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As required by University ordinance 0.770, I wish to state that the work embodied in this thesis titled, “Non-Violence, Environmental Ethics and Jainism” forms my own contribution to the research work carried out under the guidance of Dr. Kokila H. Shah, Adjunct Professor in Philosophy, K. J. Somaiya Centre for Studies in Jainism. This work has not been submitted for any other degree of this or any other University. Whenever reference have been made to previous works of others, it has been clearly indicated as such and included in the Bibliography.

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Statement made in accordance with ordinance 0.771 concerning the thesis titled, “Non-Violence, Environmental Ethics and Jainism” submitted to the University of Mumbai for the Degree of Ph.D. by Mrs. Maithili R. Gupte.

I. The thesis titled, “Non-Violence, Environmental Ethics and Jainism” tries to prove that environmental preservation and sustainable development is intrinsic, innate and inherent in Jainism. The Jain doctrines of non-violence, non-consumerism, six life forms, and the principle of reverence for life describe and investigate the process of nature and the place of humanity in nature.

II. This research work is focuses on Jain ethics and environmental ethics which are more or less similar. It tries to give a systematic approach to non-violence, environmental ethics and Jainism. It tries to describe Jainism as an advocating eco-friendly life style and how environmental preservation is intrinsic, innate and inherent in Jainism. It is hoped that this research work will recreate environmental awareness, change in attitude towards environmental problems and non-violent ethical or value based life style.

III. Original sources of the thesis lies in:

a. Ācārānga Sūtra.
b. Tattvārthasūtra.
c. Daśavaikālika Sūtra.
d. Jain declaration on Nature by Dr. L. M. Singhvi.
e. Environmental Ethics and some other books related to ecology and environmental ethics.
IV. In this research, non-violence is the key concept. Spiritual dimension of non-violence expresses itself through activities of life. We need to change our attitude towards nature. It is necessary that we must consider the entire ecological system with love and compassion. The ecological philosophy of Jainism has always been central to its ethics. The ecological crisis can be solved if spiritual relation is established between man and the environment on a collective basis. The Jain concept of non-violence can bring in adaptability in modern life-style.

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