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GUIDELINES FOR THE VARIOUS AWARDS CONFERRED BY THE ISC

This document deals with the standardized norms for presenting the following awards by the Indian Society of Criminology. The awards are:

1. ISC – Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter C Reckless Award
2. ISC – Dr. B. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Award
3. ISC – Prof. S. S. Srivastava Award
4. Fellow of the Indian Society of Criminology (FISC)
5. ISC - Young Criminologist Award

AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. There shall be an 'Awards Committee' constituted, comprising of three members to be nominated by the General Body of ISC once in two years similar to that of Executive Committee Members. Three Members of the Award Committee shall be themselves recipients of ISC – Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter C Reckless Award of the ISC, out of which one of them will be the convener and one member will be the President of the ISC.
2. Members of the Award Committee will abstain from nominating anyone for the ISC Awards, to offset any possible conflict of interest.

ISC AWARD NOMINEES

3. The nominations for ISC Awards will be announced in the ISC Newsletter, Website, Email and through other media along with pertinent details, well ahead of the scheduled dates of the ISC Annual Conference generally three months before the conference dates and the process of ISC awardee selection may be completed, generally one month before the conference so as to facilitate the awardees to receive the awards.
4. The ISC secretariat shall devise a proforma for nomination consisting of the parameters recommended in the "guidelines" for seeking the relevant information from the candidates along with his/his curriculum vitae.

5. The ISC Award nominees will be eminent professional who have made a significant contribution in the field of criminology and related areas. The individual award categories carry description of core eligibility to be kept in view while considering the candidature.

6. All the awardees will be a Life Member of the ISC. An exception will however be made in respect of a nominee for the ISC – Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter C Reckless Award in the Category of 'practitioner', only.

ISC AWARDS PROCEDURE

7. Life Members of the ISC will be invited to nominate, on prescribed Proforma, academicians/ professional to these awards along with their curriculum vitae, submitted to the ISC Chairperson.

8. The Secretary, ISC, in consultation with the chairperson, shall place the table of précis containing the required particulars of the nominees along with the nominations received before the Convener of the ISC Awards Committee expeditiously.

9. The Award Committee shall preferably meet or discuss the candidature for award through circulation, online or through any other medium.

10. The Awards Committee will evaluate the nominations for various ISC Awards and, from among, the nominations, finalize its recommendations for the ISC Awards.

11. The Minutes of the Awards Committee be available at the Secretariat of ISC for perusal of Life Members with a request letter after the annual conference of ISC.

AWARD CRITERIA

12. The criteria for various awards are broadly indicated in the preamble of the award given below under each award. However, the requirements entailed in the subsequent para (13-21) shall also be adhered by the Awards Committee.

13. The candidate for ISC award shall be an active member of the ISC at least for the preceding five years. Exceptionally, the awards may be considered for the non-members only in the category of ISC – Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter C Reckless Award in the 'Practitioner' category, only. In all such cases, the Award Committee shall record the reasons and considerations governing such an action.

14. The Awards Committee while considering the candidature for the award shall assign the foremost emphasis to the incumbents having direct background of the contribution in the field of criminology and related fields per se and this shall be particularly held when there is more than one candidate for the same category of award.

15. The Award Committee shall attach due importance to the frequency of the participation in the Annual ISC conference and General Body meeting for considering him/her for ISC Fellow.

16. The other General key indicators of assessment, in addition to those mentioned specifically for each award shall be:

1. Position held currently
2. Length of experience
3. Publications and their quality
4. Research conducted
5. Research guided
6. Events organized
7. Events participated
8. Awards and honor
9. Professional experience
10. Contribution to ISC by way of contributing to its development, help in achieving the objectives of ISC, organizing local branches and the continuity of the activities of local branches, participating in conferences/AGM/programmes of ISC, etc.
11. Other contributions.



17. It will be competent for the Awards Committee to withhold an award in any category, if no deserving nominations, in its opinion, are received in a given year. However, the Awards Committee shall specifically record the reasons for doing so.

18. The recommendations of the Awards Committee will be transmitted to the ISC Chairperson and Secretary, who will place the same before the ISC Executive Committee, for its consideration and acceptance.

