Cordial Invitation to Scholars
to Participate in Tattva Samvad

Tattva Samvad

Vādo hi satyavinirṇayāya

The Place of Ishvara in Jain Darshana

Two days of rigorous discussion and in-person participation

13–14 January 2027

Freedom Park, Bengaluru

Under the guidance and in the presence of

His Holiness Gachhadhipati Jainacharya Yugbhushansuriji Maharaja
[along with many of his learned disciples]

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Questions Proposed for the Dialogue

How is Ishvara understood in Jain Darshana? Scholars will discuss questions about Ishvara within a framework grounded in the nature and properties of reality. Questions familiar to the wider public will also be included. The dialogue will emphasise impartial inquiry through reason and evidence.

01 Is Jain Darshana theistic or non-theistic?

What are the grounds for calling a position theistic or non-theistic, and how should Jain Darshana be understood in relation to these terms?

02 How can we know whether Ishvara exists?

How should this question be examined through reason, evidence, and a coherent account of reality?

03 Does being Ishvara mean making the impossible possible?

How should divine qualities and powers be understood from a scientific perspective?

04 What is the extent of the excellence, influence, and qualities of Ishvara-tattva?

How should the distinctive nature of divine qualities and influence be understood within a metaphysical framework, through reason and evidence?

05 Does a vitaraga Ishvara give us anything? If so, what and how?

How can the ideal of a perfected being help transform our understanding, conduct, and life?

The aim is to understand truth, not to win or lose.

What You Will Gain

Visionary

Jainacharya Yugbhushansuriji Maharaja

Widely known as Pandit Maharaj Saheb, His Holiness is the 79th lineage holder in the tradition of Lord Mahavira. He is a scholar of the six systems of philosophy, modern science, economics, ethics, many contemporary schools of thought, and the Jain scriptures. As a religious teacher and genuine guide, he connects ancient Jain knowledge with modern thought through a practical and logical perspective. He is known for explaining difficult subjects with clarity. Under his guidance, many highly educated professionals have entered the Jain monastic path. Through the Mohajit monastic community, he carries the tradition of Jain knowledge and conduct to the wider public. Scholars will engage with him directly and in depth on their questions.

Direct Questions and Conversation

Engage in one-to-one and group discussions with His Holiness and many learned Jain monks. Bring your questions and listen openly to different perspectives.

A Special Opportunity

The group will be given a demonstration of the distinctive scriptural research conducted by Gitarth Ganga. Discuss ongoing research and new developments.

Gitarth Ganga is a religious research institute devoted to research and development on the Jain scriptures. Its work includes an online, searchable database of the Jain scriptures.

Join the Dialogue

In-person participation only (no online participation) | 13–14 January 2027
Discussion languages: English and Hindi

Who Can Participate

All female and male scholars aged 45 or younger, residing in India and with good knowledge of Jain Darshana, are invited. This includes those who have completed or are pursuing a PhD in Jain Studies, and scholars holding postdoctoral or faculty positions at Indian academic institutions. Other scholars with relevant study and understanding of the subject are equally welcome.

International scholars visiting India in January 2027 are most welcome.

Accommodation, Meals, and Travel

Domestic flights within India, accommodation, meals, and local transportation will be provided by the organisers.

Register to Participate

RSVP deadline: 1 December 2026
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