



# INDIAN SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE

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## Eighty-fifth Annual Convention: 2021 FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Indian Society of Soil Science (ISSS) will be held at the Palli Siksha Bhavana, Institute of Agriculture, Visva-Bharati (Central University), Sriniketan-731236, Birbhum (District), West Bengal during **November 16-19, 2021** (Tuesday to Friday). The Annual Convention is open to only members of the ISSS and others are not eligible to register for the Convention.

- 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 31 August 2021 and found suitable will be allowed presentation in the Seminar.*

### Convention Features

1. Special Symposium on "*Achieving the land degradation neutrality by 2030 in new normal*"
2. National Seminar on "*Developments in Soil Science - 2021*"
3. The 38<sup>th</sup> Prof. J.N. Mukherjee-ISSS Foundation Lecture
4. The 47<sup>th</sup> Dr. R.V. Tamhane Memorial Lecture
5. Presentation by the Doctoral Research Award Contestants

### Important Dates

- Last date for submission : **31 August 2021**  
of Abstract(s)
- Date of issuing Acceptance : **8 September 2021**
- Last date of Registration : **30 October 2021**  
at headquarter

*Submit your Abstracts at:*

<http://www.iss-india.org/abstractguidelines.aspx>

### 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 2021 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. *No proxy presentation is permissible.*
- 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 of **Rs 4000/- (Rs 3000/- in case of students)** with the Society Headquarters at New Delhi on or before **30 October 2021**.
- Only those abstracts which are received by due date of 31 August 2021 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 4000/- (Rs 3000/-** in case of students) is to be paid in advance by each delegate to the *Secretary, Indian Society of Soil Science, 1st Floor, National Societies 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 October 2021**.

Registration fee may also be paid by direct online bank transfer:

**Beneficiary Name** : Indian Society of Soil Science  
**A/C No.** : 90292010000393  
**IFSC Code** : CNRB0019029  
**Bank** : Canara Bank  
**Branch** : Pusa Campus

Subsequently, the registration fee will be accepted only in cash at the venue of Convention on **16 November 2021** onwards. *Registration fee once paid will neither be refunded nor transferred to any other purpose or person.*

### *Accommodation*

A limited number of rooms are available in Guest House (University/Institutes) or hotels. Accommodation to the delegates will be provided on first-come-first-served basis on payment of the advance. The delegates are requested to make an advance payment of lump sum Rs. 2000 per head by sending the details of their stay in the prescribed format to the organizers at **ISSS Sriniketan Chapter**. The payment may be made in the name of "**ISSS Sriniketan Chapter**" through demand draft (no outstation cheque will be accepted) drawn at **SBI Sriniketan** and sent by registered post/speed post/courier to *Dr. Goutam Kumar Ghosh, Organising Secretary, 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of ISSS, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Institute of Agriculture, Visva-Bharati (Central University), Sriniketan- 731236,*

*Birbhum (District), West Bengal* or by direct online bank transfer to:

**Beneficiary Name** : ISSS Sriniketan Chapter  
**A/C No.** : 38334728280  
**IFSC Code** : SBIN0012391  
**Bank** : State Bank of India  
**Branch** : Sriniketan

The delegates arriving with their spouse may be provided with desired accommodation on prior intimation and payment of the amount in advance.

The details of tariff (excluding taxes) for different types of rooms are as follows:

#### **1. Hotel (A/C single or double-bedded rooms)**

Tariff slabs: Rs. 1000-1500, 1500-2000, 2000-2500, 2500-3000, 3000-4000 per room per day

#### **2. Guest House (University/Institutes): Limited numbers of rooms**

*A/C (single or double-bedded rooms):*  
 Tariff Rs. 600-1400 per bed/day

*Non-A/C (single or double-bedded rooms):*  
 Tariff Rs. 300-800 per bed/day

*A/C (Dormitory):* Rs. 1100-1200 per bed/day

*Non-A/C (dormitory):* Tariff Rs. 150 per bed/day

Regarding accommodations, kindly contact

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No payment towards Accommodation Charges will be accepted at the Society's Office.

