



INDIAN SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE

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Ninetieth Annual Convention: 2026 FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The 90th Annual Convention of the Indian Society of Soil Science (ISSS) will be held at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur-741252, West Bengal during **December 15-18, 2026** (Tuesday to Friday). The Annual Convention is open to only members of the ISSS and others are not eligible to register for the Convention.

Convention Features

1. Special Symposium on "Soil Health as Integral Part of One Health"
2. National Seminar on "Developments in Soil Science - 2026"
3. The 43rd Prof. J.N. Mukherjee-ISSS Foundation Lecture
4. The 52nd Dr. R.V. Tamhane Memorial Lecture
5. 1st Dr. Niranjana Panda Memorial Lecture
6. 1st Dr. Gyanendra Nath Mitra Memorial Lecture
7. Presentation by the Doctoral Research Award Contestants

Abstract Submission

- Abstracts of original research papers on any topic in Soil Science are invited from MEMBERS of ISSS for ORAL/POSTER presentation in the National Seminar. One of the authors, who is a member of ISSS not in arrears of membership subscription for the year 2026 and registering as a delegate by paying the Registration Fee of the Convention will only be allowed to present the abstract in oral or poster session in person.

- Each abstract is to be a self-contained one prepared in **not more than 300 words**, stating briefly the objective(s), methodology and major findings. *Table(s) or illustrations will not be accepted.*
- *Only those abstracts SUBMITTED through ONLINE only on or before 30 September 2026 and found suitable will be allowed for presentation in the Seminar.*

Important Dates

Last date for submission of Abstract(s) : **30 September 2026**

Date of issuing Acceptance : **15 October 2026**

Last date of Registration at headquarters : **30 November 2026**

Submit your Abstracts at:

<http://www.iss1934.org/abstractguidelines.aspx>

- Presentation of an abstract in oral session will be permitted only when the abstract has been accepted for oral presentation and also one of the authors (who is a member of ISSS) deposits the Registration fee with the Society Headquarters at New Delhi on or before **30 November 2026**.
- Only those abstracts which are received by due date of 30 November 2026 and presented during the Convention will be post printed electronically.

- Poster sessions will also be arranged and members are requested to opt for poster presentation in large number.

Registration Fee

Registration fee of Rs. 5000 (Rs. 2500 in case of student) is to be paid in advance by each delegate to the *Secretary, Indian Society of Soil Science, Ist Floor, A Block, National Agricultural Science Centre Complex, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, Pusa, New Delhi - 110012* either in cash or in the form of a bank draft drawn in favour of "*Indian Society of Soil Science*" and payable on any bank in New Delhi so as to reach the ISSS headquarters by **30 November 2026**. **Registration fee may also be paid by direct online payment link <https://www.iss-india.org/payment.aspx>**

Subsequently, the registration fee will be accepted only in cash at the venue of Convention on **14 December 2026** onwards. *Registration fee once paid will neither be refunded nor transferred to any other purpose or person.*

Accommodation

Limited numbers of the rooms are available in the Guest Houses at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya and nearby Institutes. The booking will be made on first come and first serve basis. Hence, most of the delegates will be accommodated in the hotels nearby. Their accommodation has to be made at least two months prior to the commencement of the event to avoid the increase in negotiated tariff. The nearby hotels at Kalyani FACC, Nadia, West Bengal have following rates:

