



INDIAN SOCIETY OF SOIL SURVEY AND LAND USE PLANNING

C/o, National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning Campus, Amravati Road, Nagpur – 440 033

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Inviting Applications for Various Awards of ISSLUP

Nominations for the induction of Fellows and applications for various awards of ISSLUP are invited as per the details provided in this notice. In a year, either the nomination for Fellowship or an application for an Award will be considered, not both, for an eligible member.

The last date for receiving the **nominations/applications in the prescribed proforma is August 31, 2026**.

1. ISSLUP Fellows

The Honorary Members and Fellows of ISSLUP are invited to nominate eligible members for the Fellowship of ISSLUP, which is conferred on an individual in recognition of their outstanding professional contributions and service to ISSLUP. The total number of persons to be bestowed with the Fellowship of ISSLUP 2025 and 2026 shall not exceed FOUR in a single year. 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 the last ten consecutive years. Honorary Members are not eligible to apply for this award. The nomination will be made in each case by at least two members from the Past Presidents/Honorary Members/Fellows/Executive Members (2024-25) of ISSLUP. In a year, no more than ONE nomination can be made. Nomination once made shall remain valid for three years. The newly inducted Fellows shall be formally admitted during the national seminar of the ISSLUP with a citation.

2. Dr D. K. Pal Memorial Award for Excellence in Land Resource Management

Applications are invited from members (aged between 40 and 50 years as on 31st December 2025) of the ISSLUP with significant contributions to basic and applied pedological research, soil survey and mapping, soil classification, and related research leading to land resource management. The Award is conducted every year on a zone-wise basis, and **candidates only from that zone** need to apply. Application forms submitted by the candidates will be evaluated by a committee. The selected candidate will be conferred with the Award during the National Seminar of the ISSLUP.

In 2026, the Central Zone of the ISSLUP will be tasked with conducting the Award. Accordingly, **candidates only from this zone** (Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli) will submit their application forms, complete in all respects, through email ID pravinvaidya12372@gmail.com (Mobile: 9822699194) with a covering letter addressed to Dr Pravin H. Vaidya, Dean, College of Agriculture, VNMKV, Krishi Nagar, Basmat Road, Parbhani, Maharashtra.

The Awardee shall be honoured with a medal/trophy and a citation at the ISSLUP national seminar.

3. Dr V.A.K. Sarma Young Scientist Award

The Dr V.A.K. Sarma Young Scientist Award is given to a scientist/researcher in recognition of his/her professional contributions in the field of soil science, soil survey and mapping, soil chemistry/analytical chemistry, land use planning, basic/applied pedological research, or any field within natural resource management. However, the eligible candidate must fulfil the following criteria:

1. A candidate must be working as a Scientist/Researcher/Assistant Professor in any recognised academic establishment or in industry.
2. The selected candidate has to make a presentation of her/his own research work in the forthcoming national seminar of the society to be held in Kolkata during October 7-9, 2026.
3. ***The candidate has to bear his/her own travel expenses.***
4. The awardee is essentially required to submit a full-length research paper of his/her recent research work in his/her area of expertise, adhering to the format prescribed for the '***Pedology & Environment*** (formerly known as *Agropedology*)' journal, along with the award application (appended to this notification). Should the candidate be selected for the award, the full-length research paper will be published in the upcoming issue of '***Pedology & Environment*** (formerly known as *Agropedology*)'.
5. The maximum age limit of the candidate is 40 years as of December 31, 2025. A proof of date of birth must be attached to the application.
6. The candidate must submit the duly filled-in application to the Secretary, ISSLUP, through email (secretaryisslup1986@gmail.com) on or before August 31, 2026. A hard copy of the application is not required.

For details and clarifications, please contact:

Dr. Pramod Tiwary

Honorary Secretary,

Indian Society of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning (ISSLUP),

National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning Campus,

Amravati Road, Nagpur- 440 033, Mobile: +91-9158920969

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- * **The last date for receiving the nominations/applications for awards in the prescribed proforma, complete in all respects, is August 31, 2026.**
- * **All the awardees will be felicitated at the forthcoming National Seminar to be held at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, RC, Kolkata, during 7-9 October 2026.**



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Application for Fellowship of ISSLUP

1. Name of the Nominee	
2. Date of birth	D D M M Y Y Y Y
3. Nationality	
4. Present position	
5. Address	

(a) Office		(b) Residence	
Pin code		Pin code	
Phone/Mobile:		Phone/Mobile:	
Email:		Email:	

6. Educational qualifications starting from Bachelor degree onwards

Sl. No.	Degree	University	Year	Subjects	Percentage Marks /GPA
1					
2					
3					

**Please attach photocopy of the certificates*

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Please note:

- * Each nomination (six copies) should be endorsed by any two of the members from Past Presidents/ Honorary Members/ Fellows/Executive members (2024-25) of ISSLUP
- * The applicant must be a sustaining Life Member or Member (not in arrears of subscription) for at least the last ten consecutive years.
- * In a year, a member from Past Presidents/ Honorary Members/ Fellows/Executive members (2024-25) of ISSLUP can make not more than ONE nomination.
- * Nominations once made shall remain valid for THREE years.
- * A minimum of two publications in **Pedology & Environment** (formerly known as Agropedology) are essential to qualify.

7. Employment record (in chronological order)

Sr. No.	Name of Employer	Name of Post	From	To	Pay scale (Rs)

8. Any other relevant experience / information

9. a) List of peer-reviewed publications (As per NAAS rating 2025)

- Ten outstanding research articles will be considered. (*Including two papers from **Pedology & Environment Journal**, formerly known as Agropedology*)
- These research articles should be relevant to natural resource management.
- First author/ corresponding author will be awarded full marks as per NAAS rating, and 75% marks for the co-authors.

b) List of books/book chapters/reviews written.

c) Details of the technologies adopted by the state agricultural department for extension or commercialisation of technologies developed. (*Please attach supporting documents*)

d) Services rendered to ISSLUP (*as an office bearer*).