### *Transport Facility*

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata (CCU), about 2 h and 30 min journey to Santiniketan/Sriniketan by car (160 km). Santiniketan is also well connected with Kolkata by rail, almost every hour there is a train from Howrah or Sealdah Rly. Station. We will be happy to help you with detailed information in this regard. Information of train from Howrah/Sealdah/Kolkata are given below (HWH = Howrah, SDAH = Sealdah, KOAA = Kolkata, SRC=Santragachi, BHP = Bolpur Santiniketan)

Nearest airport is Durgapur Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport, also known as Andal Airport. It is about 1 h and 30 min journey to Santiniketan / Sriniketan by car (75 km). State and Public transport buses are available almost every hour from Durgapur bus depot to Bolpur/Santiniketan/Sriniketan.

**Nearest Railway station is Bolpur Santiniketan (BHP)** (4 km from Sriniketan). Participants are requested to make their own arrangement to reserve their own air/train ticket in advance and they must inform their travel itinerary (indicating date, time and place of arrival and also train/flight name and number well in advance) to the convener. Local transport from Bolpur Santiniketan (BHP) railway station will be provided on request. In case of unavailability of vehicle due to any unavoidable reasons, delegates are requested to pick up taxi, auto or electric rickshaw to reach convention venue at Visva-Bharati.

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## Inviting Applications for Various Awards of ISSS: 2021

Nominations for induction of Fellows and applications for various awards of ISSS during 2021, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 receiving the nominations/applications for awards in the prescribed proforma complete in all respects at the headquarters of the Society is 30 August 2021.**

### 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 2021 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 (six copies) will be made in each case at least by TWO Honorary Members/ Fellows in the prescribed proforma (**obtainable from ISSS office or downloadable from <http://www.iss-india.org/img/Fellowship21.pdf>**).

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. Dr. J.S. Kanwar Twelfth International Congress Commemoration Award

Applications are invited in the prescribed proforma

(obtainable from ISSS office or **downloadable from <http://www.iss-india.org/img/12thapplication21.pdf>**) from the members of the ISSS, irrespective of age for this award.

Each applicant is required to furnish **six copies** of the 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.

### 3. ISSS-Dr. J.S.P. Yadav Memorial Award for Excellence in Soil Science

Applications are invited in the prescribed proforma (obtainable from ISSS office or **downloadable from <http://www.iss-india.org/img/Dryadav21.pdf>**) 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 furnish **six copies** of the 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.

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

Applications are invited in the prescribed proforma (obtainable from ISSS office or **downloadable** from <http://www.iss-india.org/img/ProfSingh.pdf>) from the members of the ISSS.

Each applicant is required to furnish **six copies** of the 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.

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

#### 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 2021 (Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, one year relaxation is given i.e. those completed 40 years on or before 31 December 2020 are also eligible). 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 (**six copies** complete sets) for this award in the prescribed proforma (obtainable from ISSS office or **downloadable** from <http://www.iss-india.org/img/Goldenjubilee21.pdf>). 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 for this award in the prescribed proforma (obtainable from ISSS office or **downloadable** from <http://www.iss-india.org/img/Bestdoctoral21.pdf>). 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 2019 and 30 June 2021** (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 2021 are: **Bhubaneswar** – East Zone, **Jabalpur** – West Zone, **Karnal** – North Zone and **Coimbatore** – 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 Annual Convention at Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan.

**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 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 2019 and also identified the Chapter of ISSS (**Bhubaneswar** – East Zone, **Jabalpur** – West Zone, **Karnal** – North Zone and **Coimbatore** – 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 2019 to 30 June 2021 (both days inclusive).*

**Application:** The intending applicants are required to submit their applications in the prescribed proforma (supplied by ISSS office on request or **downloadable from <http://www.iss-india.org/img/Zonalaward.pdf>**) to ISSS office **on or before 30 August 2021**. 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 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.

**Note:** *For more details and appropriate proforma please visit the Society's website [www.iss-india.org](http://www.iss-india.org) for downloading the information and proforma.*

## 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.

### 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 in Rules and Regulations of ISSS.



