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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Ardhamāgadhi Jaina Āgamic literature is a valuable treasure of Indian culture and literature. It is unfortunate that due to the non-availability of suitable translations of these works, both, the laymen as well as the learned scholars were unfamiliar with them. Of these *āgamic* works, the *Prakīrnakas* have almost been unavailable even though they are of an ancient origin and are predominantly spiritual in their content. We are fortunate that Mahāvīra Jaina Vidyālaya, Mumbai has already published the original texts of these Prakirnakas, duly edited by Muni Śri Punya Vijayajī, but in the absence of translations, in modern Indian languages, they were, generally, inaccessible to the laymen. It is for this reason that the co-ordination committee of the scholars of Jainology had decided to accord priority to the translation of the canonical texts and their explanatory literature and allotted the task of translating Prakīrnakas to the Āgama Samisthāna. The Sanisthāna has, to date, translated, into Hindi, and published 15 Prakirnakas. This has made these valuable texts available to the inquisitive and desirous readers of the Jaina studies.

However, those western and Indian readers, settled abroad, who do not read and understand Hindi are still deprived of the contents of these enlightening works. We are happy to note that Colonel Dalpat Singh Baya '*Śreyas*' has translated the '*Vīrastava Prakīrņaka*' into English for the benefit of those readers as well as for those who would enjoy reading them in English as much, if not more, as in Hindi. The exhaustive preface and original text with foot-notes have been taken from the Hindi edition of the work prepared by Dr. Subhash Kothari and edited by

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE

Jaina canonical works are a treasure trove of spiritual and cultural heritage of India. However, the knowledge of these works is hidden behind the veil of *Prākṛta* language which is no longer an in language that it used to be when these works were codified. Yeomen services have been rendered from time to time by various scholars, both monks and house-holders, to render some of these works into Hindi and, in rare cases, into English. As a result, the English-speaking readership is more or less deprived of this treasure.

The case of *Prakīrnakas* is still worse as their Hindi translations themselves were taken up, in an organized manner, only a few years ago. To my knowledge, no effort has so far been made to translate them into English except six *Prakīrnakas* translated by me and published by the *Sanisthāna* in the year 2001 to 2003. I, therefore, feel a justifiable sense of elation and fulfillment on this near maiden effort in the field of translating the *Prakīrnakas* into English.

Translations are, at the best of times, only shadows of the originals. The problem becomes more acute when the original happens to be in as ancient a language as *Prākrta* and the language of translation a western language as English. As exact equivalent words are not only difficult to come by, but, in some cases, well nigh impossible to find, one has to be content with a word, phrase or term nearest to the original meaning. It has been my endeavour to adhere as close to the original meaning as is possible given the limitations of a translation.

My task of translating this work – *Vīrastava–Prakīrņaka*– into English was very much simplified by the Hindi version of the work, by Dr. Subhash Kothari and Prof. Sagarmal Jain, having been made available to me. I am deeply indebted to these scholars,

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who have worked wonders to dig it out of the confines of some obscure libraries and show it the light of the day. I have freely used the Hindi translation by these eminent scholars.

I shall be failing in my duty if I did not mention the encouragement I have received from Sri Sardamal Ji Kankariya and Prof. Sagarmal Jain and the unstinted support from Dr. Suresh Sisodiya in my work. $\bar{A}gama \ Ahinis\bar{a} \ Samat\bar{a} \ Evani \ Pr\bar{a}krta \ Samisth\bar{a}na$ deserves a special mention, as without its decision to bring out this work in its English translation, it would have been impossible to venture this effort. They have taken a great step in support of the cause of popularizing $Jaina-\bar{a}gamas$ (canonical texts) amongst English speaking readership. They certainly deserve kudos.

I dedicate this effort to the memory of my dear and departed father, $Sr\bar{i}$ Ganeśalāl j \bar{i} Bayā, whose personal example, guidance and encouragement awakened, in me, a desire to study the Jaina philosophy more than a lay follower of the faith would normally do and made me capable of undertaking this task. I must also not fail to mention the motivation received from venerable $\bar{A}c\bar{a}rya$ $Sr\bar{i}$ Ramlalji Mahārāj and Sthavira $Sr\bar{i}$ Gyānamuniji, to always proceed further and further in my scriptural quest. My wife, Mrs. Kanta Baya, who has supported my effort through her patience and forbearance and many other well–wishers who have encouraged me through their kind words, also deserve my thanks.

How far have I succeeded in my efforts is for the readers and critics to judge. I shall, however, feel rewarded if this work fulfils the purpose for which it is intended, even partly, as it would mark a beginning in the right direction.

– Śreyas

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PREFACE

General Introduction :

In every faith scriptures occupy an important position amongst religious texts. Agamas enjoy the same position and importance in the Jaina faith as the Vedas in Hinduism, Tripitaka in Buddhism, Avesta in Zarthustism, the Bible in Christianity and the Koran in Islam. Although Agamas are neither considered as created by a superhuman entity or Apauruseya as the Vedas are taken to be; nor are they considered to be the divine message handed down by any prophet as the Bible and the Koran are considered to be, but they are the compilation of the preachings of the most venerable Arhatas and saints, who had realized the truth and attained enlightenment through spiritual practices and purification. Although the scriptures say that the Anga Sūtras or Primary Canons or the foremost scriptures are considered to have been preached by the Tirthankaras or the Prophets - Propounders of the Jaina faith, we must remember that they preach only the meaning (Artha) i.e. they only present the thoughts or the ideas, which are then given the garb of words or codified into sūtras (maxims or aphorisms) or canonical texts by the Ganadharas- the principal disciples of Tirthankaras, Acarvas (masters) and other learned Sthaviras or elders or senior monks.1

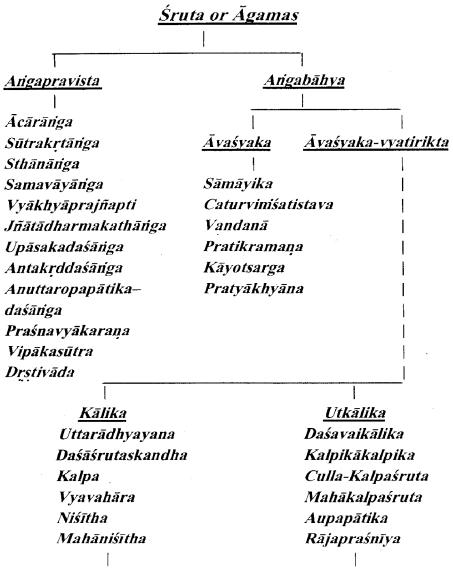
The Jaina tradition does not lay as much emphasis on words as the Hindu tradition. It considers words only as a means to convey the thought, idea or meaning. In its view the meaning is

^{&#}x27; "Attham bhāsai arahā suttam ganthanti ganaharā" — Āvašyaka Niryukti, verse 92.

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important not the words. It is this lack of emphasis on words that the *āgamas* of Jaina tradition could not keep their linguistic character unaltered as the Vedas have been able to do over the millennia. This is the reason that the Jaina Canonical literature got divided into two streams, namely the Ardhamāgadhī Canons and the Saurasenī Canons. Of these, the Ardhamāgadhī canonical literature is not only more ancient but also closer to the original language in which Lord Mahāvīra preached. The development of the *Saurasenī* canonical literature was also based on these Ardhamāgadhī canons. The Ardhamāgadhī canonical literature is, thus, the basis of the Saurasenī canonical literature and more ancient than the latter. The Ardhamāgadhī canonical literature was also compiled and edited over a period of nearly a thousand years - from the time of Lord Mahāvīra to 980 or 993 Vīrā Era (reckoned from the date of Lord Mahāvīra's nirvāna), when they were rendered in their present form in the Valabhī conclave. Therefore, it is quite possible that these were also modified, altered and enlarged by various preceptors during this period.

In the ancient times the Ardhamāgadhī canonical literature was divided into two categories, namely the Arigapravista and the Arigabāhya. The Arigapravista category includes eleven Ariga Āgamas (Primary canons) and the Drstivāda while the Arigabāhya Āgamas (Secondary and subsequent canonical literature) include all the other canonical scriptures that were considered to be the compositions of Śrutakevalīs or Canon-omniscients who knew all about the canons and Pūrvadhara Sthaviras (Elder monks in the know of Pūrvas or the Pre-canons – fourteen Pūrvas were a part of the twelfth Ariga Āgama: Drstivāda). In Nandīsūtra, these Ariga-bāhya canons have been subdivided into Āvaśyaka (Essential) and Āvaśyakavyatirikta (Other than essential). Āvaśyakavyatirikta canons have been further subdivided into Kālika (Timely studiable scriptures) and Utkālika (Anytime studiable scriptures). This classification, as per the *Nandīsūtra*, is as follows 2 :-



² Nandīsūtra, Ed. Muni Madhukara, Sūtras 73, 79–81.

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Rsībhāsita Jambūdvīpa-prajñapti Dvīpasāgara-prajñapti Candra-prajñapti Kşullikāvimānapravibhakti Mahallikāvimānapravibhakti Angacūlikā Vaggacūlikā Vivāhacūlikā Arunopapāta Varuņopapāta Garudopapāta Dharanopapāta

Vaiśramanopapāta Velandharopapāta Devendropapāta Utthānaśruta Samutthānaśruta Nāgaparijñāpanikā Nirayāvalikā Kalpikā Kalpāvatamisikā Puspikā Puspacūlikā Vrsnidašā Jīvābhigama Prajñāpanā Mahāprajñāpanā Pramādāpramāda Nandī Anuyogadvāra Devendrastava Tnadulavaicārika **Candravedhyaka** Sūrya-prajñapti Paurusīmandala Mandalapraveśa Vidyācaranaviniścaya Ganividyā Dhyānavibhakti Maranavibhakti Ātmaviśodhi Vītarāgaśruta Samlekhanāśruta Vihārakalpa Caranavidhi **Āturapratyākhyāna** Mahāpratyākhyāna

Besides these, we find another ancient style of classifying *āgamas* in *Mūlācāra*, a *Śaurasenī āgama* of the *Yāpanīya* tradition. *Mūlācāra* divides the *āgamās* into the following four categories ³ – 1. Prophet preached (*Tīrthankara kathita*), 2. Selfenlightened preached (*Pratyekabuddha kathita*), 3. Canonomniscient composed (*Śrutakevalī kathita*) and 4. Those composed by the masters or elders learned in *Pūrvas* (*Pūrvadhara kathita*). Again, in *Mūlācara*, these canonical texts have been classified as timely studiable – *Kālika* and any time studiable – *Utkālika*.

In this way, both – the $Ardham\bar{a}gadh\bar{i}$ and the $Saurasen\bar{i}$ canonical traditions mention the $Prak\bar{i}rpakas$ among the two categories of timely studiable and anytime studiable canonical texts.

Prakīrņakas —

At present the agamas are categorised as the Aniga-sutras, Mūla-sūtras, Chedasūtras Upānga-sūtras, and the Prakīrnakas. We find the very first mention of this classification in the Vidhi-mārgaprapā.⁴ Generally, 'Prakīrnaka' means 'a volume compiled on miscellaneous subjects'. According to Malayagiri, the commentator on the Nandīsūtra, the monks used to compose the Prakirnakas based on the preachings of the Tirthankaras (the Prophets – Propounders of the faith). According to the Jaina definition Prakirnakas, are those treatises, which are composed, on various spiritual subjects, by the learned disciples of the *Tīrthankaras.*⁵ It is also believed that the treatises, based on the canonical texts, composed by the learned monks for the purpose of sermons etc were known as Prakīrnakas.6

³ Mūlācāra, Bhāratīya Jñānapītha, verse 277.

⁴ Vidhimārgaprapā, p. 55.

⁵ Āgama Aur Tripitaka : Eka Anuśīlana, p. 484.

⁶ Jaina Ägama Sähitya : Manana Aur Mīmāmisā, p. 388.

