

Acharya Hemachandrasuri Award Presentation & Acharya Hemachandrasuri Lecture Series held

Dr. Shriranjan Suridev has been awarded 12th Acharya Hemachandrasuri Award for the year 2006 on Saturday, 9th February 2008 in a graceful function organized by Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology at Delhi.

This Award is being presented every year since 1995 to a scholar of Prakrit Language and Literature, a lasting language of Ancient India. The Jain Canons and other literatures were written in this Language. The Award contains a Cheque of Rs. 51,000/-, a gold plated idol of Acharya Hemachandrasuri and a citation.

In a Press Release spokesman of BLII reported that Jaswanta Dharmarth Trust, New Delhi sponsors this award since 1996 under the auspices of Bhogilal Leherchand Institute of Indology, Delhi.

On this day Dr. J. B. Shah, Director, L. D. Institute of Indology spoke on the Life and contribution of Acharya Hemachandrasuri in the prestigious Acharya Hemachandrasuri Lecture Series No. 4.

The Chief Guest, Mr. A. K. Rath, I.A.S, Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource & Development presented the award to Prof. Ranjansuri Dev in this function. Prof. Rath appreciated the activities being carried out by the Institute. Prof. Namwar Singh presided over the event. In his speech he enforced the Jain community and Executives of North Gujarat University, Patan to establish a Chair in the name of Acharya Hemachandrasuri so that further researches could be done in the specific field of Prakrit Studies. He has also stated that Dr. Jitendra Shah has presented the first complete Monograph on Acharya Hemachandrasuri in Hindi. The program was organized and anchored by Dr. Balaji Ganorkar, Director of the Institute.