



Jain Academy of Scholars **Ahmedabad, India** **Annual awards**

Jain Academy of Scholars instituted three Annual Awards in 2020 to honour and recognise scholars **for their contribution to Jain philosophy**. These awards are:

1. Lifetime / Outstanding achievement award
2. Excellence award
3. Appreciation award

The nominations for JAS Awards will be considered by an **Award Committee** of JAS fellows, constituted for this purpose. The committees will prepare the citation for the awardees and submit it to the Scientific Secretary, JAS.

Norms for the nomination are as follows:

1. Any one can nominate a scholar for any award.
2. The award committee members can also nominate any scholar they consider suitable for an award.
3. The awards can be given to any scholar globally, for his / her contributions and are not limited to JAS fellowship / membership.
4. Self-nomination by any scholar other than the committee members will also be considered.
5. The nominations are valid for a period of three years.
6. Office bearers of JAS and Sadhus / Sadhvis and Samans / Samanis are not eligible for nomination.
7. The proposer must send one or two paragraphs, highlighting contributions of the nominee in the field related to Jain philosophy.
8. The nominations must reach the Scientific Secretary, JAS, by **1st June, 2026**.
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9. The decision of the JAS council / President is final.
The three JAS Awards carry a shield and citation.

Criteria for nomination are as follows:

1. For Lifetime achievement award and Gyan Jyoti Award –
Significant, contribution to research in Jain philosophy in modern context & interpretation of scriptures, supported by publications.
2. For Excellence award – significant promotion of Jain philosophy worldwide.
3. For Appreciation award – for specific contribution to a particular event or topic.

Past Awardees: 2021-22-23-24

Lifetime achievement award

Lt. Dr Viney Jain (2021)
Dr Narayan Lal Kachhara (2022)
Dr Bipin Doshi (2023)
Dr. Anupam Jain (2024)
Dr. Prem Suman Jain (2025)

Excellence award

Dr Pratap Sanchetee (2021)
Dr Iqbal Akhtar (2021)
Dr Shugan Chand Jain (2022)
Dr Paras Mal Agrawal (2023)
Dr. C. Devakumar (2023)
Dr. Sushma Singhvi (2024)
Dr. Veer Sagar Jain (2025)

Appreciation award

Miss Pooja Banthia (2021)
Dr Manju Nahata (2022)
Dr. Renuka Porwal (2024)
Dr. L. C. Jain (2025)

JAS invites nominations for the three JAS awards for 2026.

With Regards,
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Nomination for JAS Award-2026

As you are kindly aware, JAS has instituted annual national-international awards **for contribution to Jain philosophy** as follows:

1. Lifetime achievement award
2. Excellence award
3. Appreciation award.

We request you to kindly nominate deserving candidates **for these awards for 2026, with one paragraph stating the contributions of the nominee.**

The nominations will be scrutinized by **an Award Committee** of JAS fellows, which has already been constituted. The committee will prepare the citation for the awardees and submit it to the Executive Secretary, JAS. The decision of the JAS council / President will be final.

The nominations must reach the undersigned by 1st June, 2026. The awards will be announced by 1st July, 2026.

Norms for the nomination are as follows:

1. The awards can be given to any scholar, for his/ her contributions and are not limited to JAS fellowship/membership.
2. The award committee members can also nominate any Jain scholar they consider suitable for this award.
3. Self-nomination by any scholar other than the committee members will be considered.
4. Office bearers of JAS and Sadhus/Sadhvis and Samans/Samanis are not eligible for nomination.

Criteria for the nomination are as follows:

1. For Lifetime achievement award – significant, contribution to research in Jain philosophy in modern context & interpretation of scriptures, supported by publications.
2. For Excellence award – significant promotion of Jain philosophy worldwide.
3. For Appreciation award – for specific contribution to a particular event or topic.

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