

IFSEC India Awards 2026

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Definitions

Awards	IFSEC India Awards 2026
Awards Management/ Management	Personnel from Informa Markets and / or organizers who are responsible for the overall conduct of the Awards
Website	https://ifsecindia-awards.com/home
Participant	Any person that sends in an application to participate in the Awards as per the terms and conditions, or is nominated by Informa Markets to participate in the Awards
Application form	The participant must apply online on the above-mentioned website
Terms and conditions ("T&C" or "Terms")	The terms governing the Awards, as may be amended from time to time by the awards management

- By participating in the Awards, Participant agrees to abide by and be bound by these Terms and any amendment thereto
- These Terms may be modified by Award Management without any prior notification. The participant is advised to regularly review these Terms on the Website. Participants must clarify with the Management in case of any ambiguity or disagreement
- The Award categories and number of winners may be changed/modified/split/merged/increased or cancelled by the Jury based on the number and quality of entries received in each category
- The Awards may be changed or modified, split, merged or increased, or cancelled at the sole discretion of Awards Management.
- The decision taken by the Management based upon the observation & recommendations of Jury with respect to the evaluation/disqualification/qualification/adding nominations/recategorization is final and binding on all Participants. No claims/queries raised with respect to the same will be entertained in this regard
- If no Participant in a category is found by Awards Management to satisfy the eligibility requirements or required standard, the award may be cancelled. The decision of Awards Management in this regard will be final and non-appealable. Awards Management will not entertain any queries in this regard.

Eligibility Criteria for participation in the Awards

- The organisation applying for the Awards must have been operational in India for at least one year as of 31 March 2026.
- For organisation-based categories, the organisation must be an end-user that has implemented and operated the nominated security or safety measure within its own operations. Vendors, manufacturers, consultants and system integrators are not eligible as lead applicants.

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- The project or initiative entered in the Awards must demonstrate relevant implementation activity or measurable impact delivered in India during the eligibility period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026.
- A project or initiative commenced before the eligibility period may be included where the Entry demonstrates relevant implementation activity or measurable impact during the eligibility period.
- For individual categories, the nomination must demonstrate relevant contributions, achievements or initiatives delivered by the nominee during the eligibility period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026. Contributions or initiatives commenced earlier may be considered where relevant activity or measurable impact occurred during the eligibility period.
- The nominated project or initiative must be implemented and operational and cannot be at the ideation or development stage.
- In addition to these Terms, each Entry must satisfy the category-specific definition, eligibility requirements and submission requirements stated in the applicable application form. In the event of any inconsistency, Awards Management will determine the applicable requirement.
- For the category of CSO of the Year:
 - Open to a CSO or equivalent senior security leader employed in India as of 31 March 2026.
 - The nominee must have at least 10 years of industry experience as of 31 March 2026.
 - The nominee must have completed at least one year with the organisation being represented as of 31 March 2026.
- For the category of Cybersecurity Leader of the Year (CISO):
 - The nominee must be a CISO or equivalent senior cybersecurity leader with at least 10 years of industry experience as of 31 March 2026.
 - The nominee must have completed at least one year with the organisation being represented as of 31 March 2026.
- For the category of Woman Security Leader of the Year:
- The nominee must be a woman security leader with at least five years of industry experience as of 31 March 2026.
- The nominee must have completed at least one year with the organisation being represented as of 31 March 2026.
- For the category of Security Professional of the Year:
 - The nominee must have completed at least one year with the organisation being represented as of 31 March 2026.
 - The nominee must have at least five but fewer than 10 years of industry experience as of 31 March 2026.
- For category of Security Rising Star of the Year:

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- The nominee must have completed at least one year with the organisation being represented as of 31 March 2026.
- The nominee must have fewer than five years of industry experience as of 31 March 2026.
- For category of Security Team of the Year
 - The nominated in-house Security Team must comprise at least four members during the eligibility period.
 - The Entry must demonstrate the nominated team's collective contribution during the eligibility period. External service providers or delivery partners cannot constitute the nominated team or apply as the lead applicant.
- Participation in the awards is subject to defined terms and conditions available on the above-mentioned website
- The Award categories may be changed/modified / split / merged/increased or cancelled by the Awards Management and/or Jury based on the number of entries received in any category, and the quality of the entries. The decision in this regard will be final, non-contestable, and binding on all participants. The Awards management will not entertain any queries in this regard
- If at any time, including after the conclusion of the Award ceremony, any information provided by any participant, is found to be incorrect in any manner, then the participant will be liable to be disqualified and / or return the Award
- Where an Entry is disqualified after shortlisting or announcement of results, Awards Management may withdraw the finalist or winner status, correct published results, revoke any certificate, trophy or associated recognition, and, at its discretion, recognise another eligible Participant.