The Number Of Prakīrņakas –

It is traditionally believed that each monk used to compose one *Prakīrņaka. "Caurāsīini paiņņaga sahassāini*", in the *Samavāyāngasūtra*, points towards eighty-four thousand *Prakīrņakas* by the eighty-four thousand disciples of Lord *Rsabhadeva.*⁷

The number of *Prakīrņakas* composed during the times of the second *Tīrthańkara* to the twenty-third *Tīrthańkara*, by their respective disciples were numerable thousands. There were fourteen thousand monks in the order of Lord *Mahāvīra* and hence the number of *Prakīrņakas* composed by them is believed to be a like number.

In the Nandīsūtra, in one context, it is mentioned that the number of Prakīrņakas composed during the time of any $T\bar{i}rthaikara$ is equivalent to the number of His disciples, who are endowed with four types of intellects namely – suddenly realised (Aupapātikī), gained through a guru or a master (Vainayikī), through self-endeavour (Kārmikī) and self-realisation (Pārināmikī) or it is equivalent to the number of self-enlightened (Pratyekabuddha) disciples in the order of a Tīrthaikara.⁸

Commentator of the Nandīsūtra, Malyagiri, has clarified that the disciples of the Tīrthankaras also compose various

– Nandīsūtra, 81.

⁷ Samavāyāngasūtra, Ed. Muni Madhukara, Śrī Ågama Prakāśana Samiti, Beawar, I Ed., 1982, 84th Samavāya, p. 143.

⁸ Evamāiyāim caurāsīim paiņņaga-sahassāim Bhagavao Arahao Usahasāmiyassa Āititthayarassa | Tahā sankhijjāim paiņņaga sahassāim majjhimagāņam Jiņavarāņam | Coddasapaiņņaga-sahassā ņi Bhagavao Vaddhamāņasāmissa | Ahavā jassa jattiyā sīsā uppattiyāe veņaiyāe kammiyāe pariņāmiyāe cauvvihāe buddhīe uvavaeyā, tassa tattiyāim paiņņagasahassāim | Patteyabuddhā vi tattiyā ceva |

treatises following the canonical knowledge preached by them, which are known as *Prakīrņakas* Or, otherwise, the treatises that the disciples of *Tīrthankaras* compose based on the canonical knowledge imparted by Them, with their own skill of composition, are known as *Prakīrņakas*⁹

The question can be raised that when the Prakirnakas are believed to have been composed by the disciples of the Tirthankaras, how is it that they are also taken to be composed by because thev self--enlightened Pratyekabuddhas, (the the Pratyekabuddhas) are not ordained by anyone and, therefore, they are no one's disciples? This point has been clarified thus - though the Pratyekabuddhas are not ordained by anyone and hence they are not anyone's disciples from the point of view of the masters or Prophets giving ordination. However, as they follow the law preached by a particular Prophet and abide by the norms of conduct laid down by Him, they can be considered as his disciples of sorts. Hence, the belief that certain Prakirnakas are composed by the Pratyekabuddhas is not misplaced.¹⁰

The Position Today -

Though the number of *Prakīrņakas* available today is much more (it varies from twenty-two to thirty-two), only ten have been accepted as canonical texts at the *Valabhī* conclave (Circa

Abhidhāna Rājendra Kośa, Part-V, p. 3.
 Pratyekabuddhānām śiṣyabhāvo viruddhate, tadetdasamīcīnam yataḥ pravrājakā``cāryamevādhikṛtya śiṣyabhāvo nisidhyate, na tu tīrthankaropadiṣtaśāsanapratipannatvenāpi, tato na kaścidosah |

- Abhidhāna Rājendra Kośa, Part-V, p. 4.

⁹ Iha yadbhagavadrhadupadistam śrutamanusrtya bagavatah śramanā viracayanti tatsarva Prakīrnakamucyate | Athavā srutamanusaranto yadātmano vacanakausalena dharmadesanā``disu granthapaddhatirū patayā bhāsante tadapi sarva Prakīrnakam ||

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980/993 after *Mahāvīra*) and they are regarded as such. These ten *Prakīrnakas* are as follows ¹¹:--

- 1. Catuņšaraņa, 2. Āturapratyākhyāna,
- 3. Mahāpratyākhyāna,
- 4. Bhaktaparijñā,
- 5. Tandulavaicārika,
- 6. Samistāraka,
- 7. Gacchācāra,
- 8. Ganividyā,
- 9. Devendrastava, and
- 10. Maraṇasamādhi.

According to *Painnayasuttāim*, edited by *Muni Śrī Puņyavijayajī* tie names of ten *Prakīrņakas*, mentioned in *Nandī Evami Anuyogadvāra Jaina Āgama Granthamālā*, Serial 1 are as under¹²: –

- 1. Catuhśarana,
- 2. Āturapratyākhyāna,
- 3. Bhaktaparijñā,
- 4. Samistāraka,
- 5. Tandulavaicārika,
- 6. Candravedhyaka,

(a) Prākrta Bhāsā Aur Sāhitya Kā Ālocanātmaka Itihāsa, Dr. Nemicandra Śāstrī, p. 197.
(b) Jain Āgama Sāhitya Manana Aur Mīmāmsā, Devendra Muni Śāstrī, p. 388.
(c) Āgama Aur Tripitaka : Eka Anuśīlana, Muni Nagarāja, p. 486.

¹² Preface to 'Painnayasuttāim part – I', Muni Punyavijaya, Mahavira Jaina Vidyalaya, Mumbai, Ed.–I, 1984, p. 20.

Devendrastava,
 Gaņividyā,
 Mahāpratyākhyāna, and
 Vīrastava.

Although only ten *Prakīrņakas* are accepted as canonical texts at present, there is no uniformity in their names mentioned in different works. In some works we find *Candravedhyaka* and *Vīrastava* instead of *Gacchācāra* and *Maraṇasamādhi*.⁷ In some others still *Candravedhyaka* has been included excluding the *Bhaktaparijña*.¹³

Besides this difference, more than one *Prakīrņakas* of the same name are also found. E.g. three *Prakīrṇakas* bearing the name *Āurapaccakkhāṇa (Āturapratyākhyāna)*, eight bearing the name *Ārādhanā* and two with the name *Catuhśaraṇa* are found.

According to *Painnayasuttāimi* Part–I and Part–II, edited by *Muni Puņyavijayajī*, are the collections of the following twenty and twelve *Prakīrņakas* and *Kulakas* respectively.

Twenty *Prakīrņakas* included in Paiņņayasuttāim Part–I are as follows:-

- 1. Devendrastava,
- 2. Tandulavaicārika,
- 3. Candravedhyaka,
- 4. Ganividyā,
- 5. Maranasamādhi,
- 6. Āturapratyākhyāna,
- 7. Mahāpratyākhyāna,
- 8. Rşībhāşita,
- 9. Dvīpasāgara Prajñapti,

¹³ Abhidhāna Rājendra Kośa, Part–II, p. 41.

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- 10. Samstāraka,
- 11. Vīrastava,
- 12. Catuhśarana,
- 13. Āturapratyākhyāna,
- 14. Catuhśarana,
- 15. Bhaktaparijñā,
- 16. Āturapratyākhyāna,
- 17. Gacchācāra,
- 18. Sārāvalī,
- 19. Jyotişakarandaka,
- 20. Titthogālī (Tīrthodgālika),

Twelve Prakīmakas/ Kulakas included in Painnayasuttāim Part-II are as follows: -

- 21. Ārādhanāpatākā (By an ancient master),
- 22. Ārādhanāpatākā (By Vīrabhadrācārya),
- 23. Ārādhanāsāra (Paryanta–ārādhanā),
- 24. Ārādhanāpatraka (Included in Kuvalayamālākahā by Udyotanasūri),
- 25. Ārādhanāprakarana (By Abhayadevasūri),
- 26. Ārādhanā (Jineśvara śrāvaka and Sulasā śrāvika),
- 27. Ārādhanā (Practices undertaken by Nandanamuni),
- 28. Ārādhanā Kulaka,
- 29. Mithyāduskrta Kulaka Part-I,
- 30. Mithyāduskrta Kulaka Part-II,
- 31. Āloyanā Kulaka, and
- 32. Alpaviśuddhi Kulaka,

Like this, there are a total of thirty-two *Prakīrņakas* and *Kulakas* published in the two parts of *Painnayasuttāini*. Among

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these we have three *Prakīrņakas* by the name *Āturpratyā-khyāna*, two by the name of *Catuhśaraņa* and seven *Prakīrņakas* and one *Kulaka* by the name of *Ārādhanā*. If we count each of the group with a common name as one, we get only eighteen *Prakīrņakas*. To these eighteen if we add the four *Prakīrņakas – Anigavijjā*, *Ajīvakappa*, *Siddhapāhuda* and *Jīvavibhakti*, which have not been published, we get a total of twenty-two *Prakīrņakas* in all.

The above-mentioned classification, found in the Nandīsūtra, mentions only nine Prakīrņakas in all under the Kālika or Utkālika sūtras. Of these two names – <u>Rsībhāsita</u> and Dvīpasāgara-prajňapti are found under the classification of Kālika Āgamas or the timely studiable canonical texts and the rest seven – Devendrastava, Tandulavaicārika, Candrakavedhyaka, Gaņīvidyā, Maraņavibhakti, Āturapratyākhyāna and Mahāpratyākhyāna – are found under the Utkālika Āgamas or anytime studiable scriptures.¹⁴ Thus, we see that the Prakīrņakas have been mentioned under the category of extra primary other than essential timely or anytime studiable canonical texts in both – the Nandīsūtra and the Pāksikasūtra.

Although the *Prakīrņakas* enjoy only positions of secondary importance in the scheme of canonical literature, if we examine their contents with regard to their spiritual contents and their ancient linguistic origin, some of them appear to be even more important than some of the mainstream canonical texts. Amongst the *Prakīrņakas* there are ancient ones like *Rsibhāsita*, etc, which are of an older origin than the ancient canonical texts such as the

¹⁴ (a) Nandisūtra, Ed. Muni Madhukara, Agama Prakāšana Samiti, Beawar, 1982, pp 161–162.

⁽b) Pāksikasūtra, Devacandra Lālbhai Jain Pustakoddhara Fund, p. 76.

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Uttarādhyayana and the Daśavaikālika.¹⁵

Vīrastava Prakīrnaka —

We find the very first mention of the Vĩrastava 14^{th} Prakīrnaka in Vidhimārgaprapā (Jinaprabha, Circa This treatise mentions fourteen works as Century AD). Prakīrnakas. They are – Devendrastava, Tandulavaicārika, Maranasamādhi, Mahāpratyā-khyāna, Āturpratyākhyāna, Samistāraka, Candravedhyaka, Bhaktaparijnā, Catuhśarana, Vīrastava, Ganividyā, Dvīpa–sāgaraprajñapti, Sangrahanī and Gacchācāra.16

In the treatises prior to Vidhimārgaprapā that mention the Prakīrnakas - Nandīsūtra and Pāksikasūtra, we don't find a mention of the Vīrastava Prakīrnaka. Thus, the very first mention of this Prakīrnaka is in Vidhimārgaprapā only. The mention of Virastava in Vidhimārgaprapā along with citing the procedure for studying the canonical texts, proves that this work had been recognised as a *Prakīrņaka* by the 14th century AD.

Vīrastava is a poetical eulogistic composition in the $Pr\bar{a}krta$ language. Its name – $V\bar{i}rastava$ – is a composite of the words Vira and stava, which means 'a panegyric sung in the praise of (Lord) Mahāvīra. Before discussing the subject matter of this work, we find it essential to consider the tradition of panegyrics composed for singing the praise of the Lords that has been prevalent since the ancient times.

The Tradition Of Eulogistic Literature –

The tradition of singing the praise of the objects of worship and veneration has been continuing since very ancient times in

Vidhimārgaprapā, Ed. Jinavijaya, pp. 57–58.

