

A report on

## **Acharya Hemachandrasuri Lecture Series No. 6**

Organized by

### **Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology, Delhi**

*(from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009 to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009)*

Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology, Delhi has organised the 6<sup>th</sup> Acharya Hemachandrasuri Lecture Series from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009 to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

The programme started with the Namokar Mahamantra by Km. Leena Jain followed by Saraswati Vandana by Dr. Mohan Pandey.

The lectures were delivered by Prof. Hampa Nagarajaiah on the topic “Jain Religion in South India”. Prof. Nagarajaiah has explained about the birth and preaching of the 24 Jain Tirthankars in North India but after the departure of Lord Mahavir, the importance of Jain Religion has spread to South India, especially in Tamilnadu and Karnataka. The kings and members of the kingdom were very helpful in propagating the Jain religion. In the case of Karnataka, it is the base of the Jain Acharyas in the ancient times. While extracting the old manuscripts of Tamil language, it was noticed that some Jain manuscripts were also found.

Prof. Nagarajaiah has presented his views by displaying in the form of LCD, for the education of the scholars.

The Chief Guest of the lecture series was Prof. B. B. Chaubey (Hoshiarpur). Prof. Chaubey said the scriptures and old temples show us that the Jain Religion is very old in South India. He also appreciated the efforts of BLII in organising this lecture series. This will be helpful to the researches/scholars.

On this occasion, Prof. J. P. Vidyalankar, Advisor and Shri M. P. Sheth, Hon. Treasurer presented a memento and a sum of Rs.5,100/- as an honorarium to Prof. Nagarajaiah.

The three days program was organised and conducted by Dr. Balaji Ganorkar, Director of the Institute.

Prof. J. P. Vidyalankar accorded the vote of thanks.