Programme Project Report (PPR)

for

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M.A. in Jainology, Comparative Religion and Philosophy (MAJACRAPD)

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MASTER OF ARTS IN JAINOLOGY COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

(Open & Distance Learning Programme – Post Graduate Programme)

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Overview

Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (JVBI) is committed to provide highest quality of educational services to the utmost satisfaction of the students and give them an opportunity to cultivate an integrated personality blended with spirituality and moral values.

Established in 1991 with the inspiration of Gurudev Tulsi in Ladnun, Dist Nagaur, Rajasthan the Jain Vishva Bharati Institute was notified by the Government of India as Deemed-to-be University under **Section 3 of University Grants Commission Act, 1956**. Gurudev Shri Tulsi remained its first Constitutional Anushasta (moral and spiritual guide) followed by Acharya Shri Mahaprajna as its second Anushasta. Acharya Mahashraman is its present Anushasta. The goal of the JVBI has been clearly spelt out in the Preamble of its Constitution i.e. Memorandum and Articles of Association which reads as under:

> *"The Jain Vishva Bharati Institute is an endeavour in the direction of putting into practice, promote and propagate the high ideals of Anekant, Ahimsa, Tolerance and Peaceful Co-existence for the weal of the mankind. We, the members of the Jain Vishva Bharati, therefore resolve to constitute and establish the said University of Advanced Studies, Research & Training in Jainology in the context of comparative studies in Indology, World Religions, Ahimsa and World Peace."*

Location of the Institute: The Institute is located at Ladnun, District – Nagaur, about 225 kilometers from Jaipur and almost equidistant from some of the major towns of Rajasthan viz. Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur & Bikaner. It's campus is located within the common campus of its parent body, the Jain Vishva Bharati. Even though Ladnun town is located in an arid zone, the campus is full of greenery with parks, peacocks and gardens. It is like an oasis in the middle of the desert. The environment is free from noise and pollution. The spiritual ambiance of the campus provides a peaceful atmosphere of the traditional "Gurukul", which is ideal for studies and research. The academic environment on the campus fosters self-discipline, promotes quality of life and commitment to higher values.

Apart from the core curriculum of each programme JVBI provides its learners ample opportunity to improve their communication skills, interpersonal relations, art of negotiation, decision making, development of self-confidence etc to cope in this modern, competitive and challenging world.

Jain Vishva Bharati Institute was established as a Deemed-to-be-University in 1991. The Directorate started the Distance Education in 1997 with the vision of providing the opportunity for quality education to all realms of society. Since the beginning, thousands of students have availed themselves of this opportunity for higher education to a great extent throughout India. Many students outside the State have also benefited from this. But after the new directions of the UGC in 2014, the University had stopped all the Off-Campus Exam Centres of the Distance Education outside the State.

Programme Offerings: The Jain Vishva Bharati Institute offers Under Graduate and Post Graduate programmes mostly in Oriental Disciplines in both **regular & distance modes**. Apart from general courses in social sciences and humanities at the UG level its mainstay is in the field of programme offerings in oriental disciplines like Jainology, Sanskrit, Prakrit, Non-violence and Peace. Besides, it also offers Hindi, English, Political Science, Yoga & Commerce.

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

The Directorate of Distance Education (DDE) was established in 1997.

With its mandated objective to pursue the promotion and propagation of oriental studies, the JVBI started programmes in distance mode to reach out to learners far and wide and especially those who do not have the ways and means to pursue these studies on a regular mode. The purpose is to serve all potential students who have the desire to undertake further studies through structured learning in oriental disciplines and other disciplines but are entrenched in their household responsibilities, businesses, regular jobs or otherwise and thus cannot take-up formal programmes of learning in the regular mode. Through various distance education programmes, students can acquire knowledge as well as build further their academic carrier. The UG & PG programmes on offer focus on subjects like Jainology, Comparative Religion and Philosophy, Yoga & Science of Living, Political Science, Commerce, Hindi Literature, English Literature etc.

The Jurisdiction of JVBI is limited to its headquarters at Ladnun, district Nagaur, Rajasthan which is as mandated for Deemed-to-be-Universities as per the **UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017.** The JVBI does not run any Regional Centres, Study Centres or Franchisees anywhere in the country or abroad. Because of the niche area in which it offers various courses the programmes offered through distance mode attract lot of students.

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN JAINOLOGY COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME (MAJACRAPD)

(a) Mission & Objectives

Our Mission

- To preserve and promote the legacy of Indian culture, Oriental studies, Jain Philosophy, moral values and ethics in higher education.
- To re-energize and revitalize centuries old cumulative spiritual knowledge.
- To provide highest quality of educational services to the utmost satisfaction of the student and give them an opportunity to cultivate an integrated personality.
- To promote and propagate and practice the high ideals of anekant, ahimsa, tolerance and peaceful co-existence for the welfare of humanity.
- To offer advance studies, research and training in the context of comparative studies in Indology, Social Science, Education and Humanities.

Nanassa Saram Ayaro
(Right conduct is the essence of right knowledge)
"Let the voice of peace, nonviolence & harmony spread throughout the world."