Regarding the ancientness of Rsibhāsita see 'Rsibhāsita Eka 15 Adhyayana' by Dr. Sagarmal Jain, Prākrta Bhāratī, Jaipur. 16

India. Vedas, which are an invaluable and eternal treasure of the Indian sacred lore, are mainly eulogistic in character. Besides the Vedas, too, ample literature has been composed in the genre of panegyrics in the Hindu tradition. As far as the Śramanic traditions are concerned, they are basically logical traditions, which do not believe in the existence of the Godheads. In the ancient works of the Śramanic tradition we find a major emphasis on the spiritual practices and the means of spiritual purification only as opposed to worship and veneration to the Godheads. Jainism is also a faith of the Śramanic tradition and, hence, in it, too, worship and veneration for the godheads have not been the elements of major importance. However, when Lord Mahāvīra was accepted as an object of veneration and as a spiritual beacon, the very first panegyrics were composed in His praise. This panegyric is, today, available as Viratthui (Virastuti) as the sixth chapter of the second primary canonical work *Sūtrakrtānga.*¹⁷ Possibly Vīratthui marks the beginning of the eulogistic compositions in the Jaina tradition. This composition – *Virastuti* can be called an eulogistic composition only because it describes the virtues and the importance of the persona of Lord Mahāvīra. However, it is different from other such compositions in this genre, in the sense that the eulogist doesn't beg for any personal favour or material benefit from the Lord. After this the next eulogistic composition, in our view, is Namotthunami or Śakrastava, in which all the venerable conquerors of the spiritual foes Arhantas have been eulogised without naming anyone in particular. Whereas the panegyric Vīratthui in the Sūtrakrtānga is a composition in verse, the Sakrastava is in prose. Another difference between these two compositions is that the former -Vīratthui depicts Bhagvan Mahavīra as a supreme human-being with some

¹⁷ Sūtrakrtāngasūtra, Muni Madhukara, 6th chapter – Vīratthui Adhyayana.

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supernatural powers and some extra-ordinarily supreme accomplishments whereas the latter – $\hat{S}akrastava$ depicts Him as a completely other worldly being. However, some supernatural accomplishments have found their way into this composition as compared to *Mahāvīra's* life-sketch presented in the first primary canonical work $\sqrt[3]{c\bar{a}ranga}$.

The next eulogistic composition to follow after the Śakrastava was Devendrastava Prakīrnaka. Its beginning and concluding verses are devoted to eulogising the Tirthankaras. The rest of the composition contains the descriptions of the heavenly gods and celestial kings. Again, the characteristic of this composition is that the eulogist has not begged for any material benefit from the Tirthankaras as well from the gods and their kings. Only in the last verse has the author prayed for granting him the eternal solace of liberation.¹⁸ In the very first verse of this Prakīrnaka the author has offered obeisance to the first Tirthankara Lord Rsabhadeva and the last Tirthankara Lord Mahāvīra.¹⁹ It is, therefore, clear that the author, Rsipālita was aware of the concept of twenty-four Tirthankaras (Prophets). Thus, Devendrastava Prakīrnaka appears to be of sufficiently ancient origin in the scheme of eulogistic literature in the Jaina tradition.

Next to follow in the line of eulogistic compositions comes the Logassa – Covīsatthava or the Caturviniśatistava. It is clear that this panegyric has been composed after the concept of twenty– four Tīrthankaras had been firmly established. The main difference, however, between this composition and the earlier three compositions – Vīratthui, Śakrastava and Devendrastava is that while in the earlier compositions the eulogists had not begged for any mundane favours except praying for the grant of the eternal

¹⁸ Siddhā siddhim uvavihintu ||
¹⁹ Ibid, verse, 1.

⁻ Devindatthao, verse 310.

bliss of liberation from the mundane world, the author of this composition prays for the pleasures of the Lords in granting him the fruits of good health ($\bar{A}rogya$), equanimity, peace ($sam\bar{a}dhi$), enlightenment (*Bodhi*) and the ultimate accomplishment (of final deliverance) – *Siddhi*.

As far as the present $V\bar{v}rastava Prak\bar{v}rnaka$ is concerned, the author has praised (Lord) $Mah\bar{a}v\bar{v}ra$ by mentioning His twenty-six virtues depicted by twenty-six names. The author has addressed the Lord by twenty-six attributal names such as – Aruha, Arihanta, Arhanta, Deva, Jina, $V\bar{v}ra$, $Paramak\bar{a}runika$, $Sarvaj\bar{n}a$, $Sarvadar s\bar{v}$, $P\bar{a}rangata$, $Trik\bar{a}lavij\bar{n}a$, $N\bar{a}tha$, $V\bar{v}ta$ – $r\bar{a}ga$, Kevali, Tribhuvanaguru, $Samp\bar{u}rna$, Tribhuvanasrestha, $Bhagav\bar{a}na$, $T\bar{v}rthankara$, Sakrendranamskrt, Jinendra, $Vardham\bar{a}na$, Hari, Hara, $Kamal\bar{a}sana$ and Buddha. He has then brought out the virtues depicted by these names on the Lord and thus praised Him in these twenty-six ways and then concluded the work by praying to the Lord for granting him the supreme bliss of $nirv\bar{a}na$.²⁰

Logassa or Śakrastava is probably the very first eulogistic composition in which the linguistic tone of seeking favours has been employed. In the Jaina philosophy it has been the clear belief that the *Tīrthanikaras*, who are completely detached neither help someone nor harm anyone. They only show the spiritually beneficial path. By a look at the text of the *Śakrastava* it becomes clear that this composition is influenced by the coexistent Hindu tradition. In the *Śakrastava* the eulogist has sought three things, namely the good nealth, enlightenment and the eternal solace, from the twenty-four *Tīrthanikaras* – the object of his eulogy. Of these the seeking of good health is clearly linked to our desire for worldly wellbeing. Whether it was the desire for worldly wellbeing or the spiritual weal, with the passage of time, this

²⁰ Vīratthao, yerse 43.

element of seeking favours from the objects of eulogy, praised through such panegyrics, kept on intruding into the Jaina compositions as well. This happened in spite of the fact that such seeking was inconsistent with the fundamental belief of detachment associated with the Jaina spiritual leadership or the concept of *Tīrthaikaratva*. What can be the position of such eulogistic compositions in the Jaina philosophy has been aptly dealt with by $\bar{A}c\bar{a}rya$ Samantabhadra in his Svayambhūstotra. There, he writes, "Lord ! thou art beyond attachment and aversion. Thou art, therefore, not pleased by eulogies, nor art thou displeased by condemnation. However, I sing your praise because it purifies my own heart."²¹

In the same vein the belief gained ground that the gods and goddesses attending the *Tīrthańkaras* are pleased by the worship of the Lords and it is they that grant favours to the devotees. Later, even the worship of such gods and goddesses started and the practice of composing panegyrics in their praise also started. *Uvasaggahara* is the first *Prākṛta* composition in which the attending deity – *Dharanendra* is also praised along with the presiding deity – Lord *Pārśvanātha.*²² This panegyric is believed to be a composition of *Bhadrabahu II* (Circa 6th century AD), the brother of *Varāhamihir*, the famous astrologer of yore.

After this, many a eulogistic panegyrics and treatises were composed in *Prākṛta*, *Samiskṛta* and in *Maru-Gurjara* languages, in which the objects of worship and veneration were prayed to grant mundane as well as spiritual well-being. This discussion, here, is only with a view to bring out the development of eulogistic literature in the *Jaina* tradition and to see as to how this particular branch of *Jaina* lore developed and which form did

²¹ Svayambhūstotra, 57.

²² Uvasaggaharastotra, verses 1–5.

it take with the passage of time.²³ $V\bar{i}rastava$ is also one such eulogistic composition.

The Manuscripts used In The Editing Of Vīrastava Prakīrnaka –

The original text of the present work has been taken from *Painnayasuttāini* edited by *Muni Śrī Punyavijayajī* and published by *Mahāvīra Jaina Vidyālaya*, Mumbai. *Muni Śrī Punyavijayajī* had used the following manuscripts/copies in deciding upon the text of this *Prakīrnaka*-

- Sami A palm–leaf copy belonging to Śri Hemacandrācārya Jaina Jñāna Mandir, Patan and obtained from Sanghvipādā Jaina Jñāna Bhandāra.
- Ham A copy belonging to Śrī Ātmārām Jaina Jñāna Mandir, Badauda obtained from the collection of manuscripts of Śrī Hamisarājajī Mahārāja.
- 3. Pra. A copy of a ms belonging to the collection of venerable *Pravartaka Śrī Kāntivijayajī Mahārāja*.
- 4. Pu 1 A copy from the collection of mss belonging to *Muni Śrī Puŋyavijayajī*, which is in the safe custody of the LD Institute Of Indology, Ahmedabad.

For more details on these manuscripts we recommend that our readers refer to pp. 23–30 of the preface to *Painnayasuttāimi Part–I*.

The Authorship Of Virastava -

About the authors of the *Prakīrņakas*, only the mention of *Rsipālita* is found as the author of *Devendrastava Prakīrņaka*. Besides this there is no clear mention of the authors of any other

²³ Devendrastava, Preface, p. 15.

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Prakīrņaka, although *Muni Śrī Puṇyavijayajī*, in the preface to **Paiņņayasuttāini** Part-I,²⁴ Dr. Jagadīśa Candra Jain in Prākŗta Sāhitya Kā Itihāsa,²⁵ and Śrī Devendramunijī Śāstrī in Āgama Sāhitya : Manana Aur Mīmāmisā ²⁶ has mentioned the name of Vīrabhadrācārya as the author of Catuḥśaraṇa, Āturpratyā khyāna, Bhaktaparijñā and Ārādhanāpatākā, but they have not dwelled on the matter of proofs thereof.

In the Jaina tradition, we find the mentions of two Vīrabhadrācāryas. The first Vīrabhadra is believed to be a direct disciple of Lord Mahāvīra Himself but the historical veracity of this mention is not quite clear. The second Vīrabhadra's mention is dated 1008 Vikrami era.²⁷ It is possible that Virastava is a composition by Virabhadra-II. In Virastava, the author has not given any indication about his name anywhere. It must have been his intention that earlier masters must have sung the eulogy that he was composing, by the attributal names of the Lord, many times over and that he was, thus, not doing anything new. Under such circumstances how he could be the author of such a eulogy, he must have thought. This only proves the humility and authenticity of the author. In any case the names of the authors are not found in the canonical works of ancient origin. Based on this tradition, it can, therefore, be believed that Virastava is also of sufficiently ancient origin.

The Period Of Composition Of Virastava –

As far as the question of the period of composition of *Vīrastava* is concerned, this *Prakīrnaka* is not mentioned in the

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²⁴ Painnayasuttāim Part-I, Preface, pp. 17, 18.

²⁵ Prākrta Sāhitya Kā Itihāsa, Dr. Jagadī́sa Candra Jain, p. 128.

A. Jaina Āgama Sāhitya : Manana Aur Mīmāmisā, p. 400.

B. The Canonical Literature Of The Jainas, pp. 51, 52.

²⁷ The canonical literature of the Jainas, p. 52.

classification of canonical works given in the *Nandīsūtra* and the *Pāksikasūtra*.

After this, this work is also not mentioned in the commentaries on the Tattvärthasūtra in the Digambara tradition as well as the canonical works of the Yāpanīva tradition -Mūlācāra and the Bhagavatī-ārādhanā. From this it is clear that this work was not in existence up to the 6^{th} century. The very first mention of the Vīrastava Prakīrnaka is found in Vidhimārgaprapā. It is, therefore, clear that this Prakīrnaka was composed some time after the time of the Nandīsūtra and the Pāksikasūtra (6th century) and before the time of *Vidhimārgaprapā* (14th century). Again, if we take Vīrabhadrācārva as the author of this Prakīrnaka, as is the case with many other Prakīrnakas, its period of composition is fixed as the 10th century, because there is no doubt about the time of Vīrabhadrācārya - II. However, as there is no clear indication about Vīrabhadrācārya being the author of Vīrastava, it is very difficult to say authoritatively that the period of composition of this *Prakīrnaka* is definitely the 10th century. At best it can be a fair guess.

