

Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS)

Notice about the Competition Events for the Year 2026

(Only for Life or Annual Members of ISPS)



Last Date of Application/Nomination: 31.08.2026

The Indian Society for Probability and Statistics (ISPS) invites applications/nominations for the following competitions from member of ISPS (life members or annual-members) during its 46th Annual convention to be held at Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra during 21-23 Dec, 2026 and a Pre-Annual convention workshop on 20.12.2026.

a) The ISPS invites Research Papers for the following Annual Research Awards/Prizes for the year 2026 from Research Scholars and Doctorates working in Statistics / Applied Statistics.

1. ISPS Young Statistician Award (Sponsored by Dr. J. Sethuraman Gold Medal)
2. Dr. A.M. Mathai Cash Prize
3. Dr. M.N. Gopalan Prize
4. Dr. B.K. Kale Prize
5. Prof DK Ghosh Cash Prize (Specialization: Design of Expts/ Operations)
6. Prof David D Hanagal Cash Prize (Specialization: Reliability/Survival Analysis)

Convener
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Research Criteria:

- The contestant should be member of ISPS and under 35 years of age as on 31.12.2026.
- Paper should be single authored or first authored in joint authorship and not have published or communicated to any journal.

An updated CV and soft copies of the research paper (one blinded and one with name and affiliation) may be sent to Prof. V.S. Vaidyanathan on or before 31.08.2026. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present their papers in the ISPS annual convention. These candidates will have to pay registration fees and accommodation charges of the conference.

b) Prof. A.R. Kamat Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis in Statistics, 2026 Sponsored by Late Prof. Jaganath Wani

The ISPS invites entries for Professor A.R. Kamat Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis from the researchers working in Statistics / Applied Statistics in India / Abroad.

- Contestants should be member of ISPS and under 35 years of age as on 31.12.2026. Thesis should be submitted to the University on or after 01-07-2024. Old thesis will not be considered. Those who applied previous year shall not apply.
- A soft copy of the blinded version of Ph.D. thesis along with biodata should be sent to email address of Prof. R.L. Shinde on or before 31-08-2026.
- Three shortlisted applicants will be invited for thesis presentation in the ISPS annual convention conference.
- Awardee will receive certificate & cash prize of ₹ 40,000 & TA (up to ₹ 5000)

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The shortlisted candidates will have to pay registration fees and accommodation charges of the conference.

c) ISPS M.Sc. Student Project Competition (ISPS Membership is not mandatory.)

Topic for Project: A Study on the Growth Pattern of GDP of India during the Last Decade

- **Eligibility:** A team of 3 students studying M.Sc. (Statistics/Applied Statistics). Only one team is eligible from each University to apply.
- **Entries:** A soft copy of the Project (in MS word) shall sent to Prof. C Satheesh Kumar on or before 31.08.2026, with the permission of their HoD.
- Three shortlisted teams will be invited to present their projects. ISPS will provide T.A. (sleeper class by train). The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers to all shortlisted teams.

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ISPS Research Awards

Applications/Nominations for the following awards may be sent along with an updated CV on or before 31.08.2026 to the respective conveners.

Dr. C.R. Rao Gold Medal

Nominations/applications are invited for "C. R. Rao Gold medal in Statistics for 2026". Fund for the medal was donated by Late Professor C. R. Rao to recognize the young researchers in Statistics who made significant contributions.

Eligibility Criteria: The nominee/applicant should

1. be an active researcher in theoretical or applied areas of Statistics,
2. be member of ISPS and below 45 years of age as on 31.12.2026 ,
3. have made significant contributions in applied/theoretical statistics,
4. have acquired a degree of Ph.D. and published at least 15 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics, of which at least five must be published in last five years,
5. should have successfully guided at least two students for their Ph.D. in topics of Statistics.

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Eligible candidates can submit their application/nominations with all details as per eligibility and documents needed to Prof. Somesh Kumar by 31.08.2026. Professor C.R. Rao award carries a gold medal along with a citation. The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers.

