



INDIAN SOCIETY OF GEOMATICS (ISG)

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INVITATION OF NOMINATIONS

ISG Awards – 2026

Every year, the Indian Society of Geomatics (ISG) recognises outstanding contributions by scientists, engineers, researchers, academicians and professionals in Geomatics, including GIS, GNSS/GPS, remote sensing, photogrammetry, digital cartography and allied fields. Nominations are invited for the following awards for the year 2026:

S. No.	Award	Prize / recognition
1	National Geomatics Award for Excellence – 2026	₹1,00,000; medal and citation
2	National Geomatics Award – Technology – 2026	₹50,000; medal and citation
3	National Geomatics Award – Applications – 2026	₹50,000; medal and citation
4	Prof. Kakani Nageswara Rao Endowment Young Achiever Award – 2026	₹25,000 and citation
5	President's Appreciation Medal for Contribution to ISG – 2026	₹25,000; medal and citation
6	GalaxEye UDAAN Award – 2026	₹25,000; joint citation and certificate
7	ISG Chapter Award for Best Performance – 2026	Medal and citation

Submission at a glance

- **Detailed guidelines:** See the award-wise eligibility, nomination and selection provisions on the following pages.
- **Deadline:** 30 September 2026, 23:59 IST.
- **Email:** secretary@isgindia.org; pankajb.isro@gmail.com
- **Subject line:** ISG Awards 2026 – [Award Category] – [Nominee / Chapter Name].

Awards webpage and prescribed forms: <https://isgindia.org/awards/>

Regards,

Pankaj Bodani
Secretary, ISG



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DETAILED AWARD GUIDELINES

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Common fields of contribution. Geographical Information Systems; Global Positioning System / GNSS; photogrammetry; digital cartography; remote sensing; applications of Geomatics; and closely allied geospatial fields.

General submission rule. Use the prescribed award-specific format, complete all particulars, sign where required, and attach the supporting publications, citations and annexures. Submit the soft copy by the announced deadline. A single searchable PDF for each nomination is preferred.

Selection and decision. Nominations will be assessed by the committee constituted for the relevant award. The competent ISG body will approve and announce the awardee(s). An award may be withheld when no suitable candidate is found, where the applicable rules so provide.

Presentation. Awards are intended to be presented at an ISG annual convention, joint ISG–ISRS national symposium, or another event determined by ISG. Awardees will be informed separately about ceremony and travel arrangements.

Closing date. 30 September 2026, 23:59 IST. Nominations received after the deadline may not be considered.

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Applicants should read the award-specific provisions below; eligibility and nominator requirements differ between categories.



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1. National Geomatics Award for Excellence – 2026

Award: ₹1,00,000 in cash, a medal and citation

Purpose. To recognise an outstanding and conspicuously important contribution that has promoted Geomatics technology and applications at the national level and made a major impact on the use of the technology for national development.

Eligibility. Any citizen of India engaged in activities related to Geomatics technology and its applications. The work should have been primarily carried out in India. The nominee must be 45 years of age or above as on 30 June 2026.

Who may nominate. The head of a major research institute or centre; the Vice-Chancellor of a university; the Secretary of a Government scientific department; the President of a National Academy; the President of ISG, ISRS or INCA; an ISG Fellow; or two ISG Life Members whose membership is more than ten years old.

Validity of nomination. A candidate once nominated may be considered for a total period of two years, in accordance with the established award guidance.

Selection. An Award Committee of eminent geospatial experts identified by the ISG Executive Council will evaluate the nominations and forward its recommendation to the ISG Executive Council. The Committee may also consider other persons who, in its opinion, have made outstanding contributions. The award may be withheld if no candidate is found suitable.

Nomination particulars

1. Name of nominee and postal address.
2. Academic background (Bachelor's degree onwards) and field of specialisation.
3. Important positions held, in chronological order.
4. Professional experience, including foreign assignments.
5. Important awards and honours.
6. Important publications and patents; enclose a set of the ten most important publications.
7. Contribution on which the nomination is based (up to 1,000 words), together with a 50-word proposed citation.
8. Other relevant information.
9. Proposer's signature, name, address, phone, email, Life Membership number where applicable, place and date.
10. Endorsement by the second ISG Life Member where nomination is made by two Life Members.



2. National Geomatics Award – Technology – 2026

Award: ₹50,000 in cash, a medal and citation

Purpose. To recognise an original and significant contribution in Geomatics technology.

