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Dear Lajeshbhai

It was a great pleasure to meet you and your team at GitarhGanga. I was very impressed by your encyclopedic approach to Jain teachings and to their application to contemporary global issues.

Your database is truly extraordinary in its scope and detail. It will be, upon completion, an incredible resource for Jain and wider scholarly communities. More than this, it will be a means of bringing Jainism to the world, and the world to Jainism. The legacy of your ceaseless endeavors -over decades- will be a resource for decades to come.

I reviewed the material you sent to me (1.1-1.41) and found it to be thorough and highly useful for an exploration of key terms, and related themes, in Jain canonical and wider Jain literature.

Of course, this does not exhaust your activities; there is the library itself and the catalogues related to it. The homiletic value of the work is difficult to underestimate.

My plea in closing is that a beta of the database be made available to the global scholarly community as a matter of priority. Hard copy of such materials restricts their utility and reach to a very high degree.

Yours Truly,



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