Prof. G. Sankaranarayanan Centenary Award - Young Mathematical Statistician of the year 2026. (Donated by Family Members of Late Prof. G. Sankaranarayanan on the eve of Birth Centenary Celebrations)

Eligibility Criteria:

- be a member of ISPS and below 45 years of age on 31.12.2026
- have specialization in any branch of Mathematical Statistics, both pure and applied.
- have acquired a degree of Ph.D and published at least 15 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics/Applied Statistics.

A cash award ₹ 40,000 and ₹ 5,000 for travel support shall be given to Award winner. An appropriate citation will be presented to the award Winner.

The eligible candidates can submit their application/nomination with CV and all details as per eligibility and documents needed to Prof. N. Balakrishna by 31.08.2026. The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers for the awardee.

Convener:
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Distinguished Statistician Award

The ISPS invites applications/ nominations for Distinguished Statistician Award 2026 among eminent Statisticians from Indian Universities / Institutions or Abroad. He/She must be a Senior Life Member of ISPS and should be below 65 years of age.

Award includes certificate, citation, shawl and memento.

The eligible candidates can submit their application/nomination with CV and all details as per eligibility and documents needed to Prof. Debasis Bhattacharya by 31.08.2026.

The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers.

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Prof. M.N. Deshpande Memorial Award

Prof. M.N. Deshpande memorial award for Best Young Researcher in Statistics carries a cash prize of ₹ 10,000 along with a citation.

Eligibility Criteria: The nominee/applicant should

1. be a life member of ISPS.
2. be a researcher in Statistics with age not exceeding 40 years as on 31.12.2026.
3. have made significant and outstanding contributions in applied/theoretical statistics, significantly benefiting advancement of knowledge in Statistics.
4. have acquired a degree of Ph.D/D.Sc and published at least 10 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics of which at least THREE are published within the last five years.

Convener:
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Sr. Professor, Dept. of
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Submission of applications/nominations: The eligible candidates can nominate themselves or the names can also be proposed by their institutions / ISPS life members. Applications/nominations of the eligible candidates should be submitted along with a recent CV and best three publications within the last five years to Prof. Sharada V Bhat by 31.08.2026.

The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers for the awardee.

Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao ISPS Best Researcher Award

In recognition of the outstanding contribution of Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao, a renowned statistician and distinguished researcher, to the subject of Statistics and its allied fields, the ISPS has instituted "Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao Best Researcher Award in Statistics" to honor researchers for their significant contribution in the field of Statistics. Nominations/applications are invited for "Prof. K.Srinivasa Rao, Best Researcher Award in Statistics for 2026". The award and eligibility criteria are as under.

Eligibility Criteria: The nominee/applicant should

1. be a member of ISPS and a Statistician in the age group of 45 years to 60 years as on 31.12.2026.
2. have made significant and outstanding contributions in applied/theoretical statistics, significantly benefiting advancement of knowledge in Statistics,
3. have acquired a degree of Ph.D/D.Sc and published at least 25 research papers in SCI /SCIE journals of Statistics,
4. have successfully guided at least 4 students for their Ph.D. degrees in Statistics (or) successfully completed 4 research Projects/consultancy projects of not less than ₹ 5 Lakhs each funded by reputed funding agencies.

Convener:
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The eligible candidates can submit their application/nomination with all details as per eligibility and documents needed to Dr. Neha Garg by 31.08.2026. Prof. K.Srinivasa Rao Best Researcher Award in Statistics carries a cash prize of ₹ 10,000 along with a citation. The awardee will be invited to receive the award and present his/her research work at the annual convention of ISPS. The registration fee will be waived, and accommodation will be provided by the organizers for the awardee.

Procedure for selection of awardee

- a) The selection of awardee will be done based on applications/nominations received.
- b) The Award Committee of ISPS for each award can also identify and nominate candidates.
- c) No award will be given in case the award committee does not identify a suitable candidate for that particular year.
- d) The decision of the award committee will be final.