19. The ISC Executive Committee, in its own collective wisdom, may not accede to the recommendations of the Awards Committee in respect of a particular award/suggested individual, yet it will not take to any substitution. Further, the Executive Committee shall record the reasons underlying such a decision.

20. Following the ratification and resolution of the ISC Executive Committee, the awardees will be informed and the award will be conferred on them at the ISC Annual Conference generally, by the President of the ISC.

21. The decision of the Awards Committee and the subsequent ratification by the Executive Council of ISC is final.

Nominees

22. The ISC Award nominees will be eminent professional (may be an academician or practitioner) who have made a significant contribution in the field of criminology and related areas

23. The ISC Award nominees shall be a Life Member for a period not less than 5 years, his member card may be attached or life members number may be available in the nomination form. The person nominating may nominate names for one or all awards but shall not nominate more than one person for the same award, in a year.

24. The ISC Award nominees cannot nominate other persons for any ISC awards, that year.

Fellow of the Indian Society of Criminology (FISC)

Preamble

The Fellow of the Indian Society of Criminology (FISC) is conferred at the Annual All India Criminology Conference to recognise individuals who have consistently helped advance the objectives of the Society through their sustained association with and contributions to the Indian Society of Criminology. The Fellowship honours members who support ISC's mission by actively participating in its academic and professional activities such as conferences, seminars, and initiatives and by facilitating the Society's growth and development through service, leadership, and continued engagement with its programmes and networks.

25. The ISC fellow Awardee shall be life member of ISC for at least 5 years
26. The ISC fellow Awardee shall have attend at least 5 All India Criminology Conferences
27. The ISC fellow Awardee shall have at least published 5 papers in reputed journals/publishers (preferably sole/first author).
28. The ISC fellow Awardee should have conducted at least 5 programmes in collaboration with the ISC headquarters/Local Branch(es)/or with other reputed institutions and offline, online and hybrid mode- may be considered.
29. The ISC fellow Awardee should have presented at least 10 papers of which 5 in international conference/ seminar/ symposium (preferably sole/first author). Participation to international conference shall be offline, online and hybrid mode.

The ISC- Prof. S. S. Srivastava Award

Preamble

The ISC – Professor S. S. Srivastava Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research in Criminology was instituted in 2005 by the Indian Society of Criminology (ISC), is presented to recognise individuals who demonstrate a strong flare for teaching and research in criminology. The award honours sustained excellence in pedagogy, scholarly output, and academic leadership that contributes to the advancement of criminological education and research. Through this recognition, ISC aims to encourage high standards in criminology teaching and to promote impactful, evidence-based research that strengthens the discipline and informs criminal justice policy and practice.

30. The ISC - Prof. S. S. Srivastava Awardee shall be life member of ISC for at least 15 years
31. The ISC - Prof. S. S. Srivastava Awardee shall have attend at least 8 All India Criminology Conferences
32. The ISC - Prof. S. S. Srivastava Awardee shall have at least published 10 papers related to criminology or related fields, in reputed journals/publishers (preferably sole/first author).
33. The ISC - Prof S. S. Srivastava Awardee should have presented at least 10 papers of which 5 in international conference/ seminar/ symposium (preferably sole/first author). Participation to international conference shall be offline, online and hybrid mode.
34. The ISC - Prof. S. S. Srivastava Awardee shall be a teacher in college, university or institution of higher learning for at least 15 years.
35. The ISC - Prof. S. S. Srivastava Awardee should have conducted at least 8 programmes, of which at least 5 programmes in collaboration with the ISC headquarters or Local Branch (S)/or with other reputed institutions and offline, online and hybrid mode- may be considered.
36. Contribution to ISC by way of contributing to its development, help in achieving the objectives of ISC, organizing local branches and the continuity of the activities of local branches, participating in conferences/AGM/programmes of ISC, etc.

The ISC- Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Award

Preamble

The ISC – Dr. B. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Award for the Senior Social Scientist was instituted in 1989 by the Indian Society of Criminology. The award is presented annually to a senior social scientist in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to criminology within the broad field of social sciences. It honours excellence in teaching, research, and scholarly leadership that has advanced criminological knowledge through interdisciplinary approaches.