In the tradition of eulogising the objects of veneration and worship by mentioning their attributal names, first of all three attributal names of Lord *Mahāvīra* have been mentioned in the second part (*Dvitīya Śrutaskandha*) of the *Ācārātiga* and the *Kalpasūtra*. When the tradition of eulogising the Hindu Godheads by giving them a thousand attributal names (*Sahasranāma*) developed, similar attempts followed in the *Jaina* tradition as well and several *Jina-sahasranāmas* were written. The Very first *Jina-sahasranāma* is by *Jinasena* (Circa 9th century). As the present work contains only twenty-six attributal names of Lord *Mahāvīra*, it can be surmised that it was composed before the tradition. However, this is a matter for further investigation and we

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hope that the scholars will delve deeper into it and fulfil this gap.

The Subject-matter Of Virastava -

There are a total of forty-three verses in the Virastava Prakīrnaka. In these verses the author has sung Lord Mahāvīra's praise through His twenty-six attributal names. While eulogising Him he has given Him such attributal names as – 1. Aruha (Not subject to rebirth), 2. Arihanta (Destroyer of karmic spiritual foes), 3. Arahanta (Worthy of worship and veneration), 4. Deva (Divine being), 5. Jina (Conqueror of spiritual foes - delusion and passions), 6. Vīra (Brave), 7. Parama Kārunika (Extremely compassionate), 8. Sarvajña (Omniscient), 9. Sarvadarśī (Omnivisioned), 10. Pāragāmī (Transcended), 11. Trikālajña (Knower of the happenings in three time-periods - the past, present and the future), 12. Nātha (The Protector), 13. Vītarāga (Attachmenttranscended), 14. Kevali (Endowed with purity of knowledge), 15. Tribhuvan-guru (Universal teacher), 16. Pūrna (Complete), 17. (universally superior). 18. Tribhuvana-varistha most Bhagavanta (the Lord), 19. Tirthankara (Prophet Propounder of the faith and establisher of the four-fold religious order - Tirtha), 20. Śakra-vandit (Bowed to by the celestial kings), 21. Jinendra (Master conqueror), 22. Śrī Vardhamāna (Enhancer of weal), 23. Hari (Guardian), 24. Hara (Remover of misery), 25. Kamalāsana (Lotus-seated - Brahamā), and 26. Pramukha (or Buddha). (Verses 1-4).

The etymological meanings of these twenty-six names are as follows:--

1. Aruha – O' Lord ! you are free of rebirth (Aruha = A + ruha or incapable of germination or birth) in the dense forest of worldliness, because you have burnt the karma, that helps the seed of mundane existence to germinate, by the fire of meditation. (Verse-5)

2. Arihanta – O' Lord ! you have completely destroyed the karma – the souls' enemy, responsible for extreme infliction, hardships and passions. You are worthy of obeisance, eulogy, bowing, worship and veneration and capable of spiritual perfection – *Siddhi*. You are venerated by the best of the kings of humans, gods and demons. You are patient and forbearing and free from the flaw of indecision. Therefore, O' *Arihanta* ! you are worthy of worship and veneration. (Verses 6–8)

3. Arahanta – O' Jinendra ! you are free from Raha (Ratha) – chariot – all types of possession and attachment and (being omniscient) from ignorance that can be compared to the dense darkness in a deep mountain cave. You have defeated even the death by following the path of renunciation and attaining the supreme all revealing knowledge (omniscience) and, thereby, you have realised the true Self. You are neither attached to pleasurable sounds nor averse to the painful ones; your mind, speech and body remain continuously engaged in the contemplation of the fundamental principles. You are the venerable Arahanta because you are worshipped and venerated by the kings of gods and the gods of the ultimate heavens and because you are capable of transcending even the ultimate heavens (to reach the abode of the perfected souls – Moksa or Siddhaśiłā). (Verses 9–12)

4. Deva – O' Lord ! you are *Deva* (divine) because you play with the lady–liberty (*Siddhi–vadhu*), you have conquered the class of enemies that the mundane attachment is and because you have gained the merit of eternal bliss. (Verse–13)

5. Jina – O' Lord ! you are *Jina*, the Spiritual conqueror, because you have expelled the enemy called mundane attachment through renunciation and equanimity. (Verse – 14)

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6. Vīra – O' Lord ! you are $V\bar{i}ra$ – brave because you have pierced the Gordian-knot of eight types of karma and because you remain aloof from the available and fabulously pleasurable enjoyments and are bedecked with the goddess of wealth in the form of a host of austerities. From the very first day of taking the vows, you have been free from mundane desires and have been venerated by the celestial kings. Therefore, you are $V\bar{i}ra$. (15–16)

7. Parama Kārunika – O' Lord ! you are *Paramakārunika* – the most compassionate one – because your heart is full of compassion for all the miserable creatures of the universe and because all such static and moving creatures devotedly venerate and praise you all the time. (Verse-17)

8. Sarvajña – O' Lord ! you are called *Sarvajña* – omniscient – because even when dwelling in the Self only you know all the modes of all the matter – past, present and future – through your supreme and pure knowledge. (Verse–18)

9. Sarvadarśī – O' Lord ! you are *Sarvadarśī* – all seeing – because you visualise the general forms of all (past, present and future modes of) all the substances (as mentioned in the verse 18), situated in their respective situations, all over the universe. (19)

10. Pāragāmī – O' Lord ! you are said to be $P\bar{a}rag\bar{a}m\bar{n}$ – transcended – because you have transcended the most circuitous cycle of births and deaths as well as all karmic bondage or because you have completely realised the ocean of canonical knowledge as well as everything about everything worth knowing. (Verse-20)

11. Trikālajña — O' Lord ! you are known as Trikālavijña — Knower of three times (past, present and future) — because you know all the modes of all the substances of the past, present and the

future as one can see the \bar{A} malaka fruit placed on the palm of one's hand. (Verse-21)

12. Nātha – O' Lord ! you are the protector of the helpless as you guide and save the worldly creatures, drowning in the fearful ocean of mundane existence, by preaching the liberating faith to them. Therefore you are said to be $N\bar{a}tha$ – the protector. (22)

13. Vītarāga - Attachment is nothing but attraction towards the auspicious and pleasurable objects and its opposite, i.e. revulsion towards the inauspicious and painful objects is aversion. But, you are, O' Lord ! free from such attachment and aversion. When their pride is destroyed, the principal gods like the Brahmā, Visnu, Mahādeva and Sūrva, etc, too, bow at your feet. Even then O' Jina ! you remain unaffected. The lotus that lives a life of being rubbed, crushed, plucked and grabbed and eaten by aquatic creatures, lives (metaphorically) in your hands, feet, eyes, nails and lips without all these faults and flaws. Curly hair, dense eyebrows, twinkling starry eyes and being without a teacher are considered to be flaws in a person, but in your case the very same things are taken as virtues only. Even while the gods that appear in various forms live in your body (i.e. your body looks so divine), you are without the flaws that are attributed to those gods. Therefore, you are said to be $V\bar{i}tar\bar{a}ga$ – the unattached. (Verses 23–27)

14. Kevalī – Those, who know all the modes of all the substances, caused by their infinitely changing nature, in three time-periods – the past, present and the future – are said to be *Kevalīs* or omniscients. You, O' Lord ! constantly and completely know all the substances worthy of being known through the spread of your unvanquished power. Therefore, you are called *Kevalī* or the Omniscient. (Verses 28–29)

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15. Tribhuvanaguru – O' Lord ! you are *Tribhuvanaguru* – the universal teacher because you infuse the beneficial law into the words that the intelligent penta-sensory living beings of the world associate with meaning (understand). (Verse-30)

16. Sarva – O' Lord ! you are called *Sarva* – complete, because you are beneficial for all the fine as well as gross creatures of the world, who are, otherwise, completely enshrouded by pain and misery. (Verse–31)

17. Tribhuvanavaristha – O' Lord ! you are *Tribhuvanavaristha* or universally supreme because you are the best in force, power, potency, fortune, appearance, general and specific knowledge and because you occupy the universally best designation (of *Tirthańkara*). (Verse-32)

18. Bhagavanta – O' Lord ! because of undiminished beauty, wealth, righteousness, radiance, endeavour and fame, your designation as '*Bhaga*' is indisputable. Therefore, you are *Bhagavanta* – the Lord of the universe. O' *Jincśvara* (the master conqueror) ! you are Bhayavanta because you have conquered or given up the seven types of fears that beset the creatures in this world as well as in the world hereafter. (Verse-33-34)

19. Tīrthańkara – (O' Lord !) you are known as $T\bar{i}rthańkara$ by virtue of your having established the four-fold religious order (*Caturvidha dharma Sańgha – Tīrtha*) or for establishing the first *Ganadhara tīrtha*. (Verse-35)

20. Śakrābhivandit – Similalrly, O' Lord ! as you are endowed with the whole lot of virtues, the celestial king *Śakra* also bows to you. O' *Śakrābhivandit Jincśvara* (the master conqueror) ! obeisance to you. (Verse–36)

21. Jinendra – Those endowed with clairvoyant and telepathic perceptions and whose delusion has subsided are known as Jinas. Lord ! as you are endowed with much more spiritual wealth as compared to those Jinas, you are known as *Jinendra* (king of Jinas or master conqueror). (Verse-37)

22. Vardhamāna - O' *Jineśvara* (master conqueror) ! by your arrival (into the womb of queen *Triśalā*) the glory, wealth, kingdom and treasury of king *Siddhārtha* increased. Therefore, you are known as *Vardhamāna* (one who induces growth). (Verse-38)

23. Hari – O' Kamalālaya (the abode of Laksmī, the goddess of wealth) ! the palms of your hands bear the signs of conch-shell, wheel and bow and you had showered charity (during year long charity just before taking the monastic vows). Therefore, O' Jineśvara (master conqueror) ! you are known as Hari or Visnu. (Verse-39)

24. Hara – O' Lord ! you neither bear *Khatvāniga* (*Śiva*'s weapon) nor have you the blue throat (*Nīlakantha*). Still you are known as *Hara* (the remover) because you remove the inner as well as the outer karma-dust of the creatures. (Verse-40)

25. Kamalāsana — O' Lord ! you are *Kamalāsana (Brahmā*) as well. While seated in the *Samavaśarana* (hall of discourse) you appear to be facing in four directions, you are endowed with four faces depicted by four religious practices of charity, etc. You move like a swan (because you move in the utmost state of monasticism). (Verse-41)

26. Trikālavijña – Because, by virtue of your supreme and

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pure knowledge (omniscience), you simultaneously know all the general and particular modes of all the animate and inanimate matter, you are known as Buddha, the enlightened. (Verse-42)

Development Of The Subject-matter Of Vīrastava In Other Canonical And Eulogistic Works –

From the descriptions available in the $V\bar{r}astava$ *Prakīrņaka*, it is clear that in this eulogistic work Lord *Mahāvīra* has been praised through the etymological definitions of His twenty-six attributal names. In the time that followed, in the process of development of eulogistic literature the tradition of eulogising the objects of worship and veneration by the etymological definitions of their attributal names firmly established itself. This tradition was marked by the style of works such as *Jinasahasranāma*, *Viṣṇusahasranāma*, *Śivasahasranāma*, etc. This work, *Vīrastava Prakīrṇaka*, is one such work in the initial stages of development of this tradition and style.

The names that appear in the Vīrastava Prakīrņaka are also available in the Jaina canonical works such as Ācāranga, Sūtrakrtānga, Vyākhyāprajñapti, Jñātādharmakathānga, Upāsakadaśānga, Anuttaropapātikadaśānga; in the Jaina eulogistic works like the Jinasahasranāma, Arhatsahasranāma, Lalitavistāra, etc and with slight difference in the works of the faiths other than the Jaina faith such as Visnupurāna, Śivapurāna, Ganeśapurāna, etc.