Eligibility. Any citizen of India engaged in scientific work in the stated Geomatics fields. The work should have been largely carried out in India, supported by publications in refereed journals of repute, accepted by peers through citation, and should have made an impact on the overall development of Geomatics. Work consisting only of applications of existing technologies will not qualify in this category.

Nomination. The nomination must be duly signed by two ISG Life Members and submitted in the prescribed format, complete in all respects.

Selection. An expert committee of at least three members, constituted by the ISG Executive Council, will scrutinise nominations and recommend the awardee(s) to the Executive Council, which will take the decision.

Nomination particulars

1. Name of candidate and present position.
2. Positions held earlier, in chronological order.
3. Academic qualifications (Bachelor's degree onwards).
4. Names of at least three Indian scientists or technologists in the field as possible referees.
5. Brief write-up, up to 500 words, on the work for which the award is claimed.
6. Publications on the work; enclose reprints.
7. List of the candidate's other publications.
8. Proposed citation for the work.
9. Impact of the work on the development of Geomatics, up to 500 words.
10. Whether the work has already received an award; if yes, provide details.
11. Names, membership numbers and signatures of the two proposing ISG Life Members.



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3. National Geomatics Award – Applications – 2026

Award: ₹50,000 in cash, a medal and citation

Purpose. To recognise innovative application or applications in the field of Geomatics.

Eligibility. Any citizen of India engaged in scientific work in the stated Geomatics fields. The work should have been largely carried out in India, should demonstrate innovative application of Geomatics, and should have made an impact on the overall development or practical use of Geomatics.

Nomination. The nomination must be duly signed by two ISG Life Members and submitted in the prescribed format, complete in all respects.

Selection. An expert committee of at least three members, constituted by the ISG Executive Council, will scrutinise nominations and recommend the awardee(s) to the Executive Council, which will take the decision.

Nomination particulars

1. Name of candidate and present position.
2. Positions held earlier, in chronological order.
3. Academic qualifications (Bachelor's degree onwards).
4. Names of at least three Indian scientists or technologists in the field as possible referees.
5. Brief write-up, up to 500 words, on the innovative application(s) for which the award is claimed.
6. Publications or technical evidence concerning the application(s); enclose relevant material.
7. List of the candidate's other publications.
8. Proposed citation for the work.
9. Impact of the application(s) on the development or practical use of Geomatics, up to 500 words.
10. Whether the work has already received an award; if yes, provide details.
11. Names, membership numbers and signatures of the two proposing ISG Life Members.



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4. Prof. Kakani Nageswara Rao Endowment Young Achiever Award – 2026

Award: ₹25,000 in cash and a citation

Purpose. To encourage young researchers, scientists and academicians pursuing research in geospatial technology and applications.

Eligibility. Any citizen of India engaged in scientific work in the stated Geomatics fields. The nominee must not be more than 35 years of age as on 30 June 2026. The work should have been largely carried out in India and should demonstrate original contribution or innovative application, supported by appropriate publications or evidence, with impact on the development of Geomatics.

Selection. An expert committee of at least three members, constituted by the ISG Executive Council, will scrutinise nominations and recommend the awardee(s) to the Executive Council, which will take the decision.

Nomination particulars

1. Name of candidate, date of birth and present position.
2. Positions held earlier, in chronological order.
3. Academic qualifications (Bachelor's degree onwards).
4. Names of at least three Indian scientists or technologists in the field as possible referees.
5. Brief write-up, up to 500 words, on the work for which the award is claimed.
6. Publications on the work; enclose reprints.
7. List of the candidate's other publications.
8. Proposed citation for the work.
9. Impact of the work on the development of Geomatics, up to 500 words.
10. Whether the work has already received an award; if yes, provide details.



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5. President's Appreciation Medal for Contribution to ISG – 2026

Award: ₹25,000 in cash, a medal and citation

Purpose. To recognise a member who has made a noteworthy contribution to the growth of the Indian Society of Geomatics, whether through the main body or an ISG Chapter.

Eligibility. The nominee must be a member of ISG. The nomination should demonstrate sustained or exceptional service that materially advanced the Society's objectives, membership, professional activities, publications, outreach, chapter development, governance or institutional standing.

Evidence for assessment. Provide specific activities, dates, roles, measurable outcomes and supporting records. The contribution should be clearly attributable to the nominee and should extend beyond routine participation expected from the office or role held.

Selection. The nomination will be considered through the process determined by the President and/or ISG Executive Council. The competent ISG body's decision will be final.

