was conserving, amplifying, protecting and enhancing Jainism. The paramount was fully met out in the course of this event.

The Conference was well organized and presented by a galaxy of dignitaries as eminent speakers who were as follows:

01. Dr. Vikram Kumar Shah, Secretary, JPSN
02. Prof. Dr. G.B. Shah, President, JPSN
03. Shree Ranjan D. Shah, Treasurer, JPSN
04. Dr. Bipin Doshi, Globally known Jain Scholar
05. Dr. Samani Amal Prajna, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Jainology, B.M.I.R.C., JVBI, Ladnun
06. Dr. Sudhir V. Shah, A Senior Neurophysician,
07. Samani Samyaktva Prajna, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit & Prakrit, JVBI, Ladnun
08. Dr. Shailesh Mehta, A Senior Ophthalmologist, Baroda
09. Dr. Pratap Sancheti, A Senior Neurologist, Jodhpur
10. Narendra Goliya, Industrialist, Nashik



The inaugural session had a pious start with the president & dignitaries lightning the lamp and invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati.

Dr. Vikram Kumar Shah, Secretary of JPSN extended a warm welcome to the delegates presented there and highlighted and the chief purpose of organizing the conference and why it was important to conduct. He further emphasized on struggle in recognition and popularity of Jainism in modern era. He paid sincere gratitude towards Nashik industrialists for their support in organizing conference.



**B**ipin Doshi, Dr. a globally known Jain Scholar working on 14 institutions from Bombay to U.S.A. laid emphasis on 'Essentials of Jain Philosophy'. He focused on importance and relevance of Jain Principles in today's world and reiterated that by following Jain Principles many problems of the world can be solved. Further he emphasised on the uniqueness of Jain History and highlighted the difference between Dharma and Religion in a very impressive manner.

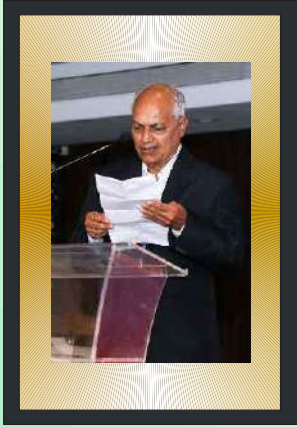
**N**arendra Goliya, industrialist who dealt with subject of Non-Violence, elaborated about the different aspects of non-violence and how we follow violence unknowingly. While touching the subtle aspects of Non-violence, he pointed out that not only physical violence is violence but emotional violence is also a form of violence and how we hurt others emotionally by our actions also comes under violence. He further told how we can save ourselves from emotional violence.



**A**mal Prajna, Samani, Dr. started with documentary and introduced about the place and work of Jain Vishva Bharati Institute. She presented her topic 'Forgiveness in Modern Perspective' and elaborated the holistic concept of forgiveness in different religions, how forgiveness in Jainism is different from other religions, what is its importance, etc. Further she laid emphasis on psychological and empirical studies and showed how important forgiveness is to eradicate anger and concluded with showing the difference between forgiveness and justice.



Dr. Vikram Shah took over the stage and stated the role of Jain Scholars in keeping Jainism alive and spreading in it all over the world.



Key Note Speaker Dr. Sudhir U. Shah, a senior Neuro-physician in Ahmedabad revealed the unknown concepts of science, mathematics, micro-biology etc. existing in Jainism.

After the lunch break, next session started with presentation of Samani Samyaktva Prajna.

**S**he explained the relevance of Non-Violence in our practical life and further proposed that it is not only monks and nuns but even householders can also improve their life.



The Last Speaker of the afternoon session :

**P**ratap Sancheti, Dr. explained how Preksha Meditation effects fasting and elaborated the scientific aspect of Fasting and how it gives result after meditation.

Afternoon session ended with vote of thanks by Prof. G.B. Shah, President of JPSN and Shree Ranjan D. Shah, Treasurer of JPSN with the call for group pictures and hi tea.

