

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL UNDERSTANDING JAINISM PROGRAMME

From 23rd July to 12th August, 2015, 21 days' International Summer School of '**Understanding Jainism**' was organized at Jain Vishva Bharati Institute Ladnun. There were 21 students in this program and among them seven students were from FIU.

Before the academic program starts, a study tour was organized for students. The purpose of the study tour was to make the participants familiar with Indian culture in general and with the culture of Rajasthan in particular. The tour covered various places in Jaipur, Ranakpur, Pavapuri, Jodhpur, Deshnok etc.



Regular classes were July. Everyday classes meditation and yoga to 8.00 am. From 9: 30 separate sessions on Living, P.M. and Yoga and Peace were held. classes, international in teaching French and



students of JVBI. Everyday special classes of **Hindi and Sanskrit** Language were offered to international students. Besides academic program students had special visits to wild life sanctuary, places of archeological and historical importance in and nearby town, meetings with spiritual personalities, The visits to local Jain families were also organized in order to understand the Indian culture, Jain life style and the socio-cultural aspects of Jain laities.

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Komal Ashok Kumar, an MA student of FIU, attended both programs and also conducted field research on the unique process by which Terapanthi female *mumukshus* are trained to become *samanis* and *sadhvis* through the Paramarthik Shiksha Sanstha, a school for training religious aspirants.

On the completion of course exam was held and in valedictory session of the program, students were awarded with the certificates and grades. The program was completely successfully carried out under the enlightening guidance of honorable Vice-Chancellor, Samani Charitra Prajna and coordinator – Prof. Anil Dhar. Dr. Samani Aagam Prajna and Dr. Samani Rohit Prajya academically convened the whole program systematically.

Feedback of the Students

Alexander John Mc Carty remarked “this program had been an emotional, spiritual and scholarly journey for him. JVBI has the wonderful environment, good schedule and a great diversity of speakers. I enjoyed speaking with the samanijis. Their open minds and hearts made the experience one that I will never forget.”

Iseli Mirjam exclaimed “I really liked the program, the lectures and there have been great teachers. I really enjoyed the field trips they were great. I found it was really nice that we had the chance to teach friends, it really changed work as a teacher for the future.”

Valerie observed that the courses content was richly enhanced. Preksha Meditation and Yoga classes were a very important experiential component of the program.