

IINA 2026

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Le Meridien, Janpath, New Delhi



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS | LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES - 30th November 2025

Background

The Indian construction sector is a key driver of the national economy and second largest employer after agriculture, contributing significantly to GDP and infrastructure development. Despite its rapid growth, the industry faces challenges such as a shortage of skilled manpower, the need for innovation, and the increasing demand for sustainable practices. To address these issues and promote excellence, the Infrastructure Skill Development Academy (ISDA) has launched the ISDA Infracon National Awards (IINA). These awards recognize outstanding contributions in the construction sector, fostering a culture of innovation, quality, and sustainability. The IINA Awards aim to inspire industry stakeholders to adopt best global practices and strive for continuous improvement, making it a symbol of excellence in the construction community.

Objective

The primary objective of the ISDA Award is to recognize and honor exemplary practices, innovations, and individuals that have significantly contributed to the growth, development, and sustainability of the Indian construction sector. The award seeks to: **Encourage Best Practices, Recognize Individual Contributions, Foster Innovation and Quality, Promote Skill Development, Support Sustainable Growth, Inspire Industry Stakeholders** by achieving these objectives, the ISDA Award aims to elevate the standards of the Indian construction sector, ensuring its continued growth and development in a manner that is sustainable, innovative, and aligned with the best global practices.

Award Categories

1. Best Construction Project

(12 Awards)

Best Projects in Infrastructure, Residential Building, Commercial Building
PEB, Precast Project, Green Building, Sustainable Construction.

2. Best HSE Project

(12 Awards)

Best HSE Practices

3. Best Individual Contribution Awards

(33 Awards)

- a) Excellence in Government Service (Secretary / Commissioner / Director General / Engineer-In-Chief / C&MD) (03 Awards)
- b) Best CMD / MD / CEO / Director (03 Awards)
- c) Best Architect / Best MEP Consultant / Best Structural Consultant (09 Awards)
- d) Construction Project Head (03 Awards)
- e) Construction Safety Head (03 Awards)
- f) HR Head (03 Awards)
- g) Branding / Marketing Head (03 Awards)
- h) Rising Star Award (03 Awards)
- i) Best CSR Head (03 Awards)

4. Best Material Manufacturing / MSME Organizations

(10 Awards)

- a) Best Material Manufacturing Organizations (turnover >Rs. 200.00 CR.) (05 Awards)
- b) Best MSME in Construction Material Manufacturing (turn over < 200 Cr) (05 Awards)

5. Specialized Sector Awards

(19 Awards)

- a) Best Skill Development Initiative in Construction Sector (03 Awards)
- b) Engineering College / University offering the best Civil Engineering education & Research opportunities (03 Awards)
- c) Best Project Finance Organizations (03 Awards)
- d) Best CSR Practices (05 Awards)
- e) Best Sustainability Project (Solar, Wind, Hydrogen) (05 Awards)



Guidelines for Nominations in each Award Category:

1. Best Construction Project:

Objective: To recognize and honor excellence in the design, construction, and delivery of outstanding building and infrastructure projects.

Eligibility: Open to all construction and infrastructure projects completed recently or within the last 2 years.

Evaluation Criteria: Evaluators may like to verify the Quality of Construction, Structural integrity, safety measures, and adherence to standards, Use of new technologies or methods, PEB, Precast, Environmental impact and use of sustainable practices, Green Practices, Restoration Techniques Contribution to local and National Economy.

2. Best HSE Project:

Objective: To promote and recognize outstanding safety practices and quality assurance in the construction industry.

Eligibility: Open to projects or companies demonstrating excellence in safety and quality practices.

Evaluation Criteria: Evaluators may like to verify adherence to safety regulations and implementation of safety practices, Processes and systems for ensuring high-quality output, Innovation in Safety, Introduction of new safety technologies or practices, Incident-free records and continuous improvement in safety and quality.

3. Best Individual Contribution Awards:

Objective: To recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the construction industry through their leadership, innovation, and dedication.

Eligibility: Open to individuals in the construction industry, including project head, safety head, HR Head and rising stars.

Evaluation Criteria: Evaluators may like to verify the significant accomplishments in the construction industry, Ability to lead teams and manage complex projects, Personal contributions to innovative practices in the field, adherence to ethical standards and integrity in the profession, leadership qualities, and special emphasis would be on implementation of best safety practices for specific category. Evaluators shall also verify the innovative and best HR practices / marketing and Branding practices implemented by Professionals.

4. Best Material Manufacturing / MSME Organizations:

Objective: To recognize & honor Large / MSMEs engaged in the manufacturing of construction materials that have demonstrated excellence in innovation, quality & Sustainability, contributing significantly to the construction Industry.

Eligibility: Registered as an MSME, functioning from minimum last three years, demonstrated financial stability and compliance with environmental standards.

Evaluation Criteria: Evaluators may like to verify the adoption of new technologies in manufacturing process, adherence to quality standards, implementation of eco friendly practices, consistent growth & contribution to the construction sector and National Economy.

5. Specialized Sector Awards:

Objective: To acknowledge excellence in specialized areas such as green building, urban development, heritage restoration, and more.

Eligibility: Open to projects in specialized sectors such as green building, urban development, heritage restoration, etc.

Evaluation Criteria: Evaluators may like to verify adherence to standards and best practices in the specialized sector, Innovative approaches within the specialized sector (CSR, skill development, Academia & Large manufacturing organizations), Social, economic, and environmental impact of the organizations / Institutes/ Plants, Long-term sustainability and conservation efforts.

Important Instructions:

- The last date for accepting the nominations may be extended as per the discretion of the jury.
- The Evaluation Process includes scrutiny of Application form, followed by e- interactions and physical verification (except individual's category) to the project/plant/office location.
- Minimum two evaluators from ISDA shall visit the project location and their travel (By Air), accommodation and local hospitality shall be borne by the applicant organization.
- The selection and rejection of nominations shall depend on the opinion of the Jury and no communication in this regard shall be entertained by ISDA.
- All Awards can be received by the senior representatives of the organizations; a maximum of three persons can join in receiving the Award.
- These awards are given to appreciate the best practices and encourage the participants to perform even better and others to follow the suit.
- Who should apply- The award is open to all the stake holders of Construction/ Infrastructure sector including concerned material manufacturers, research and development institutions & Academia.
- Format of Application: Refer Annexure-I.
- Application Fee - Nil.**

These objectives and guidelines aim to ensure that the awards honor the most deserving candidates and projects, fostering continued excellence and innovation in the construction industry.

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Disclaimer: The Jury's decision shall be based on the details provided by applicants at all stages and ISDA shall not be responsible for any omissions /errors in the details.

All nominations must be submitted to By Courier / Speed Post / In Person

IINA 2026 Awards Secretariat

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