Sl. No.	Hotels name	Room type	No. of Rooms	Rent (Rs.)	Distance from Venue	Contact No. for booking
1	Dhakeswari Queen B-8/9 (CA), Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal - 741235	Double Bedded AC Suite	2	3500 + 5% GST	2.3 km	6294818070, 7384877840, 9432061805
		Double Bedded Super AC Deluxe	8	2500 + 5% GST		
		Double Bedded AC Deluxe	2	2000 + 5% GST		
		Double Bedded Standard AC	6	1500 + 5% GST		
		Double Bedded AC	5	1200 + 5% GST		
2	Royal Palace-9 A-1/30, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal - 741235	Four Bedded AC Suite (Two double Beds)	3	2200 + 5% GST	3.0 km	9144100702
		Double Bedded AC Deluxe	6	1500 + 5% GST		
		Double Bedded Standard AC	20	1300 + 5% GST		
3	Dhakeswari Palace B- 8/4(CA), Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal - 741235	Double Bedded AC	10	2000 + 5% GST	2.3 km	9830765611
		Double Bedded AC	6	1500 + 5% GST		
		Double Bedded AC	5	1200 + 5% GST		
4	Aquatic Palace WBIIDC Growth Centre, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal - 741235	Standard AC- Single	5	2000+ 5% GST	2.7 km	9836117733, 9836114433
		Standard AC- Double	10	2500 + 5% GST		
		Executive Deluxe- Single	-			
		Executive Deluxe- Double	7	3500 + 5% GST		
		Suite	1	4000 + 5% GST		
		Corporate Premium	4	4500 + 5% GST		

5	Hotel Regal Star A-1/2 S, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal - 741235	Deluxe- Double	2	2100 + 5% GST	3.0 km	9330488645, 8653200596
		Double Bedded AC	3	1500 + 5% GST		
		Double Bedded AC	12	1200 + 5% GST		
6	Unique Palace (no lift) A-1/60, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal - 741235	Deluxe- Double AC	4	1500 + 5% GST	3.0 km	9831710424, 9143503391
		Double Bedded AC	11	1200 + 5% GST		
7	Larika Hotel & Restaurant (no lift) Basantapur, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal - 741245	Double Bedded AC	15	2000 + 5% GST	13.0 km	8240676957, 7029820392

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AAirport is located about 45 km away from FACC (Lake Hall), BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia and Bandel Railway Junction is located about 20 km away from FACC (Lake Hall), BCKV, Kalyani. And Kalyani Main Railway station is located about 3 km away from FACC (Lake Hall), BCKV. Transport facilities will be arranged in groups from Bandel or Kalyani Main station based on the request and itinerary, on the previous day of the Convention *i.e.* 14.12.2026. For VIP delegates, Past Presidents and Executive Members of the ISSS and we can provide Transport from Air Port.

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New Delhi
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(Ranjan Bhattacharyya)
Secretary, ISSS

Inviting Applications for Various Awards of ISSS: 2026

Nominations for induction of Fellows and applications for various awards of ISSS during 2026, are invited as per the details given in this notice. **In a year either the nomination for Fellowship or an application for an Award only will be considered and not for both, in respect of an eligible member. Similarly one can apply during a single year either for Global Soils Conference 2024 Commemoration Award or Dr. J.S. Kanwar 12th International Congress Commemoration Award or ISSS-Dr. J.S.P. Yadav Memorial Award or Prof. Sant Singh Memorial Award for Excellence in Education and Research in Soil Science.**

The last date of filling up the online nominations/applications for awards is 10 September 2026 up to 5.30 PM.

Webpage: <http://iss awards.org/index>

1. Fellows

The Honorary Members and Fellows of ISSS are invited to nominate eligible members for Fellowship of ISSS, which is conferred on an individual *in recognition of his/her professional outstanding contributions and service to the ISSS*. Total number of persons to be bestowed with Fellowship of ISSS during the year 2026 shall not exceed **FOUR**.

To be eligible for nomination for the Fellowship, an individual must have been a sustaining Life Member or Member (not in arrears of subscription) for at least last ten consecutive years. **Honorary Members and the Platinum Jubilee Commemoration awardees are not eligible to apply for this award.**

The nomination will be made in each case at least by TWO Honorary Members/ Fellows. In a year, an Honorary Member/ Fellow can make not more than ONE nomination. Nomination once made shall remain valid for three years. The newly inducted Fellows shall be formally admitted at the Annual Convention and presented with a citation.