Out of the twenty-six attributal names of Lord *Mahāvīra*, recounted in the *Vīrastava*, many are important from the point of view of their ancient origins.

Initially, the adjectives like Arahanta, Arhata, Buddha, Jina, Vīra, Mahāvīra, etc were employed to highlight the special accomplishments of great, enlightened and venerable personages but, later, these came to be identified with the Śramanic tradition. Pt, Dalasukhbhai Malavaniya writes that before Lords *Mahāvīra* and *Buddha*, the adjectives *Arahanta* and *Arhata* used to be so employed in the Brahmin tradition as well but after their time these have been used for them only. The word *Buddha* was in vogue for the learned but after Lord *Buddha* this became rooted as His epithet only.

The word *Jina* was also employed for all the great senseconquered saints but later *Jina*, too, became rooted as an epithet for the *Jaina Tīrthankaras* only and their followers came to be known as the *Jainas.*²⁸

Mahāvīra's Names In The Ācārānga –

The oldest work to yield any information about Lord *Mahāvīra* is the *Ācārāngasūtra*. Although this is basically a canonical work devoted to monastic discipline and ethics, the ninth chapter – *Upadhānaśruta* – in its first part (*Śrutaskandha*) presents a glimpse of the events related to His life. In this work the Lord has been referred to as *Bhiksu* during the time of His spiritual practices before enlightenemnt.²⁹ Similarly, the name *Jñātaputra*, denoting His clan identity is also available.³⁰ The attributal names like *Māhaṇa*, *Nāņī and Mehāvī* have been used for the Lord in the same chapter.³¹ These three names do not appear in the *Vīrastava Prakīrṇaka*

The adjectives like *Bhagavani*, *Bhagavnate*, *Bhagavayā*, etc have been frequently employed in the $\bar{A}c\bar{a}r\bar{a}niga$ to show veneration for the Lord.³¹ The word $V\bar{i}ra$ is seen in the first part of the $\bar{A}c\bar{a}r\bar{a}niga$, but there it has been employed to denote a person of

²⁸ Ācārānga, 9/2/12.

²⁹ Ācārānga, 9/1/10.

³⁰ Ibid, 9/1/16, 9/23, etc.

³¹ Samane Bhagavam Mahāvīre | (Ācārānga, 9/1/1, 9/2/5, 9/3/7) Mahāvīra Caritta Mīmāmsā, Pt. Dalsukhbhai Malavaniya, p. 14.

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exceptional spiritual courage and great monastic endeavour. Perhaps, this itself became *Mahāvīra* with the passage of time.³²

Similarly, the words *Buddha* and *Prabuddha* are also seen as adjectives employed for Lord *Mahāvīra*. Later the word *Buddha* became rooted for Lord *Buddha* and its use for lord *Mahāvīra* gradually diminished.³³

In a nut-shell, we can say that in the $\bar{A}c\bar{a}r\bar{a}nga$ the attributal names or adjectives *Muni*, *Bhikşu*, *Māhaņa*, *Jnātṛputra*, *Bhagavān*, *Vīra*, *Tīrthańkara*, *Kevalī*, *Sarvajña*, etc have been used for lord *Mahāvīra* only.

In the second part (*Dvitīya Śrutaskandha*) of the $\bar{A}c\bar{a}r\bar{a}niga$ the three names – *Vardhamāna, Sanmati and Śramaņa* – have been mentioned.³⁴ The other names of *Śramaņa Bhagavan Mahāvīra* such as *Jñātaputra, Videha*, etc. are also available.³⁵ It is worthy of note that besides the names such as *Vīra* etc, the names like *Titthayara, Bhagavani, Arahanta, Kevali, Jina, Savvaņņu*, etc have been clearly used for the first time in the second part of the $\bar{A}c\bar{a}r\bar{a}niga.^{36}$

Mahāvīra's Names In The Sūtrakrtānga-.

In the older first part (*Prathama Śrutaskandha*) of the *Sūtrakṛtānga* many names of the Lord, which have been mentioned in the *Vīrastava Prakīrņaka*, have appeared. Besides

– Ācārāṅga, 1/140.

³² Esam Vīre pasamisie, je baddhe padimoyae . . .|

³³ Mahāvīra Caritta Mīmāmsā, p. 15.

³⁴ Ācāranga, 2/15/175.

 ³⁵ "samaņe Bhagavani Mahāvīre nāe Nāyaputte Nāha Kulanivvatte Videha Videhadinne...]" – Ibid, 2/171.

 ³⁶ A. Ibid, 2/171.
 B. "Se Bhagavam Araham Jine, Kevalī Savvaņņū Savvabhāvadarisī
 – Ibid, 2/15/179.

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the names mentioned in the $\bar{A}c\bar{a}ranga$, $V\bar{i}ra$ has also been used here. E.g. –

- A. Vīra Sūtrakrtānga, 1/1/1/1.
- B. Evamāhu se Vīre-Ibid, 14/2/22.
- C. Udāhu Vīre Ibid, 1/14/11.

The names/adjectives – *Bhagavan*, *Jina* and *Arihanta* have been employed, according to tradition, as before.³⁷

The word *Buddha* has also been used for Lord *Mahāvīra* at a number of places in the *Sūtrakrtānga.*³⁸ Besides, the names/adjectives like *Anantacaksu*³⁹, *Sarvadarśī*⁴⁰, *Trilokadarśī*⁴¹, *Kevalī*⁴², *Maharsi*⁴³, *Muni*⁴⁴, *Prabhu*⁴⁵, etc have also been used in the *Sūtrakrtānga.*

Sthānāniga And Samavāyāniga -

In the *Thāṇaṅga (Sthānāṅgasūtra*) the words like *Bhagavanta, Tīrthaṅkara, Arhat, Jina, Kevalī*, etc have been used as adjectives for Lord *Mahāvīra*.⁴⁶

In the Samavāyāngasūtra along with the expressions like Samaņassa Bhagavao Mahāvīrassa, the words such as Tīrthankara, Siddha, Buddha, Arhan have also been used at

- ⁴² Ibid, 1/14/15.
- ⁴³ Ibid, 1/6/26.
- ⁴⁴ Ibid, 1/6/7.
- ⁴⁵ Ibid, 1/6/28.

⁴⁶ Sthānāngasūtra, Muni Madhukara, 1/1, 2/4, p. 12, p. 516.

³⁷ Sūtrakıtāniga, 11/2/3/22, 1/16/1, 1/2/3, 19, 1/9/29.

³⁸ Ibid, 1/11/25, 1/11/35, 1/15/18.

³⁹ Ibid, 1/6/6.

⁴⁰ Ibid, 1/6/5.

⁴¹ Ibid, 1/14/16.

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various places.47

Bhagavatī, Jñātādharmakathā, Anuttaropapātika And *Upāsakadaśānga* –

The tradition of eulogising the Lord (Mahāvīra) developed in the canonical works such as the Bhagavatīsūtra (Vyākhyā-Jnātādharmakathānga,49 Anuttaropapātikaprajñapti),48 daśānga⁵⁰ and Upāsakadaśānga,⁵¹ etc. and He was given the epithets like Mahāvīra, Prophet Propounder of the faith (Dharma Ādikartā Tīrthankara), Self-enlightened (Svayani Sambuddha), best person (Purusottama), the Lion among The men (Purusasimiha), Best among men as the white lotus among flowers (*Purusavara-pundrīka*), Universally best (*Lokottama*), the Protector of the universe (Lokanātha), the Charioteer of the chariot of the faith (Dharma-sārathi), the Conqueror (Jina), the Enlightened (Buddha), the Omniscient (Sarvajña), Omnivisioned (Sarvadarśi), Auspicious (Śiva), Perfected soul (Sidhhagatiprāpta), etc.

This tradition of giving attributal names to the objects of worship and veneration developed further in the *Upāsakadaśānga*

- ⁴⁹ Jnātādharmakathāṅga, Muni Madhukara, 1/8.
- ⁵⁰ Anuttaropapātikadaśānga, Muni Madhukara, 1/1, 3/22.
- ⁵¹ Uvāsagadasāo, Muni Madhukara, pp. 13–18.

⁴⁷ Samavāyāngasūtra, Muni Madhukara, Samavāya 11, Samavāya 15, Samavāya 21, Samavāya 24, Samavāya 54, etc.

⁴⁸ "Samane Bhagavam Mahāvīre Äigare, Titthayare, Sahasambuddhe, Purusattame, Purisasīhe, Purisavarapundarie, Loguttame, Loganāhe, Logappadīve, . . . , Dhammadesae, Dhammasārahī, . . . , Jine Jāvae duddhe, Bohae, Mutte, Māyae, Savvannū, Savvadarisī, Śivamayalamaruyamanantamakkhanamavvābāhamapunarāvattayam Siddhigaināmadheyam Thānam Sampattānam Sampāviukāmānam || – Vyākhyāprajňaptyangasūtra, Muni Madhukara, 5/1.

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and therein the Lord has been addressed as *Śramana* (Equanimous monk), *Bhagavān* (Lord), *Mahāvīra* (Highly valiant), *Ādikara* (Propounder of the faith), *Tīrthaikara* (Prophet Establisher of the four-fold religious order), *Svayamisambuddha* (Self-enlightened), *Jina* (Conqueror), *Tāraka* (Liberator), *Buddha* (Enlightened), *Sarvajña* (omniscient), *Sarvadarśī* (Omnivisioned), *Śiva* (Auspicious), *Arhat* (venerable), *Kevalī* (of purest knowledge), etc.

With the passage of time these attributal names were collected not only from our own tradition but also those attributed to their deities from the other traditions and the compositions such as *Jinaśatanāma*, *Jinasahasranāma*, etc were composed. We can see the same trend in the composition *Bhakāmara-stotra*, written in the praise of the first Prophet Propounder of the faith, Lord *Rsabhadeva*, and He was addresses as *Śiva* (Auspicious), *Vidhāta* (Arbitrator of destiny), *Śankara* (Dispeller of the evil), *Purusottama* (the supreme persona), etc.

Similarity Of Names In The Vedic And The Buddhist Traditions –

In the Vedic tradition, Lord Visnu has also been addressed as $Purusottama.^{52}$ In the Vedic tradition the adjective Purusapundarīka is also employed for Visnu. In Mahābhārata, too, Visnu has been given the epithets such as Purusavara, Purusapundarīka and $Lokanātha.^{53}$

In the Buddhist tradition the only work besides the *Anguttaranikāya* that employs the epithets similar to those

⁵³ A. Ibid, p. 23.

B. Compare – "So Bhagavayā araham . . . Purisadammasārathī sattha devamaņussāņa Buddhao Bhagavān"

- Anguttaranikāya, 3/285.

⁵² Mahāvīra Caritta Mīmāmsā, Pt. Dalsukhbhāi Malavaniya, p. 22.

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employed for Lord *Mahāvīra*, for Lord *Buddha* is *Viśuddhimagga.*⁵⁴ In this work the detailed explanations for all these attributal names have been given. The epithets *Sarvajña* and *Sarvadarśī* are available in *Pāli Tripitaka* as well.⁵⁵ The *Pāli Tripitaka* also employs the epithets like *Tīrthankara*, *Sarvajña* and *Sarvadarśī*, etc for Lord *Mahāvīra*.⁵⁶

In the Hindu way of life the tradition of eulogistic compositions for praising the Godheads has been prevalent since the very ancient times. Like in the other faiths the Hindus, too, have eulogised their Godheads by giving them a thousand attributal names. The examples of this trend are compositions like Viṣnusahasranāma, *Gaņeśasahasranāma*, *Śivasahasranāma*, *Ambikāsahasranāma*, *Gopālasahasranāma*, etc.⁵⁷

In the white-clad (*Śvetāmbara*) tradition of the Jainas Haribhadra's Lalitavistara, which is an explanatory work on the *Śakrastava (Namotthu nam*),⁵⁸ various attributal names given to the *Tīrthankaras* have been explained in great detail.⁵⁹

Besides these original works, in about 1300 *Vikramī* Era, Pt. Āśādhara has composed the *Jinasahasranāma*, in which he had eulogised the *Jineśvaradeva* by giving 1008 attributal names.

