

Honours & Awards

Indian Society for Buddhist Studies (ISBS) recognizes and celebrates excellence in Buddhist scholarship through a series of distinguished honours and awards. These accolades acknowledge both senior scholars for their lifelong contributions and young researchers for their promising academic pursuits. Among them, the most prestigious is the *Mañjuśrī Sammāna* — the highest honour of the Society.

• Mañjuśrī Sammāna

(Instituted by the Indian Society for Buddhist Studies – Since 2006)

The *Mañjuśrī Sammāna* is the most esteemed award conferred by ISBS upon eminent scholars for their outstanding contributions to Buddhist Studies. Symbolizing the wisdom and Buddhist scholarship, wisdom traditions, and cultural exchange.compassion of *Mañjuśrī Bodhisattva*, the embodiment of transcendent knowledge (*prajñā*), this honour stands as a beacon of intellectual and spiritual excellence.

Instituted in 2006, the award acknowledges those who have made remarkable contributions to the understanding, preservation, and propagation of Buddhist philosophy, literature, art, culture, and interreligious dialogue. It carries a cash prize of ₹11,000/-, a statue of Mañjuśrī, and a citation in recognition of scholarly distinction.

Presented annually during the ISBS Annual Conference, hosted by universities or research institutions across India, the award reflects the Society's dedication to promoting

Recipients of the Mañjuśrī Sammāna include:

Prof. N. S. Samtani, Prof. S. K. Pathak, Prof. Angraj Chaudhary, Prof. D. C. Ahir, Prof. Ram Shanker Tripathi, Prof. B. N. Banerjee, Prof. M. G. Dhalpade, Prof. D. K. Barua, Prof. Uma Shanker Vyas, Prof. Bhagchandra Jain, Prof. A. K. Chatterjee, Prof. Sagarmal Jain, Prof. K. T. S. Sarao, Prof. S. R. Bhatt, Prof. Arvind P. Jamkhedkar, Prof. Baidyanath Labh, Prof. Dilip Kumar Mohanta, Prof. B. R. Mani, Prof. Ratna Basu, and Prof. Sitaram Dubey.

• Kamladevi Jain Smriti Sammāna

Instituted in memory of Smt. Kamladevi Jain and sponsored by M/s New Bharatiya Book Corporation, this award accompanies each *Mañjuśrī Sammāna*. It carries a cash prize of ₹5100/- and honours scholarly dedication to Buddhist and Jain Studies.

• Prof. Sagarmal Jain Vidyā Bhushan Sammāna

Conferred upon senior scholars aged 60 years and above, this award acknowledges distinguished lifetime contributions to Buddhism, Jainism, and Indian Philosophy through research, publication, and academic engagement. It carries a cash prize of ₹11,000/- and a citation.

Awards for Young Scholars

To nurture and encourage emerging talent in Buddhist Studies, ISBS presents a series of awards recognizing excellence across key disciplines:

Award Name	Focus Area
Ācārya Buddhaghoṣa Award	Pāli language, grammar, and literature
Ācārya Nāgārjuna Award (Sponsored)	Buddhist Sanskrit and Mahāyāna Studies
Mahākavi Svayambhū Award (Sponsored)	Buddhism in Apabhraṃśa Literature
Mahāpaṇḍita Rahul Sankrityayan Award (Sponsored)	Buddhist Philosophy
Satyaamritam Award (Sponsored)	Buddhist Art, Architecture, Iconography, and Numismatics

Each award includes a **cash prize** and a **certificate of merit**, recognizing academic excellence and research potential.