

2020 Gold Medal Recipients



President's Gold Medal

Awarded for the **Best Academic Performance**
amongst all disciplines of the BS-MS (Dual Degree)

Ashutosh Agrahari, Department of Chemistry

Ashutosh Agrahari joined IISER Bhopal as an INSPIRE scholar in 2015. His love for 'Biomolecules' kept him hooked to the research on the interface of chemistry and biology. He was awarded Indian Academy of Sciences' summer research fellowship, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst-WISE and Mitacs Globalink summer internship during his time at IISER Bhopal, which supported his research stays at national and international labs during summers. He joined Dr. Apurba Koner's group and worked on perylene dyes for his MS thesis. He graduated with a CPI of 9.62 on a 10-point scale and secured the highest possible SPI of 10 in five semesters. He was a part of editorial team of Uday magazine and contributed to the Hindi section as an associate editor. He was also involved in Prayaas as a student representative. He had also been nominated by DST to attend 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting (interdisciplinary), 2021. He is currently pursuing his doctoral studies in the department of chemistry at Purdue University, USA.



Director's Gold Medal

Awarded for **Outstanding All-Round Achievement and Leadership**
amongst all disciplines of the BS-MS (Dual Degree)

Shreyas Nagabhushana Samaga, Department of Mathematics

Shreyas Nagabhushana Samaga joined IISER as an INSPIRE Fellow. He was awarded the CNR Rao Education Foundation Prize for obtaining a CPI of 10.0 in both the first and second semesters. He was amongst the 5 students from his batch who attended the Asian Science Camp held at IISc Bengaluru. He won Silver Medal in Lawn Tennis in IISM 2015 held at Bhopal and Silver Medal in Lawn Tennis in IISM 2016 held at Kolkata. He was awarded the Charpak Scholarship to pursue a summer internship at University of Strasbourg in France. He was awarded the DAAD WISE Scholarship which enabled me to pursue a summer internship at TU Dresden in Germany. He served as Lawn Tennis Coordinator, Communications Associate, CDC, Vice Secretary, Sports Council and Treasurer, IISERB Model United Nations. He was also a part of CAC, SAC. Currently, he is pursuing PhD in Computer Science at Purdue University.



2020 Proficiency Medal Recipients

Awarded for the **Best Academic Performance** in each discipline of BS-MS (Dual Degree)



Proficiency Medal in Biological Sciences

Vishnu Narayanan S S

Vishnu Narayanan S S joined IISER Bhopal in 2015 as an Inspire fellow. He has graduated with a CPI of 9.45 on a 10 point scale. He cleared the CSIR-NET/ JRF examination with the 4th rank in the first attempt in 2019. He was also selected for the prestigious Shyama Prasad Mukharjee fellowship, awarded to top rank holders in the CSIR-NET exam. He was awarded the MITACS Globalink fellowship in 2019 to do a summer internship in Canada. He is currently doing his PhD in the Ludwig Maximilian University Munich funded by the prestigious Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions Fellowship.



Proficiency Medal in Chemistry

Biswajit Behera

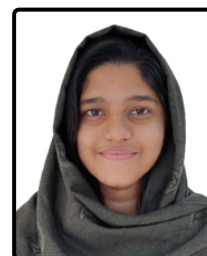
Biswajit Behera joined IISER Bhopal as an INSPIRE fellow in 2015 with an inclination to pursue Chemical Sciences. He secured the highest possible SPI of 10 on a 10 point scale in five semesters. He is graduating with CPI of 9.64 on a 10.0 point scale. He was awarded the prestigious DAAD-WISE fellowship in 2019 to pursue summer research project at University of Frankfurt, Germany. For his MS Thesis he worked at the interface of Material Chemistry and Biology. He will be enrolling in a PhD programme soon.



Proficiency Medal in Earth and Environmental Sciences

Nidha Azeez E K

Nidha Azeez E K has joined IISER Bhopal as an INSPIRE fellow in 2015. She graduated in Geology with CPI of 8.85 on a 10 point scale. For her MS dissertation, she worked in the field of Igneous Petrology and Geochemistry. She has secured an AIR 31 in the CSIR-JRF-NET exam in Earth, Atmosphere and Planetary Sciences in 2019. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Isotope Geochemistry at the University of Bristol, UK.



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Proficiency Medal in Physics

Nayak Parth Sunilkumar

Parth Nayak joined IISER Bhopal as an INSPIRE Fellow in 2015. He is graduating with CPI of 9.77 on a 10 point scale. He has the perfect SPI of 10 in a total of 5 consecutive semesters. He was awarded the prestigious DAAD-WISE scholarship in 2019 to carry out a summer internship at the Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, Hannover (Germany). He has also received the Summer Research Fellowship from IAS-INSA-NASI and the Radio Astronomy Winter Scholarship from IUCAA and NCRA-TIFR Pune. His primary research interest is computation in the field of Cosmology. He worked on CMB temperature anisotropy reconstruction as his MS Thesis. He was awarded a DAAD scholarship for his PhD research at the USM-LMU Munich and is working on Artificial Intelligence architecture in Cosmology.