 ⁵⁴ Viśuddhimārga, p.133 || 4 || "Savvaņņū Savvadassāī Aparisesani Trāņadassana patijānāti" – Mahāvīra Caritta Mīmāmisā Ibid, p. 23.

- Lalitavistara, 1.

⁵⁹ "namotthu nam . . . Titthayarānam . . . JinānamSavvannū. . . Savvadarisīnam. . . ." – Lalitavistara, Vandanāsūtra, p. 29.

⁵⁵ Mahāvīra Caritta Mīmāmisā Ibid, p. 23.

⁵⁶ Ibid, p. 17.

⁵⁷ Jinasahasranāma, Pt. Āsādhara, Preface, pp. 13–14.

⁵⁸ "Pranamya bhuvanālokam Mahāvīram Jinottamam"

Most of the twenty-six names of the $V\bar{i}rastava Prak\bar{i}rnaka$ are included in this work,⁶⁰ which is divided into ten centoes (*satakas*).

- 1. In the first centum, called *Jinanāma*, the epithet *Jina* has been defined as applicable to one who has conquered the karmic foes in the form of deeply entrenched desire for sensual pleasures, which are responsible for repeated births and deaths in the maze of dense jungle (*Bhava-kānana*) that this world is.⁶¹
- Vītarāga Expalining the term Vītarāga, it has been said, "You are Vītarāga – attachment transcended as you have destroyed the attachment for the mundane things, as you are completely detached".⁶²
- 3. Sarvajña In the second centum, Sarvajña, the epithet Sarvajña has been explained thus –"Sarvatrailokya– kālatrayavarti dravyaparyāyasahitami vastvalokami ca jānāttīti / Sarva vettīti /" meaning, "You are Sarvajña (omniscient) because you know all matter, in all it modes, in all three worlds – the nether, middle and the upper, in all three time periods – the past, present and the future".⁶³
- 4. Sarvadarśī In the same vain the epithet Sarvadarśī means that its bearer is the universal seer.⁶⁴
- 5. *Kevalī* The sages call you *Kevalī* because you have realised the purest and supreme knowledge called *Kevala*–

⁶⁰ "Jina–Sarvajña–Yajñārha–Tīrthakrnnātha–yogināmi | Nirvāņa–Brahma–Buddhāntakrtam cāstottaraih sataih ||

- Jinasahasranāma, 1/5.

- ⁶¹ "Karmārātīn Jayati kṣayam nayati ti Jinaḥ |" – Jinasahasranāma Tīkā, p.58.
- ⁶² "Vīto vinasto rāgo yasyeti Vītarāgah |" Jinasahasranāma, p.58.
- ⁶³ Jinasahasranāma, Centum 2, p. 61.
- ⁶⁴ Ibid, Centum 2, p. 61.

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- 6. Bhagavān The word Bhag signifies spiritual wealth, complete knowledge, the goddess of fortune, austerity, detachment and freedom. As you are endowed with all six (in the spiritual sense), you are called Bhagavān.⁶⁶
- 7. Arhan, Arihanta, Arahanta In the Jinasahasranāma these three have been treated as one and it has been said that the Lord is Arhan because He is as worthy of worship as none else is, He is Arhana, Arihanta and Arahanta because he has completely shed the four destructive types of karma. 'A' denoting 'ari or enemy' in the form of the Deluding (Mohanīya) karma, 'Ra' denoting the 'raja or dust of Knowledge obscuring (Jñānāvaranīya) and Vision obscuring (Darśanāvaranīya) karma and "Raha' denoting the 'rahasya' or the Weal obstructing (Antarāya) karma. Thus, A-ra-ha-nta means the one who has achieved freedom from the (spiritual) foe of delusion, dust of two types of obscuring karma and the curse of obstructing karma.⁶⁷
- 8. Tirthankara Tirtha means the means of fording the ocean of worldliness. One who provides the worldly creatures with such means in the form of four-way religious order comprising the monks, nuns, lay male and female followers of the faith is known as Tirthankara. You, O' Lord ! establish such an order, therefore you are the Tirthankara.⁶⁸
- 9.

Nātha – Nātha means the provider from whom the others

⁶⁵ Ibid, Centum 2, p. 68.

⁶⁶ "Bhago jñānam paripūrnaišvarya tapah Śrīrvairāgyam moksaśca vidyate yassa sa tathokta." – Ibid, Centum 3, p. 70.

⁶⁷ Jinasahasranāma, Centum 3, p. 70.

⁶⁸ Ibid, Centum 4, p. 78.

seek. As during your enlightened omniscient stage the devotees seek your providence to gain spiritual emancipation and *nirvāna*, you are the *Nātha*.⁶⁹

- 10. Mahākāruņika Lord ! Because of your extremely compassionate disposition you are known as Mahā– kārunika.⁷⁰
- 11. Vīra Lord Mahāvīra is called Vīra (brother) for providing His devotees the great wealth of His teaching.⁷¹
- 12. Vardhamāna Lord ! as the wealth of your knowledge, detachment and infinite quartet (knowledge, vision, bliss and prowess) is ever increasing, you are known as Vardhamāna.⁷²

13. Kamalāsana — the Lord is known as Kamalāsana for three reasons —

(a) For seating on the lotus-throne provided by the gods in the hall of religious congregation – *Samavaśarana*.

(b) For treading on the golden lotuses placed under His feet during His peregrinations.

(c) For completely shedding the eight types of Ka (karma)—*mal* (mire).⁷³

- 14. *Hari*-L rd ! you are called *Hari* or remover for removing the curse of sins.⁷⁴
- 15. Buddha You are known as Buddha or the enlightened because you have been enlightened by the light of supreme and pure knowledge Kevalajñāna.

- Jinasahasranāma, Centum 5, p. 84.

⁶⁹ "Nādhyete svarga–mokṣau yācyete bhaktairvā Nāthaḥ ||

⁷⁰ Jinasahasranāma, Pt. Āśādhar, p. 95.

⁷¹ Jinasahasranāma, Centum 7, p. 102.

⁷² Ibid, p. 102.

⁷³ Jinasahasranāma, Centum 8, p. 108.

⁷⁴ Ibid, p. 110.

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Thus, fifteen out of twenty-six attributal names of Lord *Mahāvīra* are similarly available in the ten Centums of the *Jinasahasranāma*.

Before this *Ācārya Jinasena* had written a treatise, called *Jinasahsranāma*, consisting of ten centums. Similarly, *Bhattā raka Sakalakīrti* had also written a *Jinasahasranāma* in 123 verses. In the *Śvetambara* tradition, too, *Ācarya Hemacandra* had written *Śrī Arhannāmasahasrasamuccayah*, in 123 verses, in which Lord *Mahavīra* has been eulogised through His many synonymous and attributal names.

Conclusion –

In this comparative analysis of *Jaina* eulogistic and canonical literature we have tried to present a study subject to the limitations of our knowledge. We had desired to search out and present the detailed analysis of each word of this work in the *Jaina*, Vedic and Buddhist traditions. However, that would have entailed an undue delay in its publication. We do hope, nevertheless, that the scholars interested in the eulogistic literature will carry out the desired detailed analysis and bridge this gap. With these good wishes –

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VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM (VĪRAŠTAVA–PRAKĪRŅAKA)

2 : VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM

VĪRATTHAO

VĪRAJINASSA CHABBĪSAĪ ŅĀMADHEYĀŅI

Namiūna Jinam jayajīvabandhavam,

bhaviyakumuyarayaniyaram |

Vīram girindadhīram,

thunāmi payadatthanāmehimi || 1 ||

Aruha ! Arihanta ! Arahanta ! Deva ! Jiṇa ! Vīra ! Paramakāruṇiya ! | Savvaṇṇu ! ¹Savvadarisī ! Pāraya ! Tikkālaviu ! Nāha ! || 2 ||

Jaya Vīyarāya ! Kevali ! Tihuyaṇaguru ! Savva ! Tihuyaṇavariṭṭha ! | Bhayavam ! Titthayara ! tti ya Sakkehim—namamisiya ! Jininda ! || 3 ||

Siri Vaddhamāṇa ! Hari ! Hara ! Kamalāsaṇa ! Pamuha (? Buddha) nāmadheehimi | ²Annatthaguṇajuehimi jaḍamaī vi

suyāṇusāreṇa || 4 || Dārāim || (Cauhimi kalāvagam)

¹ Savvadamsana ! Sam. Ham. |

² Anvarthaguņayutaiķ ||

VĪRASTAVA

TWENTY-SIX NAMES OF VĪRA-JINENDRA

- 1. I bow to *Jinendra Mahāvīra*, who is universal brother, who is like the Moon for the blooming of the lotus flowerlike worldly living beings, who is as patient and immovable in His virtues as the mountain-king *Himavāna* and praise Him through His following famous attributal names –
- 1. Aruha (Not subject to rebirth), 2. Arihanta (Destroyer 2. of karmic spiritual foes), 3. Arahanta (Worthy of worship and veneration), 4. *Deva* (Divine being), 5. Jina (Conqueror of spiritual foes - delusion and passions), 6. (Brave), 7. Parama Kārunika (Extremely Vīra compassionate), 8. Sarvajña (Omniscient), 9. Sarvadarśī (Omni-visioned), 10. Pāragāmī (Transcended), 11. Trikālaiña (knower of the happenings in three time-periods the past, present and the future), 12. Nātha (The Protector), *Vītarāga* (attachment–transcended), 14. Kevali 3. 13. (Endowed with purity of knowledge), 15. Tribhuvan-guru (Universal teacher), 16. Pūrna (Complete), 17. Tribhuvana-varistha (Universally supreme), 18. Bhagavanta (the Lord), 19. Tirthankara (Prophet Propounder of the faith and establisher of the four-fold religious order - Tīrtha), 20. Śakra-vandit (Bowed to by the celestial kings), 21. Jinendra (Master conqueror),
 - 22. Śrī Vardhamāna (Enhancer of weal), 23. Hari (Guardian), 24. Hara (Remover of misery), 25. Kamalā-sana (Lotus-seated -Brahamā), and 26. Pramukha (or Buddha). Like this even a dimwit can know the virtues of the Lord through other attributal names from the canonical lore.

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4 : VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM

1. ARUHAŅĀMAM

Bhavabīyankurabhūyani kammami dahiūna ¹jhānajalanena | Na ruhasi bhavavanagahane, tena tumami Nāha! *Aruho* si || 5||

2. ARIHANTAŅĀMAM

Ghoruvasagga–parīsaha–kasāya–karaņāņi pāņiņam ariņo | Sayalāna–Nāha ! te haņasi jeņa, teņā ² `*rihanto* ' si || 6 ||

Vandana-thunana-namamsana-

pūyana–sakkarana–siddhigamanammi Araho si jena Varapahu!

tena tumani hosi Arihinto || 7 ||

Amara–nara–asuravarapahugaṇāṇa, ³pūyāe jeṇa ariho si | ⁴Dhīra(tta)maṇumukko, teṇa tumam Deva ! *Arihanto* || 8 || Dāram 2 |

3. ARAHANTANĀMAM

⁵Rahu=gaddi, sesasangahanidarisana-

manto = giriguhamanānam

Tam te natthi duyam pi hu Jininda!

ten*ārahanto* si || 9 ||

² teņā `riho' tam si, Pra. |

- ³ pūyāl jeņa arihesi, Ham.
- ⁴ Dhīramaṇamaṇu^o, Pra.
- ⁵ Raha gaddi, Pra. | The Samskrta shadow verse of this version is –
 "Rathah = gantrī, seşasangrahanidarsanam, antara = giriguhā ajñānam | Tat te nāsti dvayamapi hi Jinendra ! tena arathāntar asi ||"

jhānajugalena, Ham. |

1. ARUHA

5. O' Lord ! you are free of rebirth (*Aruha* = A + *ruha* or incapable of germination or birth) in the dense forest of worldliness, because you have burnt the karma, that helps the seed of mundane existence to germinate, by the fire of meditation.

