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Considering the rich knowledge with respect to philosophical speculations contained in the Jain texts, there was a felt need for a separate department for in-depth study of the tenets of this significant system of thoughts. In the whole of New Delhi it is a unique department of its kind. It is established with the main objective of making the Vidyapeetha the representative of Indian tradition.

Jain literature is a vast field and the cultural material hidden in it is of immense importance. Jain Darshan as a source of cultural history is as important as Vedic or Buddhist studies. It is all in Sanskrit, Prakrit and Hindi. Jain philosophy has a lot in common with Hindu philosophy and it has its own peculiarities too. Atomic theory, Karmic theory, theory of Anekantvad, Syadvad, Nayavad, theory of Ahinsa, spirituality, methods of meditation and non-violence are very useful to today's world, society and nation.

The department concentrates on teaching and research. The students from the department have qualified in the NET/JRF examination. Since its inception the department has contributed in a major way in understanding the views projected in other systems of thought.

The faculties of this department have international fame for teaching Jain philosophy and are honoured with no. of awards by the President of India etc.

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## Evaluative Report of the Department

1. Name of the Department : **Jain Darshan**
2. Year of establishment : **1970**
3. Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the university? : **Yes, Part of Darshan Faculty**
4. Names of programmes offered (UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Litt., etc.) : **UG, PG, M.Phil., Ph.D.**