

IFSEC India Awards 2026
Application form: CSO of the Year

AWARD CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
CSO of the Year	Recognises a CSO or equivalent senior security leader with at least ten years of industry experience who has demonstrated attributable leadership and organisational contribution in enterprise security, risk management, resilience and organisational protection.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	
The nominee must be a CSO or equivalent senior security leader with at least ten years of industry experience as of 31 March 2026. The nominee must have completed at least one year with the organisation being represented in the nomination as of 31 March 2026. The nomination must demonstrate the nominee's relevant contributions, achievements or initiatives delivered during the eligibility period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026. Strategies or initiatives commenced earlier may be included where the nomination demonstrates relevant implementation activity or measurable impact during the eligibility period.	

IMPORTANT RULES FOR PARTICIPATION
All mandatory fields and questions must be completed. Responses should be relevant to the category and supported by evidence where applicable. Please indicate "Not Applicable" only for non-evaluation fields that do not apply. Information presented for evaluation must relate to the nominee's contribution within the organisation being represented and during the eligibility period, unless expressly stated otherwise. The final eligibility of the nomination is subject to the Terms and Conditions.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (FOR CORRESPONDENCE) *			
Name of Applicant/Primary Contact for Correspondence <i>(should be the authorized signatory)</i>		Designation	
Mobile Number		Email ID	

INDIVIDUAL GENERAL INFORMATION*

Name of the Nominee (same will appear on the trophy)	
Name of the Organisation	
Gender	☐ Male ☐ Female
Designation	
Current Role Start Date	(DD/MM/YYYY)
Date of joining the current organisation	(DD/MM/YYYY)
Total Years of Experience in the Industry (as on 31 March 2026)	
Primary Areas of Responsibility (Select all that apply)	☐ Physical security ☐ Enterprise security ☐ Security operations ☐ Security risk management ☐ Crisis or incident management ☐ Business continuity and resilience ☐ Investigations ☐ Fire and life safety ☐ Security technology ☐ Governance and compliance ☐ Training and capability development ☐ Other, please specify: _____
Company Address	
Company Website	
Contact Details	Telephone: Email:
Qualification	

Total Years of Experience in Current Organisation (as on 31 March 2026)	
Professional Profile / LinkedIn URL	

CASE STUDY: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN MAXIMUM 150 WORDS*

(RESPONSES MUST FOCUS ON THE NOMINEE'S PERSONAL LEADERSHIP, DECISIONS, ACTIONS AND ATTRIBUTABLE ORGANISATIONAL OUTCOMES DURING THE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2026.

CLEARLY DISTINGUISH THE NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION FROM ACHIEVEMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE WIDER ORGANISATION, OTHER LEADERS, INTERNAL TEAMS, EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDERS OR DELIVERY PARTNERS. SUPPORT RESPONSES WITH SPECIFIC EXAMPLES AND RELEVANT EVIDENCE THAT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE NOMINEE'S PERSONAL ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION.

WHERE A STRATEGY OR INITIATIVE BEGAN BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD, INCLUDE ONLY THE RELEVANT IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY, IMPROVEMENTS OR OUTCOMES DELIVERED DURING THE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD.)

- 1. Describe the most significant enterprise-security strategy or transformation led by the nominee during the eligibility period. Explain the security need or organisational priority addressed, the nominee's personal role in setting the direction, and the decisions or responsibilities directly attributable to the nominee..**

- 2. Explain how the nominee translated the strategy into implementation. Describe the principal actions taken, resources prioritised, implementation challenges addressed, governance and accountability arrangements, cross-functional coordination, stakeholder engagement and relevant improvements in organisational security capability.**

3. Describe the organisational protection, security or resilience outcomes attributable to the nominee's leadership during the eligibility period. Provide relevant supporting evidence and explain how the nominee's contribution and the reported outcomes were validated.

Please upload supporting documents relevant to the nomination. Each document should not exceed five pages or 5 MB. Only relevant extracts should be submitted.

S No.	Document Name	Description of document	Attachment
1	Individual Profile (CV / Profile highlighting career achievements) *		Upload file
2	Evidence supporting the nominee's enterprise-security leadership contributions and attributable organisational outcomes during the eligibility period*		Upload file
3	Awards / Citations / Accolades (if any)		Upload file
4	Any Other Supporting Document (if any)		Upload file

DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANT*

☐ I declare that the information provided in this application is correct and accurate, relates to the nominee and organisation represented in the nomination, and has been submitted with the necessary authorisation. I agree to abide by the applicable rules, terms and conditions of participation.

Name of the Applicant/
Authorised representative

Designation

Organization

Date	
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