



INDIAN CERAMIC SOCIETY

Care: CSIR-Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute
196, Raja S. C. Mullick Road
Jadavpur, Kolkata – 700032

AWARDS (2026)

The COUNCIL of the Society invites nominations for various Awards of InCerS for the year 2026. The awards listed here will be presented during the next Annual Session of the Society scheduled to be held during December, 2026. It may be noted that self-nomination is not allowed, except for Dr R. L. Thakur Memorial Award.

This document includes details of awards given by the Society, statement of terms of reference of the awards concerned, as well as a list of the past recipients of various awards.

Proposers should note the requirements for citations provided in the nomination form and recommendations should be made accordingly. Proposers should mention their designation/status and in what capacity a candidate is nominated.

Only properly completed nomination (forms enclosed) will be considered in the assessment process. One proposer should nominate only one candidate for a particular award and should not propose the same nomination for another award. In the event of a person nominated for multiple awards by a proposer, the committee will contact the nominee to give his/her preference by email.

Canvassing in any form, whether direct or indirect, is strictly prohibited. Any candidate found to be involved in canvassing shall be liable to immediate disqualification and such a nomination is liable to be disqualified by the Award Committee.

All nominations should accompany supporting documents for important achievements claimed for consideration in the nominations.

All nominations should be submitted by e-mail only (hard copies not necessary) to the Indian Ceramic Society at: incers1928@gmail.com

Assessment of the nominations will be done by the Award Committee of the Society. The recommendations of the Award Committee for various Awards will be placed before the Council of the Society for approval. The result of selection of the Awards will be intimated through e-mail and also will be published through the Society's website: www.incers.org.

In order to allow adequate time for processing and assessment, nominations must be received by the Secretariat (soft copy only, via email: incers1928@gmail.com) —

ON OR BEFORE JUNE 12, 2026

(Dr Sitendu Mandal)
Honorary Secretary

April 24, 2026

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AWARDS

(on the basis of personal achievement)

D. N. AGRAWAL MEMORIAL AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 1992)

Criteria:

- i. This is a Life Time Achievement Award. The Award will be given to a person or persons who has/have made long term outstanding contribution in the advancement of glass / ceramic science & technology as evidenced by scientific research / meaningful utilization of indigenously developed technology. Mr D. N. Agrawal desired that this award might be given to a person for his/her most significant, decade long contribution in the field of glass / ceramics in research / industry.
- ii. Age should be minimum 55 years as on 1st of January of the year under consideration.

SRIKISHAN MODI MEMORIAL AWARD

Periodicity: Every alternate year (since 2012)

Criteria:

- i. This Life Time Achievement Award will be given to a distinguished person (including scientist, engineer, technologist or entrepreneur) for his long term contributions and achievements in the field of mining, processes and/or equipment for processing and marketing ceramic raw materials of high quality and standard to cater to the need of the ceramic industry in general and white ware and heavy clay ceramic industries in particular.
- ii. The recipient of the award must not be less than 50 years of age on the 1st January in the year of consideration. Preferably the candidate should be in active service.

REFRACTORY TECHNOLOGIST AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 1993)

Criteria:

- i. Persons working in the field of refractories.
- ii. Must have worked in the field for at least 15 years.
- iii. Should have notable contributions in the form of fundamental research / technology development / refractory management / refractories engineering / refractory education, measurable through publications, patents / technology development / technology management.
- iv. Published technical papers in national and international forums as well as patent filed & granted.

DR R. L. THAKUR MEMORIAL AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 1997)

Criteria:

- i. The award will be given to an outstanding Young Scientist (including technologist and engineer) for his/her contributions to ceramics or materials science or materials engineering, with major contribution in ceramics or glass, who must be an Indian National living in India or abroad.
- ii. Measurable credentials in terms of high impact publications, patents and scientific findings of industrial relevance are necessary.
- iii. The recipient must be under 35 years of age (only those born on or after January 1, 1992 are eligible for this year).

DR ANIL KAVIRAJ - JOHNSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 2023)

Criteria:

- i. The recipient may be a scientist or engineer or production personnel who developed an innovative ceramic product / process / technology preferably during the past five years with respect to year of nomination, as Dr Anil Kaviraj was greatly interested in such activities.
- ii. Age should be minimum 40 years on 1st of January of the year under consideration.
- iii. Preferably the candidate should be in active service. The nomination made through any organization should follow the norms, if any of the organization.

