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ISJS ANNUAL AWARDS FOR BEST BOOK AND PAPER ON JAINISM



International School for Jain Studies 'ISJS', a not-for-profit research and education institute to promote academic studies of Jainism globally was founded by Dr. Shugan C Jain (India) and Dr. Sulekh C Jain (USA) in 2005. Since 2020, ISJS has become a division of Amar Prerana Trust Pune of Dr. Abhay Firodia - who is also Chairman of Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune.

Since its inception, ISJS had conducted annual residential summer schools in India to provide experiential knowledge of Jainism to overseas scholars. More than 900 such scholars have attended these programs. To augment these efforts, ISJS also holds international seminars on Jain specific subjects, publish a quarterly Online research journal and books. As a result, Jain studies have started in more than 25 universities globally and the number is growing. For details www.isjs.in.

To further encourage scholarship in academic studies of Jainism to be of international standards, ISJS proposes to institute two annual awards as follows :

1. The best book published concerning Jain philosophy/culture/history/ethics and their applications in today's world : **INR 1,00,000.00 or equivalent US\$.**
2. The best research paper published concerning Jain philosophy/culture/history/ethics and their applications in today's world : **INR 25,000.00 or equivalent US\$.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AWARDS

These awards will be called ISJS Award

- Award will carry a citation. The award and awardees names will be published widely.
- For the first awards, date for submission of nomination will be **August 31st 2023.**
- Thereafter, it will be **March 31st** of the corresponding year.
- Selections announced by **October 31st 2023.**
- Criterion for evaluation and grading the nomination are being developed.
- The awards will be presented online with a befitting and proper ceremony of physically honouring the recipient by a nominee of ISJS, at their locations.

RULES AND SELECTION PROCESS

- The subject of books and papers should be related to Jainism and its applications to subjects like lifestyle, administration, interfaith dialogue, science and technology, medicine, environment, culture, pressing issues like epidemics, bioethics, judiciary, education etc.
- The language of the publications should be English.
- In the first year, books and papers published from 1.1.2020 to 31.12.2022 will be eligible. Thereafter the publications will be considered for the calendar year only.
- The nominations for awards can be made by the institutions or the authors themselves. However, members of selection committee cannot make their own nomination directly or indirectly for the award.
- The Selection committee will consist of four to seven members of "high repute and integrity globally". Each member will be nominated for a term of three years which can also be extended further for two more terms.

THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR BOTH AWARDS

- A book with exceptional scholarships must either (a) make a new and original contribution to knowledge of Jain traditions or (b) be a clear and accessible textbook on or overview of Jain traditions to promote knowledge of Jain thought and practice to students and to the general public.
- Though it is not a requirement, preference will be shown to books which apply Jain principles to contemporary issues (ecology, ethical behavior toward both human and non-human life, inter-religious conflict, conflicts between religion and science, gender issues, and so on).
- Criteria for paper is similar to those for the book.

SUBMISSION OF BOOKS & PAPERS

Books:

Two (2) Printed Copies & PDF format through email to

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