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BHAGWAN KUNTHUNATH 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 the 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 1000 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 in English 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 in English 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 are called Bhagwan Kunthunath Award

- The award will carry a citation. The award and awardees names will be published widely.
- Date for submission of nomination: **August 31, 2025.**
- 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.
- Books and papers published in 2023 will be eligible for the awards of 2024 & book and paper published in 2024 will be eligible for the awards of 2025
- 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 global integrity". 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 make a new and original contribution to knowledge of Jain traditions, or 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
- Preference will be given to books which apply Jain principles to contemporary issues (ecological issues, 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 (02) Printed Copies

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