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TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

on

DATING OF MAHAVIRA NIRVANA

July 9-10, 2022
(Saturday-Sunday)

JAINA-ALC
International Center of Jainism and Science

Venue

NAVALVEERAYATAN
Tiwai Hill, Chaskman, Wada Road, Khed
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PREAMBLE

Seventh to sixth century BCE was the period of changing religious and people's revolutions. In Indian context, this period witnessed the advent of two great personalities: Mahāvīra and Buddha, whose teachings and conduct had a far-reaching impact not only in India but in whole world. It is an irony that the issue of finalization of Mahāvīra *nirvāṇa* date stays alive in academic research.

There are about fifteen different theories regarding this. After a close scrutiny of these theories, we find that the year of Mahavira *nirvana* in many history books and papers ranges from 467 BC, 477 BC, 484 BC, 490 BC, 498 BC, 545 BC and so on. The whole problem was made more complicated and controversial by connecting it with Buddha's *nirvana*, the date of which has not yet been fully and authoritatively ascertained. Scholars are therefore not unanimous about the date of Mahavira *nirvana* as they still hold different views. Scholars like Kailash Chand Jain, Jyoti Prasad Jain, and Muni Nagraj have authored scholarly books on the subject to disperse this controversy.

It is well-known from the different sources that Mahavira flourished in the age of Shrenika/Bimbisara and Kunika/Ajatashatru of Magadha, Prashenjita of Kosala, Udayana of Vatsa, Pradyot of Avanti. Based on the ancient Jain scriptures and traditions, it is believed that his *nirvana* took place in 527 BC and lived in the days of Mankhali Goshala and Buddha. Buddha was his junior contemporary and died afterwards. In determining the date of Mahavira *nirvana*, a close scrutiny of these facts is required.

OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR

JAINA-ALC International Center of Jainism and Science is organizing this symposium to address the issue of Mahavira *nirvana* similar to, in 1988, a German scholar, Prof. Heinz Bechert, organized an international symposium



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where about 100 scholars from 15 countries presented their extensive research on the *nirvana* year of Buddha.

In this symposium we have invited brilliant scholars who have an outstanding understanding of both Indian history and Jain history with this hope that symposium will resolve the present discrepancies that exist in history books regarding the year of Mahavira *nirvana*.

On each day we will have an open forum near the end of the program for group discussion. We will value your comments and suggestions on both days.

SUB-THEME OF THE SEMINAR

Year of ascension of throne of Chandragupta Maurya and its relation to *nirvana* year of Mahavira.

- Year of *nirvana* of Bhadrabahu and Sambhutivijaya and its relation to *nirvana* of Mahavira
- Year in which king Bimbisara (Shrenika), Ajatashatru, Samprati and Ashoka ruled and its relation to *nirvana* of Mahavira
- There are differences in genealogy of Pattavali between Shvetambara and Digambara traditions. Why? Can that be resolved? How does this affect the dating of Mahavira *nirvana*?
- Kalpasutra and its relevance to the dating of Mahavira *nirvana*.
- Other topics related to the theme.

PAPER / ABSTRACT DETAILS

- English is the preferred language. However, papers/abstracts in Hindi are welcome as well.
- For English papers, soft copy using MS word, A4 size using Times New Roman, font size 12.
- For Hindi papers, please use Krutidev010, font size 14.



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SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

- Please send your abstract and paper to us magnuseng@comcast.net
- Submission of Abstracts: 15th June 2022.
- Review of Abstracts by the Organizers: 18th June 2022.
- Submission of extended abstract/power point presentation/full paper for presentation, if the abstracts are approved by the organizers: 25th June 2022
- Full paper with suggest revision for publication: 10 August 2022

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE FIRST AUTHOR

➤ **Honorarium:**

- For presentation with extended abstract / Power point / paper: 5,500 INR
- For submission with suggested revision after symposium within a month and approved for publication: INR 5500

➤ **Conveyance:** AC 2 Tier or Economy Air fare within India (at the desecration of organiser)

➤ **Hospitality:** Board and lodge facilities to those scholars whose papers are accepted for presentation at the symposium.

Thank you.

Convener

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