

Importance of Library and Information Centres in Jainism

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Abstract

The phrase 'Jaina,' which means 'Conqueror,' is where the term 'Jainism,' first appeared. What a way to describe someone who has mastered their desires and passions. Those who have defeated their passions and cravings and achieved freedom are referred to as "liberated souls." 24 Tirthankars, or 'Founders of Faith', are considered by Jains. Risabhadeva was the first, followed by Mahavira, the last of the prophets, whose name was Vardhaman Mahavira. However, it's also true that he wasn't the father of Jainism, as there were Jaina doctrines around long before him. To that religion, Vardhaman Mahavira brought a new perspective. As a result of his teachings, modern Jainism can be considered to be modern Jainism for the most part. 23rd Tirthankar Parshvanath was a historical figure who lived in the eighth or ninth century BC and is worth mentioning in this regard. We believe that Jain Bhandars, which house Jain texts in Jain temples, is the oldest in India when it comes to the importance of libraries in Jain religion and philosophy. The Jain libraries, in fact, play a unique role in the religious dynamics of Jainism. An arrangement of Jain philosophy, which is the oldest surviving in India, is depicted in this concept Jain libraries include the Svetambara and Digambara collections, both of which contain a significant number of well-preserved texts.