Our Objectives

This Programme aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To promote Oriental Studies, Contemporary Philosophies and Religion.
- To spread the universal principles like Ahimsa, Anekant and Aparigraha.
- To produce efficient scholars of Jainology.
- To present Jain Cocepts in comparative and modern perspectives.
- To carry out and publish researches in the field of applied philosophy and Jainism.

(b) Relevance with HEI's Mission & Goals.

Yes,Jainism will always be relevant and contemporary in our lives today.Jainism has been ahead of time because the tirthankars (Tirth Makers) had enlightenment or kevalgyan which made them to know everything from antwhere. Jaati Smaran knowledge about remembering your previous birth, which is also relevant today.

Jainism talks about non violence which means that we should try to not hurt anyone and destruct less in this universe,be content with what he have and learn to give rather than acquire.

Rishabhdeva, the first tirthankar, taught us the reason to establish ourselves as a civilization. He tought us that we should help each other, cook food in a certain manner and establish a chaturvidh sangh where saadhu, saadhvi, shraavak and shraavikas existed. We as laypeople are shraavak and shraavikas. Those who take Diksha, or renounce the world, are the saadhus or saints in jainism it is learnt how to live and how to let live.

(C) Nature of prospective target group of learners.

- Low Income Group People residing in Rural & Urban areas
- Unskilled Men & Women specially in rural areas
- Rural people involve in their business or Agriculture field work
- Low paid employee for increasing their Education Qualification for their better prospect
- House working woman and Men deprived Education in early age& now crossed the age Limit
- Disabled persons also increasing their level of education through higher studies.
- Any three year graduate persons are eligible to get admission in the programme.

(d) Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in ODL mode to acquire specific skills and competence.

The Duration of MA courses shall be of 2 years. The course is on Annual system, thus there shall be conducted Annual Examination. The University has continuous system on assessment and evaluation of measurement of learning outcomes by students. The learning is assessed by blend of quizzes, assignment, Exercise analysis, report submission and Annual Examination.

(e) Instructional Design:

Duration – Two Years							
Course Code	**Course Type**	**Course Title**	**Contact Sessions**	**Credits (Assignment + Annual Exam)**	**Internal Marks (through Assignments /Online Test / Feedback on SLM)**	**External Marks (Annual Exams.)**	**Total Marks**
MA Previous Year							
MJCRP-01	Theory	Jain History, Culture, Literature and Art	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
MJCRP-02	Theory	Jain Metaphysics and Ethics	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
MJCRP-03	Theory	Jain Theory of Dhyāna-yoga and Karma	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
MJCRP-04	Theory	Jain Epistemology and Nyāya	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
MA Final Year							
MJCRP-05	Theory	Jain Agama	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
MJCRP-06	Theory	Anekanta, Naya, Nikshepa and Syadavada	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
MJCRP-07	Theory	Jain Religion Philosophy and Indian Philosophy	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
MJCRP-08	Theory	Jain Religion Philosophy and Non- Indian Philosophy	240 hours	02+06 = 08	30	70	100
		Total		**64**			

(f) Procedure for Admission, Curriculum Transaction and Evaluation:

- **Eligibility**: Undergraduate
- **Course Duration** : Min- 2 Years Max- 4 Years
- **Curriculum Transaction**: Self-Study through SLM; Assignment; A/V lessons
- **Evaluation**: Learners shall be assessed for Assignments, Students' Response Sheet, Contact Programmes, Annual Examination.
- **Passing Percentage**: Pass marks - 36% in each theory course and 40% in aggregate
- **Calculation of Division**: First Division – 60% and above; Second Division - 50% to <60%; Pass – 36% to <50%

(g) Requirement of the laboratory support and library Resources :

1. **Requirement of undergoing Practical Work:** N.A.
2. **Library Resources & Access to the Library:**

Central Library of JVBI	
Category	**No. of Titles**
Books	7600
Journals	29
Canonical Literature	20
Encyclopedias	150
Ph.D. Theses	115
E-Journals (in UGC-Infonet, renamed as E-Shodh Sindhu)	815
DVDs – Educational Videos	2

3. **Infrastructure Facilities available in the Institute:** The Institute has well-equipped laboratories; smart classrooms for conducting Contact Classes; seminar halls for seminars/workshops/face-to-face discussions; guest house; canteen; gymnasium; auditorium for large gatherings etc.

(h) Cost Estimate of the Programme and provisions:

Sl.	Item	Amount
1.	Salary to Faculty	1000000
2.	Salary to Non-Teaching Staff	479974
3.	Study Material (Printing & Consultancy)	400000
4.	Laboratory facilities	0
5.	Internal Assessment (Evaluation)	50000
6.	Examination & Evaluation	10000
7.	Books & Periodicals	50000
8.	Postage	30000
	Total	**2019974**

4. **Total Programme Fee:** ***Rs.6,000 per annum; Total = Rs.12,000/-***

(i) Quality assurance mechanism and expected programme outcomes:

a. Review of syllabus for changes and improvement
b. Clarifying doubts in contact classes
c. Formulation of new questions – MCQs/fill-in the blanks, Short Answer Type; Long answer type