

Indian Geotechnical Society

Awards for Professional Practice

As approved in the Annual General Meeting in December 2021, IGS invites nominations for the following awards to be given to geotechnical professionals / companies. IGS also invites sponsors for these awards as per the details below.

1.0 The Awards

Constitution of four new IGS Awards related to Professionals has been approved in principle by the General Body in its meeting in December 2020 and finally approved by the General Body in December 2021.

In the 226th meeting of IGS Executive Committee held on 13th March 2021, a committee was constituted to review the modalities and guidelines for these awards.

The Committee held 4 online meetings on 10/4, 17/4, 24/4 & 1/5/21. After detailed discussions and deliberations, the constitution for the awards was finalized as given in this document

2.0 Sub-committee for Professional Practice Awards

Mr. Ravi Sundaram (Convenor)
Dr Anil Joseph
Mr. Ravi Kiran Vaidya
Dr. CR Parthasarathy
Dr. Jimmy Thomas
Prof SK Prasad
Prof GL Sivakumar Babu
Mr Anirudhan I.V.

3.0 Proposed Award Categories

- IGS-Award for Outstanding contribution to Geotechnical Engineering Practice (Biennial)
- IGS- leadership award for contribution in Geotechnical Engineering Practice (Biennial)
- IGS-Gold Medal for the Best geotechnical engineering practices on a project (Biennial)
- IGS-Young Professional award for Geotechnical engineering practice (Biennial)

4.0 Objective of the Award

As these awards aim to honour professional practitioners, the following are excluded from being nominated for this award

- Academicians from IIT / IISc,
- Academicians from central / state / private universities and
- Employees of research institutions

5.0 Sponsorship for the Awards

It was decided to invite sponsorships for the awards to make it self-sustaining and financially viable. The sponsor's name will be attached to the award title

... for example: **IGS-___ Award for ___ supported by xxx**

6.0 AWARD 1: IGS- Award for Outstanding contribution to Geotechnical Engineering Practice - Biennial (Supported by xxx)

Sponsorship Amount: 4 Lakhs

6.1 Screening Criteria

1. The nominee shall be an IGS member for a minimum period of 10 Years before nomination
2. The minimum age shall be 55 years as of 31 August and not more 75 years as on 31 August of the calendar year
3. Nominated by EC members or Local Chapters (Nomination Performa to be prepared) – or Self Nomination (with a recommendation from two IGS Fellows).

The selection committee shall be 5 people, President, two Academicians (one EC member and one non-EC member) and two industry personnel (one EC member and one Non-EC member)

The previous awardee is not eligible to apply again.

6.2 Selection Criteria

1. Should have carried out exemplary work, advanced the profession, exhibited technical competence, introduced and adopted newer technologies and contributed significantly to geotechnical engineering industry in India.
2. The nominee shall attach details of at least five projects on which he/she has contributed to the advancement of the state of geotechnical practice.
3. At least 25 years of experience in the industry and should have at least ten years of experience in India.
4. The nominee shall attach at least three testimonials from outside their organisation.
5. Previous awards/honours shall be an added value.
6. Published articles, contribution to a book, seminars, webinars will be added value

6.3 Award

- The award will carry a cash amount of Rs. 35,000/-, a certificate, a citation (format to be prepared) and memento.
- The awardee shall be invited to deliver a special lecture during IGC.
- The awardee's work will be published in the IGS Newsletter
- If suitable nominations are not received, the award shall be deferred for that year

6.4 Important Dates

- Call for Nomination – 01 June
- Submission of Nomination - 31 July
- Formation of Awards committee – June EC Meeting
- Selection of Awardee –Sept EC Meeting
- Intimation to Awardee – After decision in Sep EC Meeting
- Award will be presented during the December IGC

7.0 AWARD 2: IGS- leadership award for contribution in Geotechnical Engineering Practice - Biennial (Supported by xxx)

Sponsorship Amount: 3.0 Lakhs

7.1 Screening Criteria

1. The nominee shall be an IGS member for a minimum period of 5 Years before nomination

2. The minimum age shall be 35 years and not more than 55 years as of 31 August of the calendar year
3. The nominee should have carried out exemplary work and contributed significantly to geotechnical engineering industry in India.
4. Nominated by EC members or Local Chapters or Self Nomination (with a recommendation from two IGS Fellows)

The selection committee shall be five people, President, two Academicians (one EC member and one non-EC member) and two industry personnel (one EC member and one Non-EC member)

The previous awardee is not eligible to apply again.