2. Global Soils Conference 2024 Commemoration Award

Applications are invited from the members of the ISSS, irrespective of age for this award. Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving evidence of creating a school of research, providing leadership and/or making independent outstanding contribution in any branch of Soil Science. The candidate shall be a sustaining member (not in arrears of subscription) or life member for at least five (5) consecutive years. The Honorary Members, Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Awardee and Fellows shall not be eligible for the consideration of this award. The Awardee shall be honoured with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention of ISSS.

3. Dr. J.S. Kanwar Twelfth International Congress of Soil Science Commemoration Award

Applications are invited from the members of the ISSS, irrespective of age for this award. Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving evidence of creating a school of research, providing leadership and/or making independent outstanding

contribution in any branch of Soil Science. The Awardee shall be honoured with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention of ISSS.

4. ISSS–Dr. J.S.P. Yadav Memorial Award for Excellence in Soil Science

Applications are invited from the members of the ISSS or the team in the area of basic/ applied aspects of soil science for sustainable high productivity. In case of the team one of the members shall be the active member of the ISSS.

Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving a concise account (**not more than 500 words**) of the work supported by a documentary evidence of the excellence of the work by the best five original research papers published in not less than three different peer-review journals of repute, and also a brief description of (a) products developed and patent(s) granted/ commercialized, and (b) viable technologies developed in India or any other well-recognized international organization based in India. The Awardee shall be honoured with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention of ISSS.

5. Prof. Sant Singh Memorial Award for Excellence in Education and Research in Soil Science

Applications are invited from the members of the ISSS. The applicant shall be a current member of ISSS and the membership shall be at least five years in continuation. Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving a concise account of the work (**not more than 500 words each for teaching and research**) supported by documentary evidence in the form of:

(a) **For the assessment of teaching:** A certificate from Dean/Director of the Faculty/Institute authenticating contribution of the applicant in development /revision of course curriculum, copies of teaching materials like books, book chapters, manuals, models, bulletins, technical folders, e-courses, e-lectures developed, list of courses taught at UG/PG levels, number of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students supervised and quality of students/human resources as evident by their placements; and

(b) **For the assessment of research:** Best five original research papers published in not less than three different peer-review journals of repute.

Contribution in teaching and research made during last 10 years only shall be considered for the award.

The Awardee shall be honoured with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention of ISSS.

6. ISSS-Women Scientist Award for Excellence in Soil Science

Applications are invited from the women members of the ISSS. The applicant shall be a sustaining member (not in arrears of subscription) or life member for at least five (5) consecutive years. Each applicant is required to fill up the online application complete in all respects, giving a concise account (not more than 500 words) of the work supported by the best five original research papers published in not less than three different peer-review journals of repute, and also a brief description of a) products developed and patent(s) granted/ commercialized, and b) viable technologies developed in India or any other well-recognized international organization based in India. Work carried out only during the last ten years shall be considered for the award.

5. Golden Jubilee Commemoration Young Scientist Award

This award, given annually to an individual in recognition of his/her professional contributions in Soil Science, is open to members of the ISSS who are not more than 40 years of age as on 31 December 2026. The work done for any degree or diploma by the applicant shall not be considered within the purview of the contributions in judging the award. Eligible members of the ISSS can apply online for this award

The awardee shall be honoured with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the Annual Convention.

6. ISSS Best Doctoral Research Presentation Award

This award, given annually to an individual, is in recognition of the best presentation of doctoral research work done in Soil Science in India.

Eligibility: A recipient of Doctoral degree in Soil Science, irrespective of age and membership of ISSS is eligible to apply online for this award. However, that person should have either completed all the requirements so as to become eligible for the award of Doctoral degree (or received Doctoral degree) of a University (recognized by the University Grants Commission) or an Institute/ Organization (conferred with the status of 'Deemed to be University' in India) any time between **1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026** (both days inclusive).

Preliminary Round of Contest: The contest for this award will be organized in two rounds. The preliminary round will be organized on the zonal basis by four Chapters of ISSS, one in each of the four zones (as delineated for the purpose of holding ISSS Zonal Awards). This first round of contest in each zone is meant for selecting not more than two contestants from that particular zone.