Proposed nomination particulars for 2026

1. Name, contact details and ISG membership number of the nominee.
2. Present and previous roles in ISG or an ISG Chapter, with dates.
3. Summary of noteworthy contribution to the growth of ISG, up to 750 words.
4. Activities and measurable outcomes, including membership growth, programmes, publications, outreach, partnerships, chapter development or other institutional benefit.
5. Proposed citation, up to 100 words.
6. Supporting documents or endorsements.
7. Name, membership number, signature and contact details of the proposer.



6. GalaxEye UDAAN Award – 2026

Award: ₹25,000 in cash, a jointly issued citation and certificate, and an opportunity for further collaboration

Purpose. To recognise outstanding research papers or proposals in Geomatics and geospatial technologies that demonstrate strong potential for commercial application, market relevance and societal impact.

Eligibility. Researchers, innovators and teams working in Geomatics or geospatial technologies may submit research or an implementation proposal with a clear pathway toward real-world use. Preference will be given to candidates under 45 years of age; this is a preference rather than an absolute age bar under the agreed evaluation provisions.

Evaluation criteria. Innovation and originality; commercial and societal impact potential; feasibility and scalability; industry relevance; and clarity of the application or commercialisation roadmap.

Selection. A Joint Evaluation Committee will comprise a Chairperson and Member Secretary nominated by ISG, one senior member nominated by GalaxEye, and up to two mutually agreed independent industry or academic experts. The Committee's decision will be final and binding.

Post-award opportunity. GalaxEye may offer technical mentorship or engagement to support further development, pilot work or a potential commercialisation pathway. Any such engagement will be subject to separate mutual agreement; submission does not transfer intellectual-property ownership.

Proposed nomination / application particulars for 2026

1. Applicant or team name, affiliation, contact details and brief profiles.
2. Title and executive summary of the research paper or proposal.
3. Problem addressed, target users or beneficiaries, and present market or societal need.
4. Innovation, originality and comparison with existing approaches.
5. Technical approach and evidence of feasibility, including results, prototype or validation where available.
6. Potential commercial and societal impact.
7. Scalability, implementation plan, milestones and key risks.
8. Industry relevance, business or adoption model, and proposed commercialisation roadmap.
9. Intellectual-property status and any third-party rights or restrictions.
10. Supporting paper, proposal, publications, demonstrations or other evidence.
11. A proposed citation of up to 100 words.



7. ISG Chapter Award for Best Performance – 2026

Award: A medal and citation

Purpose. To recognise an active ISG Chapter that has made a significant contribution toward furthering the mandate and goals of the Society.

Eligibility. Any duly recognised and active ISG Chapter may be considered. The Chapter should be compliant with ISG requirements and should demonstrate substantive activity and benefit during the assessment period.

Assessment considerations. Quality and regularity of technical programmes; membership development and engagement; student and young-professional outreach; collaboration with institutions and other chapters; publications and communications; contribution to ISG's national activities; governance, reporting and financial discipline; innovation; inclusion; and demonstrable local or societal impact.

Selection. Chapter performance information will be assessed through the process determined by ISG. The competent ISG body's decision will be final.

Proposed chapter submission particulars for 2026

1. Chapter name, office-bearers, contact details and reporting period.
2. Membership position at the beginning and end of the period, including new members and student engagement.
3. Technical talks, seminars, workshops, conferences, training, outreach and other activities, with dates and participation.
4. Collaborations, publications, communications and contribution to ISG national programmes.
5. Governance record, meetings held, statutory or administrative compliance, and summary of finances.
6. Key outcomes, innovations and societal or professional impact.
7. Photographs, reports, links, attendance records and other supporting evidence.
8. A concise proposed citation, up to 100 words, approved by the Chapter office-bearers.



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SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Select the correct award category and confirm every eligibility requirement before submission.
- Use the prescribed award-specific form where ISG has published one; otherwise provide the particulars listed in this announcement.
- Obtain all required proposer, seconder, nominee or Chapter signatures before scanning or compiling the application.
- Attach age proof for age-restricted categories and ISG membership details wherever membership or membership tenure is relevant.
- Include the required write-ups, citation, publications, reprints and evidence of impact.
- Combine the nomination and annexures into one clearly bookmarked, searchable PDF where practicable.
- Use the email subject: ISG Awards 2026 – [Award Category] – [Nominee / Chapter Name].
- Send the submission to secretary@isgindia.org and pankajb.isro@gmail.com by 30 September 2026, 23:59 IST.
- Retain the sent-email record and complete submission file. ISG may seek clarification or additional documents during scrutiny.

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