2. ARIHANTA

- 6. O' Lord ! you have completely destroyed the karma the souls' enemy, responsible for extreme infliction, hardships and passions. Therefore, you are *Arihanta* the destroyer of the enemies.
- 7. O' best of the Masters ! you are worthy of obeisance, eulogy, bowing, worship and veneration and capable of spiritual perfection – *Siddhi*. Therefore, you are *Arihanta* – capable and potent.
- 8. O' *Jinendra* ! you are venerated by the best of the kings of humans, gods and demons. You are patient and forbearing and free from the flaw of indecision. Therefore, O' *Arihanta* ! you are worthy of worship and veneration.

3. ARAHANTA

9. O' Jinendra ! you are free from Raha (Ratha) – chariot, all types of possession and attachment and (being omniscient) from ignorance that can be compared to the dense darkness in a deep mountain cave. Therefore, you are Arahanta – without chariot (signifying all material and mental baggage causing worldly attachment and wandering in the circuitous cycle of mundane existence).

6: VĪRATTHAOPAINNAYAM

¹Rahamagganto, ²antam pi = maranamavanīya jeņa varanāņā | ³Sampattaniyasarūvo jeņa, tumam teņa *Arahanto* || 10 ||

Na rahasi saddāi maņoharesu amaņoharesu tam jeņa | Samayārañjiyamaņa–karaņa–joga ! teņ*ārahanto* si || 11 ||

Arihā = joggā pūyāiyāṇa Devinda–`ṇuttarasurāī | Tāṇa vi anto = sīmākoḍī, tami teṇa *Arahanto* || 12 || || Dārami 3 ||

4. DEVANĀMAM

Siddhivahusangakīlāparo si, vijaī si mohariuvagge Nantasuhapunnaparinaiparigaya ! tam tena *Devo* tti || 13 || || Dāram 4 ||

5. JINANĀMAM

Rāgāiverinikkintaņeņa, duhao vi vayasamāhāņā | ⁴Jayasattukkarisagunāiehim, teņam *Jiņo* Deva ! || 14 || || Dāram 5 ||

- ³ Sampannaniya^o, Sam.
- ⁴ Jagatsattvotkṛṣtaguṇādikaiḥ |

Rahah agrāntah, antamapi = maranam; apanīya yena varajnānāt |
 Samprāptanijasvarūpah yena; tvam tena Araho`ntah || The Samskrta shadow verse ||

² annam pi, Sam. | aggam pi, Pra. ||

- 10. (O' Lord !) you have defeated even the death by following the path of renunciation and attaining the supreme knowledge (omniscience) and, thereby, you have realised the true Self. Therefore, you are *Arahanta* – the venerable.
- 11. (O' Lord !) you are neither attached to pleasurable sounds nor averse to the painful ones; your mind, speech and body remain continuously engaged in the contemplation of the fundamental principles. Therefore you are *Arahanta* – the venerable.
- 12. (O' Lord !) you are the venerable *Arahanta* because you are worshipped and venerated by the kings of gods and the gods of the ultimate heavens and because you are capable of transcending even the ultimate heavens (to reach the abode of the perfected souls *Moksa or Siddhaśilā*).

4. DEVA

13. (O' Lord !) you are *Deva* (divine) because you play with the lady-liberty (*Siddhi-vadhu*), you have conquered the class of enemies that the mundane attachment is and because you have gained the merit of eternal bliss.

5. JINA

14. O' Lord ! you are *Jina*, the Spiritual conqueror, because you have expelled the enemy called mundane attachment through renunciation and equanimity.

8: VĪRATTHAOPAINNAYAM

6. VĪRAŅĀMAM

Duttha`tthakammaganthippaviyāranaladdhalatthasamsadda !| ¹Tavasirivaranganākaliyasoha, tam tena *Vīro* si || 15 ||

Padhamavayagahanadivase,

sankandanavinayakaranagayatanho | mī!

Jāo si jena Varamunī!

aha tena tumam *Mahāvīro* || 16 || || Dāram 6 ||

7. PARAMAKĀRUŅIYAŅĀMAM

Sacarācarajantuduhattabhatta ²*Thuyasatta* ! sattu—mittesu | Karuṇarasarañjiyamaṇo, teṇa tumaṁ *Paramakāruṇio* || 17 || || Dāraṁ 7 ||

8. SAVVANNUNĀMAM

³Je bhūya–bhavissa–bhavanti bhāva sabbhāvabhāvaṇapareṇa | Nāṇeṇa jeṇa jāṇasi, bhannasi tami teṇa *Savvannū* || 18 || || Dārami 8 ||

9. SAVVADARISINĀMAM

⁴Te kasiṇa ¹bhuvaṇabhavaṇoyari tthiyā niyaniyassarūveṇa | Sāmannao`valoyasi, teṇa tumam *Savvadarisi* tti || 19 || || Dāram 9 ||

¹ Tapaḥ śrīvarāṅganākalitaśobhaḥ tvaṁ | Here, the dropping of the word ending suffix must be noticed.

² othuisa^o, Sam. |

³ Yān bhūta--bhavisyad--bhavataḥ bhāvān sadbhāvanāpareṇa | Jnānena yena jānāsi, bhaṇasi tvam tena Sarvajñaḥ ||

⁴ 'Te' (= all the past, present and future modes of all universal matter as mentioned in the above mentioned cighteenth verse)

6. VĪRA

- 15. (O' Lord !) you are *Vīra* brave because you have pierced the Gordian–knot of eight types of karma and because you remain aloof from the available and fabulously pleasurable enjoyments and are bedecked with the goddess of wealth in the form of a host of austerities.
- 16. From the very first day of taking the vows, O' Lord ! you have been free from mundane desires and have been venerated by the celestial kings. Therefore, you are *Vīra*.

7. PARAMAKĀRUŅIKA

17. (O' Lord !) you are *Paramakāruņika* – the most compassionate one – because your heart is full of compassion for all the miserable creatures of the universe and because all such static and moving creatures devotedly venerate and praise you all the time.

8. SARVAJÑA

18. (O' Lord !) you are called Sarvajña – omniscient – because even when dwelling in the Self only you know all the modes of all the matter – past, present and future – through your supreme and pure knowledge.

9. SARVADARŚĪ

19. (O' Lord !) you are Sarvadarśī – all seeing – because you 'visualise the general forms of all (past, present and future modes of) all the substances (as mentioned in the verse 18), situated in their respective situations, all over the universe.

krtsnabhuvana-bhavanodare sthitāḥ nijanija svarupeṇa | (Tān) sāmānyato`valokae, tena tvaṁ Sarvadarśīti || °bhuvanabhavanovaratthivā Haṁ Pra

°bhuvanabhavanoyaratthiyā, Ham. Pra.

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10 : VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM

10. PĀRAGAŅĀMAM

Pāram kammassa bhavassa vā vi suyajalhiņo va neyassa | Savvassa gao jeņam, bhannasi tam *Pārago* teņa || 20 || || Dāram 10 ||

11. TIKKĀLAVIUŅĀMAM

Paccuppanna–aṇāgaya–tiyaddhāvattino payatthā je | Karayalakaliyā``malaya¹ vva muṇasi, *Tikkālaviu* teṇa || 21 || || Dārani 11 ||

12. NÄHAŅĀMAM

Nāho si ²nāha`nāhāṇa bhīmabhavagahaṇamajjhavadiyāṇa | Uvaesadāṇao magganayaṇao hosi tam jeṇa || 22 || || Dāram 12 ||

13. VĪYARĀYAŅĀMAM

Rāgo = raī³, subheyaravatthusu jantūņa cittaviņiveso | So rāo, doso uņa = tavvivarīo muņeyavvo || 23 ||

So Kamalāsana-Hari-Hara-

Diņayarapamuhāņa māṇadalņeṇa | Laddhekkaraso patto Jiṇa !

tuha mūle, tao tumae || 24 ||

¹ "layam va, Pra. |

- ² Nātha ! anāthānām ||
- ³ ruī, Pra.

10. PĀRAGĀMĪ

20. (O' Lord !) you are said to be *Pāragāmī* – transcended – because you have transcended the most circuitous cycle of births and deaths as well as all karmic bondage or because you have completely realised the oceah of canonical knowledge as well as everything about everything worth knowing.

11. TRIKĀLAVIJÑA

21. (O' Lord !) you are known as *Trikālavijña* – Knower of three times (past, present and future) – because you know all the modes of all the substances of the past, present and the future as one can see the Āmalaka fruit placed on the palm of one's hand.

12. NĀTHA

22. (O' Lord !) you are the protector of the helpless as you guide and save the worldly creatures, drowning in the fearful ocean of mundane existence, by preaching the liberating faith to them. Therefore you are said to be *Nātha* – the protector.

13. VĪTARĀGA

- 23. Attachment is nothing but attraction towards the auspicious and pleasurable objects and its opposite, i.e. revulsion towards the inauspicious and painful objects, is aversion. Because, you are, O' Lord ! free from such attachment and aversion, you are known as *Vītarāga*.
- 24. When their pride is destroyed, the principal gods like the Brahmā, Viṣṇu, Mahādeva and Sūrya, etc, too, bow at your feet. Even then O' Jina ! you remain unaffected. Therefore you are Vītarāga attachment transcended.

12 : VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM

Jam malana-dalana-vihalana-

kavalanavisa ¹macchijoyajīo vi | Kara–carana–nayana–kararuha–

aharadalam vasai anujam va || 25 ||

Doso vi kudilakuntala–bhū–pamhala–nayanatāriyamisena Guru nikkaranam sūyai, tam manne gunakare lahuno || 26 ||

Jai vi ²bahurūvadhārī vasanti te Deva ! tuha sarīrammi | Takkayabigārarahio taha vi, tumam *Vīyarāgo* tti || 27 || || Dāram 13 ||

14. KEVALIŅĀMAM

Jam savvadavva–pajjattapatteyamanantaparinaisarūvam Jugavam ³munāi tikkālasanthiyam *Kevalam* tamiha || 28 ||

Tam te appadihayasattipasaranavarayamavigalam atthi | Munino muniyapayatthā, tena tumam ⁴*Kevalini* binti || 29 || || Dārani 14 ||

15. TIHUYANAGURUNĀMAM

Pañcendisanniņo je tihuaņasaddeņa te`ttha gejjhanti | Tesimi saddhammanioyaņeņa tami *Tihuyaņaguru* tti || 30 || || Dārami 15 ||

- ² bahirūva[°], Sam. Ham.
- ³ munei, Pra. Ham.
- ⁴ Kevlī hosi, Sam. Ham.

¹ matthijoajīvo vi, Ham. |

- 25. The lotus that lives a life of being rubbed, crushed, plucked and grabbed and eaten by aquatic creatures, lives (metaphorically) in your hands, feet, eyes, nails and lips without all these faults and flaws.
- 26. Curly hair, dense eyebrows, twinkling starry eyes and being without a teacher are considered to be flaws in a person, but in your case the very same things are taken as virtues only.
- O' Lord ! even if the gods that appear in various forms live in your body (i.e. your body looks so divine), you are without the flaws that are attributed to those gods. Therefore, you are said to be Vītarāga the attachment transcended.

14. KEVALĪ

- 28. Those, who know all the modes of all the substances, caused by their infinitely changing nature, in three time-periods the past, present and the future are said to be *Kevalīs* or omniscients.
- 29. You, O' Lord ! constantly and completely know all the substances worthy of being known through the spread of your unvanquished power. Therefore, you are called *Kevalī* or the Omniscient.