Call for Entries & Participation

- The call for entries for the Awards will be announced in one or more media platforms and / or by direct communication, and that shall be construed to be adequate notice for call for entries
- Participant can apply for the Awards by completing the application form online
- Link to fill the application form will be available on the above-mentioned website
- Participant needs to duly fill all information points on the Application Form
- A Participant may submit multiple Entries in multiple categories, provided each Entry independently meets the applicable category definition and eligibility requirements. The same initiative or individual may be entered in more than one category only where the Entry is separately tailored and demonstrates a distinct fit with each category.
- An individual nominee may be entered in only one primary individual category, determined by the nominee's principal role, responsibilities and applicable experience requirements. Where a separate category provides recognition to an eligible underrepresented group, the nominee may additionally be entered in that category, subject to independently satisfying its eligibility requirements. Each Entry must be independently tailored to the relevant category.

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Substantially duplicate or overlapping Entries may be rejected, consolidated or recategorized by Awards Management.

- A nominee may be named in, or submit, a maximum of five applications in total across all Award categories. Any application exceeding this limit may be rejected or disregarded by Awards Management at its discretion.
- The Awards management has the right to reclassify application form/forms from one prize category to another, at their discretion

Submission of Entries- Online

- Awards Management will not be responsible for application form/forms that are damaged / lost due to lack or lapse in any communication because of internet failure or any other reasons
- It is mandatory for every Entry to attach the supporting documents specified in the applicable category form. Each document should not exceed five pages or 5 MB, and only relevant extracts should be submitted.
- Participation in the Awards in any manner will be construed as an acceptance to the Terms and conditions stated herein
- Participants can fill the form on the website and submit the completed application form online

Completeness of Entries/ Disqualification

- All mandatory fields of the application form need to be complete in all respects; else it may be disqualified from participation.
- All mandatory and evaluation questions must be answered. "Not Applicable" may be used only for non-evaluation fields where the requested information genuinely does not apply.
- Entries will be accepted in English language only
- The work submitted by the Participant must be original in nature
- Management shall have a right to disqualify any Participant in case of violation of this term or in case of any third-party claim relating to IP infringement or any third party right.
- No work that is copied, unlawfully replicated or otherwise infringes any third-party right will be permitted to participate. Use of established industry practices, standards or commonly adopted approaches will not by itself make an Entry ineligible, provided the Participant accurately describes its own implementation and contribution.
- All work submitted by the Participants for the Awards, including but not limited to Intellectual Property Rights therein, will be owned by the Management

Timelines

- The defined timelines are subject to change based on circumstances

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- Management and its sub-contractors shall not be held accountable/liable for any disruptions/stoppages/interruptions or cancellation of the Awards or its ceremony or any part of its processes because of any factors beyond its control

Additional Information

- Participants may be contacted for any additional information to verify the information provided. Such information sourced from the participants will become part of the original application
- Management has the right to ask for documentary proof of information. If such a request is made and the participant does not comply within 5 working days from the date the request is made, the participant may be disqualified from the awards
- Management or the team appointed by Management will try to contact the Participant on best effort basis by any means deemed appropriate.
- In the event it is not possible to contact any Participant to obtain information on them, interview them, etc. such Participant may be disqualified from further participation
- The participant hereby irrevocably authorizes the Management to use the data gathered during and/or the Awards in respect of the participants. This shall be the property of awards management and awards management shall be entitled to use the same in its communications including marketing promotions and advertisements along with/without awards management's brand.
- Management shall not be liable in any manner for any mishap, accident, injury, or damages etc. of whatsoever nature, caused to the participants during the Awards. Further, Management shall not be liable in any manner for any loss, damage, theft, or any other mishap caused during the Awards.

Winner determination

- Eligible Entries may be evaluated by independent subject-matter experts at the screening stage, and the leading Entries may be evaluated by a Grand Jury in accordance with the applicable 2026 category criteria and weightings.
- If required, shortlisted Participants will present their Entry virtually or in person to the Grand Jury and may be asked to provide clarification or supporting evidence.
- The Jury may decide not to make an award where no Entry meets the required standard.

General

- Participant agrees that the Participant is legally capable of entering and, if selected, participating in the Awards and agree to the Terms and that Participant is competent (i.e., Participant are of legal age and mental capacity) and eligible to enter into this legally binding agreement on Participant
- The Applicant represents that the Entry is submitted with the necessary authority of the organisation and, where applicable, the nominee; that all required consents and approvals

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have been obtained; and that the submitted information and supporting material may lawfully be disclosed and used for the purposes of the Awards.

