

## THE STUDY

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## **Prelims Exam Question**

- In Mahayana Buddhism, the Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara was known as?
  - a. Padmapani
  - c. Manjushree

- b. Vajrapani
- d. Maitreya

## Answer-a

Explanation – Avalokiteshvara, also known as Padmapani, is a Bodhisattva who embodies the Buddha's compassion. Vajrapani, like Indra of Hinduism, wears a thunderbolt and is called the 'eleminator of sins'. These Bodhisattvas show Buddha's power. Manjushri- keeper of spiritual texts, and Maitreya-next incarnation of Buddha.



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