15. TRIBHUVANAGURU

30. (O' Lord !) you are *Tribhuvanaguru* – the universal teacher because you infuse the beneficial law into the words that the intelligent pentasensory living beings of the world associate with meaning (understand).

16. SAVVAŅĀMAM

Patteyara–suhumeyarajiesu guruduhaviluppamāṇesu | Savvesu vi hiyakārī tesu, tumam teṇa *Savvo* si || 31 || || Dāram 16 ||

17. TIHUYANAVARTTHANĀMAM

Bala–viriya–satta–sohagga–rūva–vinnāṇa–nāṇapavaro si | Uttamapayakayavāso, teṇa tumam Tihuyaṇavariṭṭho || 32 || || Dāram 17 ||

18. BHAYAVAM (NTA) ŅĀMAM

¹Padipunnarūva–dhana–dhamma–

²kanti–ujjama–jasāna–bhayasannā |

Te atthi aviyalā tumha Nāha !

tam tena Bhayavanto || 33 ||

Iha–paraloyāīyam³ bhayam ti vāvannayanti sattaviham | Teņa ⁴cciya ¹parivanto Jiņesa ! tam teņa *Bhayavanto* || 34 || || Dāram 18 ||

Pratipūrņarūpa-dhana-dharma-kānti-udyama-yašasām
 'Bhagasañjñā' 'Bhaga' sabdenopalaksaņam |

In all the copies the text contains 'dhanna' in the place of 'dhamma'. We have taken the 'dhamma' version because it is more appropriate, here from the intended meaning point of view. This view has been upheld elsewhere also. E.g. – "Aiśvaryasya Samagrasya 1, Rūpasya 2, Yaśasah 3, Śriyah 4, Dharmasyārtha 5, prayatnasya 6. Şannām bhaga itīnganā ||" In the Śrī Hemacandrīya Anekarthakosa, too, the meaning of t e word 'bhaga' has been given as – "Bhago'rka-jñā na-māhātħmya-yaśo-vairāgya-muktisu | Rūpa-vīrya-prayatneechā -Śrīdharmaiśvarya-yonisu ||"

³ °logāī°, Ham. |

⁴ 'tena' bhayena ||

16. SARVA

31. (O' Lord !) you are called *Sarva* – complete, because you are beneficial for all the fine as well as gross creatures of the world, who are, otherwise, completely enshrouded by pain and misery.

17. TRIBHUVANAVARISTHA

32. (O' Lord !) you are *Tribhuvanavaristha* or universally supreme because you are the best in force, power, potency, fortune, appearance, general and specific knowledge and because you occupy the universally best designation (of *Tīrthankara*).

18. BHAGAVANTA

- 33. O' Lord ! because of complete beauty, wealth, righteousness, radiance, endeavour and fame, your designation as '*Bhaga*' is indisputable. Therefore, you are *Bhagavanta* the Lord of the universe.
- 34. O' *Jineśvara* (the master conqueror) ! you are *Bhayavanta* because you have conquered or given up the seven types of fears that beset the creatures in this world as well as in the world hereafter.²

² It must be noted that here, *Bhayavanta* the *Prākṛta* equivalent of *Bhagavanta* has been explained as fear-conquered.

¹ In all the copies, due to the confusion of the script, the text here seems to be 'paricatto'. However, here, the text 'parivanto' seems to be more appropriate.

16 : VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM

19. ΤΙΤΤΗΑΥΑRAŅĀMAM

Tittham cauvihasangho,

¹paḍhamo cciya gaṇaharo`havā tittham | Tattitthakaranasīlo tamsi,

> tumami tena *Titthayaro* || 35 || || Dārani 19 ||

20. SAKKANAMAMSIYANĀMAM

Evam gunaganasakkassa kunai,

Sakko vi kimiha acchariyam

Abhivandanam Jinesara !?

²tām *Sakka`bhivandiya*! namo te || 36 || || Dāram 20 ||

21. JININDANĀMAM

Maṇapajjavohi–uvasanta–khīṇamohā Jiṇa tti bhannanti | Tāṇam ciya tam Indo Paramissariyā *Jiṇindo* tti || 37 || || Dāram 21 ||

22. VADDHAMĀNANĀMAM

Sirisiddhatthanaresaragihammi

dhana-kanaya-desa-kosehim |

Vaddhesi tam Jinesara !

teņa tumam *Vaddhamāņo* si || 38 || || Dāram 22 ||

¹ Padhamu, Pra. Ham.

² to, Pra. |

19. TĪRTHANKARA

35. (O' Lord !) you are known as *Tīrthańkara* by virtue of your having established the four-fold religious order (*Caturvidha Dharma Sarigha – Tīrtha*) or for establishing the first *Ganadhara Tīrtha*.

20. ŚAKRĀBHIVANDIT

36. Similalrly, O' Lord ! as you are endowed with the whole lot of virtues, the celestial king Śakra also bows to you. O' Śakrābhivandit Jineśvara (the master conqueror) ! obeisance to you.

21. JINENDRA

37. Those endowed with clairvoyant and telepathic perceptions and whose delusion has subsided are known as Jinas. Lord ! as you are endowed with much more spiritual wealth as compared to those Jinas, you are known as *Jinendra* (king of Jinas or master conqueror).

22. VARDHAMĀNA

38. O' Jineśvara (master conqueror) ! by your arrival (into the womb of queen Triśalā) the glory, wealth, kingdom and treasury of king Siddhārtha increased. Therefore, you are known as Vardhamāna (one who induces growth).

18 : VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM

23. HARIŅĀMAM

¹Hari si tumam Kamalālaya !

karayalagaya–sankha–cakka–sārango | Dānavariso² tti Jinavara !

tena tuamam bhannase Vinhū || 39 ||

|| Dāram 23 ||

24. HARAŅĀMAM

Harasi rayam jantūnam bajjham

abbhintaram, na khattangam |

Na ya Nīlakanthakalio

Haro tti tami bhannase taha vi || 40 ||

|| Dāram 24 ||

25. KAMALĀSAŅAŅĀMAM

Kamalāsaņo vi, jeņam

dānāīcauhadhammacauvayano |

Hamsagamno³ ya gamane,

tena tumami bhannase *Bambho* || 41 || || Dārani 25 ||

26. BUDDHANĀMAM

Buddham avagayamegatthiyam ti,

jīvāitatta ⁴savisesam |

Varavimalakevalāo, teņa

tumam bhannase *Buddho* || 42 ||

|| Dārami 26 ||

¹ Harasi khamam, Sam. Ham. |

- ² ^ovarisu tti, P1a. Ham. |
- ³ [°]gamanam va gamano, Pra. | [°]gamano u gamane, Ham ||
- ⁴ °ttamavasesam, in all other mss.

23. HARI

39. O' Kamalālaya (the abode of Laksmī, the goddess of wealth) ! the palms of your hands bear the signs of conch-shell, wheel and bow and you had showered charity (during year long charity just before taking the monastic vows). Therefore, O' Jineśvara (master conqueror) ! you are known as Hari or Visnu.

24. HARA

40. O' Lord ! you neither bear Khatvānga (Šiva's weapon) nor is your throat blue (Nīlakaņtha). Still you are known as Hara (the remover) because you remove the inner as well as the outer karma-dust of the creatures.

25. KAMALĀSANA

41. O' Lord ! you are *Kamalāsana (Brahmā*) as well. While seated in the *Samavaśarana* (hall of discourse) you appear to be facing in four directions, you are endowed with four faces depicted by four religious practices of charity, etc. You move like a swan (because you move in the utmost state of monasticism).

26. BUDDHA

42. Because, by virtue of your supreme and pure knowledge (omniscience), you simultaneously know all the general and particular modes of all the animate and inanimate matter, you are known as *Buddha*, the enlightened.

20 : VĪRATTHAOPAIŅŅAYAM

UPASAMHĀRA

Iya nāmāvalisanthuya !

Siri Vīrajininda ! mandapunnassa |

Viyara karunāi Jinavara !

sivapayamanaham thiram Vīra ! || 43 ||

|| ¹VĪRATTHAO ²SAMATTO ||

¹ Vīrastava Prakīrņakam, Pra. |

² 'Sammatto' is not there in the mss. Pra. and Ham. | sammatto || 10 || Sam. ||

21 : VĪRASTAVA PRAKĪRŅAKA

CONCLUSION

43. Thus, this nominal praise of Lord Mahāvīra has been sung by me. O' *Jineśvara* (master conqueror) *Mahāvīra* ! in your extreme compassion pray grant me, the one with few merits, the eternal and flawless gift of spiritual liberation.

|| VĪRASTAVA CONCLUDED ||

APPENDICES

- 1. Transliteration Convention.
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VĪRASTAVA–PRAKĪRŅAKA

1. TRANSLITERATION CONVENTION (Key To Diacritical Marks)

अ	A, a	क	KA, ka	त	TA, ta
आ	Ā, ā	ख	KHA, kha	थ	THA, tha
इ	I, i	ग	GA, ga	द	DA, da
ער יער	Ī, ī	घ	GHA, gha	ध	DHA, dha
ਤ	U, u	ङ	ŇА, ńа	न	NA, na
জ	Ū, ū	च	CA, ca	प	PA, pa
ए	E, e	ਲ	CHA, cha	দ্দ	PHA, pha
ऐ	AI, ai	ज	JA, ja	ब	BA, ba
ओ	0, 0	झ	JHA, jha	भ	BHA, bha
औ	AU, au	স	ÑA, ña	म	MA, ma
अं	AM, am	ट	ŢA, ta	य	YA, ya
अः	AḤ, aḥ	ਰ	THA, tha	र	RA, ra
ऋ	Ŗ, ŗ	ड	DA, da	ल	LA, la
लृ	Ļ, I	ढ	 рнА, dha	व	VA, va
		ण	ŅA, ņa	যা	ŚA, śa
ষ	ŞA, sa	প্স	ŚRA, śra	ह	HA, ha
स	SA, sa	क्	K, k, etc.		•
क्ष	KṢA, kṣa	ন	TRA, tra	হা	JÑA, jña

VĪRASTAVA-PRAKĪRŅAKA

2. ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF VERSES

Verse	<u>No.</u>
A	
Amara-nara-asura	08
Arihā jogā pūyā	12
Aruha ! Arihanta !	<i>02</i>
В	
Bala viriya satta	32
Bhavabīyankurabhūyam	05
Buddham avagayam	42
D	
Doso vi kuḍila kuṇtala	26
Dutthaatthakamma	15
E	
Evam gunagana Sakka-	36
G	
Ghoruvasagga-parīsaha	06
Н	
Harasi rayam jantūņam	40
Hari si tumam Kamalā-	<i>39</i>
Ι	
Iha-pāraloyāīyam	34
Iya nämävalisanthua !	<i>43</i>
J	
Jai vi bahurūvadhārī	27
Jam malana-dalana	25
Jami savva-davva-pajja-	28
Jaya Vīyarāya ! Kevali !	<i>03</i>
Je bhūya-bhavissa-	18
K	
Kamalsanao vi jenam	41

Verse	<u>No.</u>
M	
Manapajjava bohi-uva	37
N	
Nāho si nāha`nāhāṇa	22
Namiūna Jinami jaya	<i>01</i>
Na rahasi saddāimanao	11
Р	
Paccuppanna-anāgaya	21
Padipunnarūvadhana	33
Padhamavayagahanadiv	16
Pañcendiya sannino je	30
Pāram kammassa bhava	20
Patteyara suhumeyara	31
R	
Rāgāiverinikkittaņeņa	14
Rāgo = raī, sumeyara	23
Rahamagganto, antani	<i>10</i>
Rahu = gaddi sesasangh	09
S	
Sacarācarajantuduyatta	17
Siddhibahusangakīlā	13
Sirisiddhatthanaresara	<i>38</i>
Siri Vaddhamāņa Hari	<i>04</i>
Sokamalāsana harihara	24
V	
Vandaņa-thuņaņa-	07

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