Shrut Bhakti

Aagam is the holy book of Jainism. It is the only book that brings us the words of Lord Mahavir. Originally Aagam was in such a language that it wouldn’t have been possible for us to read and understand. For us to understand Aagam, many sadhus and sadhvis have contributed their knowledge and time. Earlier we had many Sadhus who took the initiative of converting these Aagams into Granths so that we could understand them. Today what we see as Aagams is actually the Granths that are in an easier language.

In the fifth Ara we don’t have Kevalis (The enlightened), Thirthankars, and Gandhars etc to take us towards the right path and so it is only the Granths that help us and act as a guide towards the right path of Jainism. There are many Sadhus, Sadhvis, and Munis etc who have converted them like:-

1) Acharaya Umaswatiji, who wrote 500 Granths.

2) Kalikasarwagya Hemchandra Acharayaji wrote Granths consisting of 3.5crore shlokesh.

3) Shri Haribhadra Suri ji wrote 1444 Granths.

Shri Haribhadra Suri ji had to face a few problems while writing these Granths. Every day he would start writing them in the morning and would continue till sunset. He wouldn’t like to stop writing those Granths because he had less time and had to complete all the Granths. One day Laling Seth was passing by and saw that Shri Haribhadra Suri ji was sad. In curiosity he asked him, “The one who removes sadness from everyone’s life, how is it that he himself is sad?” Shri Haribhadra Suri ji told him about his problem. Laling Seth had a very precious diamond that would shine throughout the day. Without any hesitation he just gives Shri Haribhadra Suri ji the diamond so that he could continue writing even after sunlight.