The Chapters delineated for holding first round ISSS Best Doctoral Research Presentation Award Contest in 2026 are: **Bhubaneswar** – East Zone, **Udaipur** – West Zone, **Delhi** – North Zone and **Thrissur** – South Zone

Final Round of Contest: All the contestants selected at the zonal level in the preliminary round will then be invited to participate in the final round of contest that will be organized by ISSS during its 89th Annual Convention at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Additional Requirement: The contestants participating in the preliminary as well as final round shall be required to make available a copy of their theses/dissertations to the Judging Committee at the time of contest for consultation.

Presentation of Award: The single winner of the award from among the contestants in the final round will be honoured with a citation and a gold-plated medal at the Concluding Session of the Annual Convention, while all the other contestants in the final round will be given commendation certificates.

Travel Support for Participation: Each Chapter of ISSS is entitled to nominate not more than two contestants fulfilling all the requirements, to participate in the contest at the zonal level and such nominees of Chapters shall be eligible to receive travel grant from ISSS, limited to two single second class (sleeper) rail or ordinary bus fare from the place of their normal residence/ work to the venue of the zonal award contest.

Intending candidates desirous of availing this financial support should route their applications through a Chapter of ISSS, whose decision insofar as recommendation for financial support shall be final.

7. The Indian Society of Soil Science Zonal Awards

These awards, four in number, are exclusively meant for holders of **Master's degree in Soil Science** and giving best presentation of research work carried out by them during the Master's degree

programme. Only the work done in India for Master's degree will be eligible for this award. There is one award comprising a gold-plated medal and a citation for each of the East, West, North and South zones of India. The Council of ISSS has already decided on the States and Union Territories to be covered in each zone for the year 2026 and also identified the Chapter of ISSS (**Bhubaneswar** – East Zone, **Udaipur** – West Zone, **Delhi** – North Zone and **Thrissur** – South Zone), which will organise the contest in each zone.

Eligibility: This contest is open to candidates in India, irrespective of the fact whether they are members of the ISSS or not, but fulfilling the following essential requirements.

- * *Must be a Master's degree holder in Soil Science from a recognized university or an institute/ organization deemed to be university in India.*
- * *Must have specialized in Soil Science and/ or Agricultural Chemistry at the Master's degree level.*
- * *Must have submitted a Thesis/ Dissertation in partial/ full requirement of the Master's degree.*
- * *Must have completed all the requirements so as to become eligible for the award of Master's degree or received the Master's degree any time during the period from **1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026** (both days inclusive).*

Application: The intending applicants are required to submit their applications online **on or before 10 September 2026 up to 5.30 PM**. The contestants shall be required to make available a copy of their theses/ dissertations to the Judging Committee at the time of contest for consultation.

Travel Support for Participation: Each Chapter of ISSS is entitled to nominate not more than two contestants fulfilling all the requirements, to participate in the zonal awards contest and such nominees of Chapters shall be eligible to receive travel grant from ISSS, limited to two single second class (sleeper) rail or ordinary bus fare from the place of their normal residence/ work to the venue of the zonal award contest.

Intending candidates desirous of availing this financial support should route their applications through a Chapter of ISSS, whose decision insofar as recommendation for financial support shall be final.

Presentation of Award: Each awardee will be presented with a gold-plated medal and a citation at the end of the contest by the Chapter of ISSS organizing the contest for and on behalf of the ISSS.

Best Poster Presentation Awards

This award, three in number, are given annually to the participants to encourage and foster competition and to recognize excellence in poster presentations made in the Annual Convention of ISSS. The awardee shall be honoured with a citation in the Concluding Function of the Annual Convention.

Best Chapter Awards

This award, three in number, are given annually to the Chapters of ISSS to encourage in poster presentations made in the Annual Convention of ISSS. The awardee shall be honoured with a citation in the Concluding Function of the Annual Convention.

Important Notes

- An individual already received an award from the Society should not be considered for the next higher award within the cooling period of next three years.
- A candidate once received an award he/she should not be eligible for the award which is listed after that particular award as mentioned above.