

Brief profile of Professor Narendra Bhandari

Professor Narendra Bhandari carried out research in space sciences at Tata institute of fundamental Research, Bombay, University of California, San Diego and Physical Research Laboratory of ISRO. He studied moon samples brought back by USSR and NASA and founded the Planetary sciences and exploration division at ISRO. He conceptualised India's first missions to Moon- Chandrayaan-1, and Instrument's Selection Committee for Mars Orbiter Mission of ISRO.

He has received many awards for his contributions to scientific foundations of Jain philosophy, including Life Time Achievement Award by Institute of Indology, Acharya Hasti award, Acharya Bhikshu Awards. and JAINA Global Award. Prof. Bhandari has served as President of the International Lunar Exploration Working Group. For his contributions to planetary and space sciences, Professor Bhandari has been honoured with 'Outstanding Achievements Award of ISRO', Vikram Sarabhai award in Planetary and Space Sciences, National Mineral Award of Government of India and Special Certificate of Recognition by NASA. He has also been given the Marwar Ratna Award and The Visionary Society of California has honoured him with the title of Space Visionary. He also received Suryadatta National Life time achievement award and Service award of the Meteoritical Society, USA.

He has published many articles and edited several books on Jain philosophy, notably: Scientific Perspectives of Jain philosophy, Jain philosophy: a scientific approach to Reality, Jainism: an eternal and universal path to enlightenment and Jinatva ka path (in Hindi) and also many books in planetary sciences. He is President of Jain Academy of Scholars and Chief editor of Proceedings of JAS.