- Participant understands and agrees that merely participating in this Awards does not entitle the Participant to a prize or to any other form of consideration
- The Participant warrants and represents that it owns, or has obtained all necessary rights, permissions and consents to submit, disclose and authorise the permitted use of, all information and materials provided in connection with the Entry, including any text, photographs, videos, graphics, software or other content. The Participant must not submit material that infringes any third-party rights and will be responsible for addressing any related claim, subject to applicable law and these Terms.
- Participant must enter the Awards at their own will and the Management are not in any way obligated or liable for any loss or costs that the Participant may suffer or incur and nothing is payable to the Participants for participating in the Awards or any event prior to or following the Awards
- Participants for the purpose of entering the Awards, grant awards management a royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide, non-transferable, non-exclusive right and license to use and display such entry, for participation in the Awards, and any intellectual property in relation to and arising out of such participation in the Awards and footage thereof, which shall include trade publications, press releases, electronic posting to the Website, the awards management website in any display format selected by awards management during the Awards or use by awards management as it deems fit
- The Management reserves the right to, at its discretion, withdraw or amend or add to the T&C of the Awards at any time, with prospective or retrospective effect, and does not take responsibility for any loss or damage that any individual or organization may suffer as a result of participating or attempting to participate in the Awards, the Awards being withdrawn, or its Terms amended
- Should a participant wish to withdraw from the Awards, kindly inform the Management in writing at any time up to one week prior to the final awards ceremony, in this case, the nomination fee will be non-refundable
- All disputes relating to or arising out of the Awards shall be subject to the laws of India, and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction at Mumbai, India
- The Participants indemnify awards management, its employees, officers, contractors, partner or other persons used by them in relation to this Awards and hold them harmless against any loss, claim, demands, costs, damages, judgments, expenses or liability (including legal costs) arising out of or in connection with any or all claims, that may be brought against the Management by any third party in connection with the Participants participation in or winning the Awards, which is inconsistent with any of the warranties and representations made by the Participants, or due to breach of these Terms and shall reimburse awards management for any loss, costs, expense, or damage to which said indemnity applies. awards management shall give the Participant prompt written notice of any claim or actions

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covered by this indemnity, and the Participant shall have the right, at its own expense, to participate in any such action

- Any failure or delay by Awards Management in exercising a right under these Terms will not constitute a waiver of that right.
- Awards Management's decision on eligibility, category allocation, shortlisting, evaluation, disqualification, winner determination and all other matters relating to the Awards shall be final and binding. Awards Management may review and correct a decision affected by an administrative, factual or score-tabulation error. Participants may submit procedural queries; however, Awards Management will not be obliged to disclose confidential jury deliberations, individual scores or information relating to other Participants. Decision of Management on all matters is final and binding on all Participants and no correspondence will be entertained on the same
- In the event these Terms do not cover any question or complaint in relation to the Awards, the same will be concluded on by the Awards Management (for all other issues) or an independent body or legal team as appointed by the Awards Management and deemed necessary
- The Applicant consents to Awards Management sharing information provided in connection with the Entry with appointed agencies, assessors, jurors and service providers to the extent reasonably necessary for administration, evaluation, recording, communication and promotion of the Awards, subject to applicable law and confidentiality obligations.
- The decision of awards management in relation to the interpretation of any of these Terms shall be final and binding on the participants
- If Participants are unclear as to the Terms or any element of the Awards or have any queries/concerns pertaining to the Awards, they can write in with their questions, concerns or queries to the following email address: Shrushti.kamath.in@ind-group.com , awards management shall endeavour to the best of its ability to respond thereto.

Website

- The website provides information and acts as the only means to enter the Awards.
- Awards management shall not be responsible for:
 - Any delivery, failures relating to the registration or uploading videos/presentations.
 - Any SPAM generated messages as result of Participant accessing the Website
 - Awards Management not receiving or rejecting any data
 - Any lost, late, or misdirected computer transmission or network, electronic failures of any kind or any failure to receive entries owing to transmission failures or due to any technical reasons and
 - Other conditions/situations or failures beyond its control

Disclaimer

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Awards management or its subsidiaries or holding entities are not liable or responsible for any action or decision was taken by Participant or anyone acting on Participant's behalf or under Participant employment or under contract with Participant. Awards management shall not be under any obligation to Participant and Participant shall have no obligation or rights in relation to the Awards and shall have no claims whatsoever against the awards management relating to the selection process or the running of the Awards

Management has no obligation to screen the entry material in advance and is not responsible for monitoring entries for preventing violation of intellectual property ownership rights, or violations of any law, rule, or regulation. If the Management is notified of submissions or materials that may not conform to the Terms, it may investigate the allegation and determine in good faith and in its sole discretion whether to eliminate such an entry from consideration. The Management has no liability or responsibility to Participants or other users of the Microsite for the performance or non-performance of such activities.