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ICSKC - Prof. MD NARASIMHAN MEMORIAL EMINENT CERAMIST AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 2024)

Criteria:

- i. The nominee should have proven academic qualification in the field of ceramics, materials science and engineering.
- ii. The Nominee should have significant contribution to Teaching / Research (Basic/Applied) / Industry / Manufacturing / Management / Business in the field of ceramics for minimum period of ten years.
- iii. Proven credentials in dissemination of ceramics science and technology to Society.
- iv. Significant contributions towards the promotion of the Indian Ceramic Society.
- v. Nominee should be an active ceramic professional, age should be preferably between 45 to 65 on 1st of January of the year under consideration.

* Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

* For **Dr R. L. Thakur Memorial** Award, self-nomination is also allowed and submission of age proof is mandatory along with the application.

* Instead of submitting full paper, only abstract should be submitted for above-mentioned various awards, based on personal achievement.

* One proposer should nominate only one candidate for a particular award and should not propose the same nomination for another award.

AWARDS

(on the basis of personal / organizational achievement)

PROF. SASADHAR RAY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR INDUSTRIAL EXCELLENCE

Periodicity: Annual (since 1997)

Criteria:

The recipient may be an individual / industry / industry-R&D venture having at least one of the following outstanding records of achievement in the area of ceramics (including whiteware).

- i. Innovation of new product which has come into commercial production and created an impact in the market.
- ii. Products of import substitution.
- iii. Excellence in export performance.
- iv. Uninterrupted steady growth of annual turnover of the industry for a prolonged period.
- v. Manufacture of highly efficient ceramic machinery and equipment and/or ceramic kiln which may help cost effective production of quality ceramic ware.

DR B. V. S. SUBBA RAO MEMORIAL AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 2023)

Criteria:

- i. The nominee may be a Scientist or an R&D Division / Organization to which scientists / engineers belong to, who developed an innovative ceramic product which was developed within a period of five years with respect to the year of nomination. Dr B. V. S. Subba Rao was instrumental for developing innovative products for sister labs. At least one scientist from the team should be Society member.
- ii. The Nominee, either one member of the innovating team, an individual innovator or the team leader should be 35 years of age or above, as on 1st of January of the year under consideration.
- iii. The nominee/team leader should be in active service. The nomination made through any organization should follow the norms, if any, of the organization.

* Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

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AWARDS

(on the basis of published papers)

MALAVIYA AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 1974)

Criteria:

Best paper published on “Ceramic Science and Technology” in the ‘Transactions of the Indian Ceramic Society’ during 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. Review papers will not be considered for the award.

DEOKARAN AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 1973); every alternate year in “Refractories” and “Glass”.

Criteria (for this year):

Best paper published on “**Glass**” in the ‘Transactions of the Indian Ceramic Society’ or any other reputed Indian journal during 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, as well as for development of technical know-how which has been purposefully utilized by the industry. Review papers will not be considered for the award.

GANPULE AWARD

Periodicity: Every alternate year (since 1973)

Criteria:

Best paper published on “White wares, Tiles, Sanitary wares and related subjects” in the ‘Transactions of the Indian Ceramic Society’ or any other reputed Indian journal, during 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, as well as for development of technical know-how which has been purposefully utilized by the industry.

- * Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
- * Submission of full paper is mandatory for Malaviya Award, Deokaran Award and Ganpule Award.
- * For Malaviya Award, Deokaran Award and Ganpule Award, no review paper will be considered. Only original papers will be considered.

CHAPTER AWARDS

BEST CHAPTER AWARD

Instituted in memory of Late Sirdar Krishen Singh, Inaugural Chairman, and Late T. W. Talwalkar, Inaugural Secretary.

Periodicity: Annual (since 1999)

Criteria:

Cognizable performance towards upholding the objectives of the Society. Submission of Audited Statement of Accounts is mandatory.

STUDENTS CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Periodicity: Annual (since 2022)

Criteria:

The award shall be given to a student chapter in recognition of its remarkable performance for that academic year in areas beneficial to students and to the ceramics community as a whole. Submission of Annual Report within June 30 is mandatory.