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Conference

Jain University - Centre for Management Studies organised an international conference on 'Influence of Jainism in the areas of art, culture and literature' recently. The conference is intended to map the influence and growth of Jainism in Hindi, English, Sanskrit and Kannada languages, and provide an insight into Jain literature through the centuries.

Renowned national and international scholars presented their research papers and findings on

various aspects of Jainism. Hampa Nagarajiah, eminent scholar, Chandrashekhara Kambara, Jnanapeeth awardee, Gulab Kothari, Editor and Managing Director of Rajasthan Patrika, Hideyoge Ogewa from Hiroshima University, Japan and R. Chenraj Jain, President of Jain University, were the chief guests.

In his address, Dr. Kambara said, "Pampa is one of the greatest Kannada poets of all time. His commendable work Adipurana, written in Champu style, a mixed form of prose and verse, is a Kannada version of the Sanskrit work by Jinasena and details in 16 cantos the life of the first Tirthankara of Jainism, Rishabha. It served as the model for all future works in Kannada. Sensitive, modest and imaginative, Pampa has earned a veritable place in the world of Kannada literature, which has remained unquestioned even today."