

International Seminar on

# YOGASHASTRA

of

Acharya Hemachandra

& Homage to

Late Rev. Saint Muni Jambuvijayaji

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#### International Seminar on

The Yogashastra of Hemachandra

# Homage to Late Jambuvijayaji

(Sat. 18th Dec. & Sun. 19th Dec. 2010)

#### Theme of the Seminar

Scholars of Indology may be aware that Late Rev. Muni Jambuvjiayaji the one of greatest Jain Saint-Scholars recently met with a road accident while he was moving from Balotra to Badmer in Rajasthan and left for his heavenly abode creating a vacuum in the Jain scholastic world which cannot be filled. It was only Muni Jambuvijayaji to whom the scholars of the world came for seeking clarifications for their philosophical and literary quests from the Jain texts.

Muni Jambuvijayaji's Magnum Opus work the critical edition on Yogashastra of Acharya Hemachandra, was recently published in three volumes through Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, apart from his other work: Dignaga's Nyayapraveshak Shastram during his last Chaturmas (rainy seasons) at NAKODA TIRTH of Rajasthan.

In order to pay our true homage to Muni Jambuvijayaji, we have decided to hold an International Seminar on **Yogashastra of Acharya Hemachandra** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19th December, 2010.

Needless to state about versatile spectrum of Acharya Hemachandra, which can be easily seen in his epoch-making work: Yogashastra and this work can enhance Gyan Darshan and Charitra of a devotee and lead him to (right Knowledge, right Faith and right Conduct), Ahimsa (non-violence), Satya (Truth) and Atmajnan (Knowledge of Self and Cosmos). The work narrates about various spiritual dimensions including Mantrik way of life and in-depth knowledge for meditation of the Self. The author, Hemachandracharya has consulted and referred to the works like Veetaragastotra, Stuti Dwatrinshika Scriptures and Upanishadas, Patanjali Yogasutra, Manusmriti, Arthashastra of Kautilya, Shabarbhashya, Pramana Samucchaya Pramanavarttika, etc., which makes the work sound.

The great scholar of Indian philosophy and Jain Agamas, Late Muniraj Jambuvijayaji spent several years in consulting paper and palmleaf manuscripts of this work and critically edited the same in three volumes just before his demise. It is the last published work of his life and hence we feel pride in conducting this seminar in his honour which he agreed when he was alive. We feel sorry that we could not hold this Seminar during his life time and hence, it should be treated as a HOMAGE to the great saint-scholar and Guru.

The focus of the seminar remains centred on the Yogashastra of Hemachandracharya and its comparative study with other Yogic traditions along with their exposition based on the original sources preserved in Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Apabhramsha and other regional dialects.

#### Proceedings of the Seminar

During the Inaugural Function three papers will be presented on Rev. Late Jambuvijayaji by the scholars who have been actively associated with him. In the

latter half of the first and the whole second day approximately ten papers will be presented on various important aspects of YOGASHASTRA of Hemachandracharya. Eventually, a volume of the proceedings will be published in due course.

For this purpose we have already contacted about 15 highly reputed National and International scholars to present their papers on this occasion. We are trying to contact a number of other scholars to attend the Seminar as discussants.

#### Seminar Director

Dr. Jitendra B. Shah

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# Participating Scholars

1. Dr. Abhay Doshi	2. Prof. Christopher R. Chapp
3. Prof. Dharmachand Jain	4. Dr. Fujinaga Sin
5. Prof. G. C. Tripathi (Valedictory)	6. Prof. J. B. Shah
7. Prof. K. V. Mardia	8. Ms. Matfuoka Hiroko
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