7.2 Selection Criteria

1. Should have demonstrated technical competence, introduced and adopted newer technologies and leadership qualities, implement good practices/innovation. The nominee shall have contributed significantly to the geotechnical engineering industry in India.
2. Service as a role model or mentor that shows dedication to the advancement of the geotechnical field.
3. The nominee shall attach details of at least three projects on which he/she has contributed to the advancement of the state of geotechnical practice.
4. Should have at least ten years of experience in the industry, of which at least 07 years should be in India.
5. The nominee shall attach at least two testimonials from outside their organisation.
6. Previous awards/honors shall be an added value.
7. Published articles, contribution to a book, seminars, webinars will be an added value

7.3 Award

- The award will carry a cash amount of **Rs. 25,000/-**, a certificate and memento.
- The awardee shall be invited to deliver a special lecture during IGC.
- The awardee's work will be published in the IGS Newsletter
- If suitable nominations are not received, the award shall be deferred for that year

7.4 Important Dates

- Call for Nomination – 01 June
- Submission of Nomination - 31 July
- Formation of Awards committee – June EC Meeting
- Selection of Awardee –Sept EC Meeting
- Intimation to Awardee – After decision in Sep EC Meeting
- Award will be presented during the December IGC

8.0 AWARD 3: IGS-Gold Medal for the best geotechnical engineering practices on a project - Biennial (Supported by xxx)

Sponsorship Amount: 2 Lakhs

8.1 Screening Criteria

- The award is for professional companies / organizations working in India. Individuals shall not be considered.

- The nominee (Company/organisation) shall be an IGS associate member for a minimum period of 3 Years before nomination.
- Nominated by EC members or Local Chapters –or Self Nomination (with a recommendation from two IGS Fellows)
- Academic institutions, universities / colleges, research organizations are not eligible for the award

The selection committee shall be five people, President, two Academicians (one EC member and one non-EC member) and two industry personnel (one EC member and one Non-EC member)

8.2 Selection Criteria

1. The nominee (Company/Organisation) should have carried out exemplary work and contributed significantly to the geotechnical engineering industry in India.
2. Noteworthy, proven technical achievement on one geotechnical project or program that represents a breakthrough or milestone or innovation in the geotechnical field.
3. Demonstrate creativity, solving a complex problem, sustainability consideration and project planning and implementation
4. The achievements or contribution should have been made during the 24 months preceding the nomination period.
5. The nominee shall attach details of the projects on which the organisation has contributed to geotechnical solutions.
6. The nominee shall be at least five years in the Indian industry.
7. The nominee shall attach at least two testimonials from outside their organisation about the project.
8. The previous awardee is not eligible to apply again with the same project

8.3 Award

- The award will carry a Medal, a certificate and memento.
- The awarded project will be published in the IGS Newsletter
- If suitable nominations are not received, the award shall be deferred for that year

8.4 Important Dates

- Call for Nomination – 01 June
- Submission of Nomination - 31 July
- Formation of Awards committee – June EC Meeting
- Selection of Awardee –Sept EC Meeting
- Intimation to Awardee – After decision in Sep EC Meeting
- Award will be presented during the December IGC

9.0 **AWARD 4: IGS-Young Professional award for Geotechnical engineering practice - Biennial** **(Supported by xxx)** Sponsorship Amount: 2 Lakhs

9.1 Screening criteria

1. Should be a member of IGS at least for two years.
2. Professionals below the age of 35 years as on 31 August of the calendar year, who have done work in the field and demonstrated potential to solve field engineering problems shall apply.

3. Nominated by EC members or Local Chapters (Nomination Performa to be prepared) –or Self Nomination (with a recommendation from two IGS-Fellows)

The selection committee shall be five people, President, two Academicians (one EC member and one non-EC member) and two industry personnel (one EC member and one Non-EC member)
The previous awardee is not eligible to apply again.

9.2 Selection Criteria

1. The person must have done exemplary work.
2. The nominee should have professional experience of at least five years (with a minimum of two years in India).
3. Noteworthy, proven, a technical achievement on at least one geotechnical project or program in the geotechnical field. A note on the project summary shall be attached along with the nomination.
4. The nominee shall attach at least one testimonial from an expert within his/her organization or outside

9.3 Award

- The award will carry a cash amount of Rs 15,000/-, a certificate, and a memento.
- The awardee's work will be published in the IGS Newsletter
- If suitable nominations are not received, the award shall be deferred for that year

9.4 Important Dates

- Call for Nomination – 01 June
- Submission of Nomination - 31 July
- Formation of Awards committee – June EC Meeting
- Selection of Awardee –Sept EC Meeting
- Intimation to Awardee – After decision in Sep EC Meeting
- Award will be presented during the December IGC