

Dr. Shugan Chand Jain receives Dharma For Life's First Lifetime Achievement Award

Some lives shine not only through achievement, but for what they awaken in others. Dr. Shugan Chand Jain's journey reflects this rare light. Dr. Jain's early years were marked by distinction in science and technology. Educated in Delhi and at New York University, with advanced studies in the United States, he went on to build an extraordinary international career. For more than three



decades, he held senior leadership roles across America, Europe, the Middle East, and India, serving as an innovator, consultant, CEO, and mentor at the forefront of the global IT revolution.

Yet, at the height of corporate success, Dr. Jain chose a different and higher calling. In 2001, he stepped away from the corporate world to immerse himself in the study and practice of Jain philosophy. With humility and dedication, he earned a Ph.D. in Jainology and dedicated his life to the values of *Ahimsa* (nonviolence), *Anekant* (pluralism), and *Aparigraha* (non-possessiveness). From that moment onward, his journey became not just his own, but a gift to society at large.

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In **2005**, Dr. Jain founded the **International School for Jain Studies (ISJS)**—a vision that has since evolved into a global academic movement. Through its summer schools and research programs, more than **850 scholars from 22 countries and over 100 universities** have been introduced to Jain philosophy and its relevance to contemporary global challenges. His message has remained clear and compelling: *the teachings of Lord Mahavira are not relics of the past, but guiding principles for a more compassionate and sustainable future*. Dr. Jain's contributions span scholarship, education, and social transformation. He has organized international seminars on *Ahimsa in everyday life*. Through the Teachers for Peace program,

he has trained educators in the United States and India to build classrooms rooted in empathy and belonging. His lectures at global centers such as Harvard, Ottawa, London, and Bangkok have carried the voice of Jainism across continents.

From 2012 to 2017, as President of Parashwanath Vidyapeeth, Dr. Jain revived a struggling institution and transformed it into a



recognized research center for Jain studies. Equally inspiring is his work with children. As Secretary of the **Jain Shiksha Pracharak Society**, he revived four heritage schools in Old Delhi, bringing hope and opportunity to more than 2,000 underprivileged students. Here, education is not just about success, but about character, compassion, and confidence. The smiles of these children are among his greatest awards. Dr. Jain has authored books, translated classical texts, and published over fifty research papers. Yet, his true legacy lies not only in written scholarship, but in the lives he has shaped. His vision today informs schools, universities, interfaith dialogue initiatives, and the grand Jain Museum taking shape in Pune. Recognized with numerous honors worldwide, from JAINA (USA) to distinguished alumni awards and national citations, Dr. Jain remains, at heart, a humble seeker. He continues to offer his time, intellect, and resources to causes far greater than himself. His creative pursuits endure through initiatives such as *Rhythm of Life*, and he is presently developing a Value Education Program for underprivileged children. As Dharma for Life and the Tulip Foundation honor him with the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, we celebrate not just a scholar, not just a leader, but a man who embodies the timeless truth that **service is the highest form of achievement**. Dr. Shugan Chand Jain's life is a reminder that when knowledge is guided by compassion, it can transform societies. And when one man chooses to walk the path of nonviolence with conviction, he can inspire the world to follow.