10. Outstanding professional contributions.

(a) List TWO outstanding contributions with documentary evidence like a certificate, a research article published in high-impact journals, patent/copyrights, awards, etc.

(b) Brief resume of the outstanding professional contributions (in about 500 words)

11. Overseas visits (*Please attach a statement including the country, duration, dates and purposes of the visit*).

12. Particulars of Memberships in Academies / Societies / Professional Bodies.

13. Professional recognition, awards, medals, fellowships received (*pl. give full particulars such as the agency/organisation which gave the awards, purpose, the nature of the award, etc.*)

14. Any other information in support of the nomination.

I certify that the above information is correct.

(Signature of the Nominee)

Date:

Place:

List of enclosures:

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Application for Dr D K Pal Memorial Award for Excellence in Land Resource Management

1. Name of the Nominee										
2. Date of birth	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	(Attach proof)	
3. Nationality										
4. Present position										
5. Address										
(a) Office					(b) Residence					
Pin code					Pin code					
Phone/Mobile:					Phone/Mobile:					
Email:					Email:					

6. Educational qualifications starting from Bachelor's degree onwards

Sl. No.	Degree	University	Year	Subjects	Percentage Marks /GPA

**Please attach a photocopy of the certificates*

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Please note:

- * This award is given to a researcher at mid-career level (aged between 40 and 50 years) in recognition of his/ her professional contribution made in the field of basic/applied pedological research, soil survey and mapping, soil classification and relevant research works leading to land resource management.
- * The applicants must have been a sustaining Life Member or Member (not in arrears of subscription) for at least the last five consecutive years.
- * The applicants must be of age not less than 40 years and not more than 50 years as on 31st December 2025 only are eligible to apply.
- * Research work done for any degree/diploma shall stand excluded from the purview of this award. Only accomplishments and achievements made after entry into professional service will be considered.

7. Employment record (in chronological order)

Sr. No.	Name of Employer	Name of Post	From	To	Pay scale (Rs)

8. Description of the outstanding professional contributions in the relevant research field (providing evidence of having established a school of research, demonstrated leadership, and/or made independent and outstanding contributions in the field of soil science, specifically related to Land Resource Management)

9. a) List of peer-reviewed publications (As per NAAS rating 2025)

- Five outstanding research articles will be considered. (*Including one paper from **Pedology & Environment Journal**, formerly known as Agropedology*)
- These research articles should be relevant to natural resource management.
- First author/ corresponding author will be awarded full marks as per NAAS rating, and 75% of NAAS rating for the co-authors.

b) List of other publications

10. Professional recognition, awards, medals, fellowships received (*Please give full particulars such as the agency/organisation which gave the awards, purpose, the nature of the award, etc.*)

11. Any other information relevant to the award

I certify that the above information is correct.

(Signature of the Applicant)

Date:

Place:

List of enclosures:

12. Certification of the work submitted for this award. *(to be obtained from the Head(s) of the Department(s)/ Institute(s) where the award-aspiring research work was carried out)*

CERTIFICATE

It is certified that the work submitted by the applicant for the consideration of this award as per the requirement of Item No. 11 above was carried out in this Department/ Institute by him/ her and the same does not/ do not form part of any work earning him/ her a degree/ diploma to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place

Signature of the Official

Date

Name

Official Seal



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Application for the Dr V.A.K. Sarma Young Scientist Award

1. Name of the Applicant									
2. Date of birth	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	(Attach proof)
3. Nationality									
4. Present position									
5. Address									

(a) Office				(b) Residence			
Pin code				Pin code			
Phone/Mobile:				Phone/Mobile:			
Email:				Email:			

6. Educational qualifications starting from Bachelor's degree onwards

Sl. No.	Degree	University	Year	Subjects	Percentage Marks /GPA

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Please note:

- * This award is given to a Scientist in recognition of his/ her professional contribution made in the field of soil science, soil survey and mapping, soil chemistry/analytical chemistry, land use planning, basic/applied pedological research, or any field within natural resource management.
- * The Candidate must be a member of the ISSLUP, aged not more than 40 years as on 31st December 2025.
- * Research work done for any degree/diploma shall stand excluded from the purview of this award.

7. Positions held (in chronological order)

Sr. No.	Name of Employer	Name of Post	From	To	Pay scale (Rs)

8. Professional contributions (*Attach a brief description of the published work meant for consideration for this award as evidenced by the copies of research papers attached as per Item 9*).

9. List of peer-reviewed publications in reputed journals [NAAS rating 2025] (*Please exclude presentations made in conferences/seminars/workshops, etc.*).

(a) Attach copies of three best research papers (excluding those arising out of work done for a degree/diploma), out of which at least one must be from ***Pedology & Environment*** (formerly known as *Agropedology*).

(b) List of other publications:

10. Professional recognition, awards, fellowships received (*Pl. Give full particulars such as the agency/organization, which gave the awards, purpose, the nature of the award, etc.*)

11. Any other information in support of the application

I certify that the above information is correct.

(Signature of the applicant)

Date:

Place:

List of enclosures:

12. Certification of the work submitted for this award. *(to be obtained from the Head(s) of the Department(s)/ Institute(s) where the award-aspiring research work was carried out)*

CERTIFICATE

It is certified that the work submitted by the applicant for the consideration of this award as per the requirement of Item No. 11 above was carried out in this Department/ Institute by him/ her and the same does not/ do not form part of any work earning him/ her a degree/ diploma to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place

Signature of the Official

Date

Name

Official Seal