37. The ISC - Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Awardee shall be life member of ISC for at least 15 years

38. The ISC - Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra shall be a recipient of ISC Fellow Award and ISC Prof. S. S. Srivastava Award.

39. The ISC - Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Awardee shall have attend at least 8 All India Criminology Conferences.

40. The ISC - Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Awardee shall have at least published 10 papers related to criminology or related fields, in reputed journals/publishers (preferably sole/first author).

41. The ISC - Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Awardee should have presented at least 10 papers of which 5 in international conference/ seminar/ symposium (preferably sole/first author). Participation to international conference shall be offline, online and hybrid mode.

42. The ISC - Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Awardee shall be a teacher in college, university or institution for at least 20 years

43. The ISC - Dr. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Awardee should have conducted at least 15 programmes, of which at least 5 programmes in collaboration with the ISC headquarters or Local Branch (S)/or with other reputed institutions and offline, online and hybrid mode- may be considered.

44. Contribution to ISC by way of contributing to its development, help in achieving the objectives of ISC, organizing local branches and the continuity of the activities of local branches, participating in conferences/AGM/programmes of ISC, etc.

The ISC – Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter C. Reckless Award

Preamble

In 1973, the Indian Society of Criminology (ISC) established its highest honour, the “The ISC – Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter. C. Reckless Award,” recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to teaching, research, or administration in the broad field of criminology and criminal justice. Recipients of this prestigious award also deliver the Kumarappa- Reckless Lecture at the Annual All India Criminology Conference, celebrating excellence and sustained impact on the discipline.

General

45. The ISC - Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter C. Reckless Award is the highest award bestowed by the ISC to a distinguished Person who has contributed to Criminology and its allied fields as an academic or a practitioner connected to the Criminal Justice System.

46. This award shall be given to the academic or a practitioner, alternatively.

47. In case suitable academic or a practitioner is not available in a year, the awards committee may consider both academic and practitioner in the subsequent year/conference.

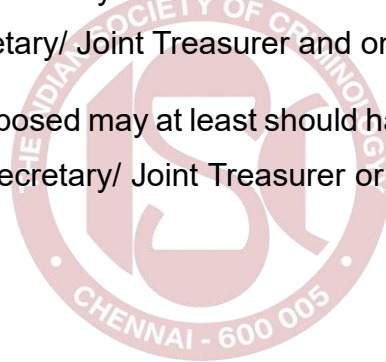
48. The awardee will be a Life Member of the ISC and should have attended 10 ISC conferences. A rare exception will however be made in respect of a very distinguished nominee for the Kumarappa-Reckless Award in the Category of ‘practitioner’.

49. In the case of an academic, the nominee shall be a distinguished person who has significantly contributed for the past 20 years to the cause of Criminology and/or its allied fields such as a Professor or Senior professor in an institute of higher learning/Research.

50. In the case of a Practitioner, the nominee shall be a distinguished person who has significantly contributed for the past 20 years to the cause of Criminology and/or its allied fields such as a Judge of the Supreme Court/ High Court, Senior advocate practicing at the Supreme Court/High Court, IG/DGP of the Police/ Prison services, or a Senior lever Probation administrator.

Criteria for ISC Office Bearers

51. Executive Council Members: EC member shall be life member of ISC for at least 5 years
52. Secretary- Secretary proposed may at least should have served two full terms of executive council
53. Joint Secretary- Secretary proposed may at least should have served one full term of executive council
54. Treasurer- Treasurer proposed may at least should have served two full terms of executive council
55. Joint Treasurer - Treasurer proposed may at least should have served one full term of executive council
56. Vice- Chairperson: VC proposed may at least should have served Two full term of executive council/ One full term of Joint Secretary/ Joint Treasurer and one full term of executive council
57. Chairperson: Chairperson proposed may at least should have served Two full term of executive council and one full term of Joint Secretary/ Joint Treasurer or one full term of secretary or two full terms of secretary



ISC- Young Criminologist Award

Preamble

The objective underlying 'ISC-Young Criminologist Award' is to motivate and inspire young scholars and researchers to excel in Criminology and allied disciplines, to sustain and invigorate their academic and research interest, to prompt them exploit their potential to the fullest, and to enthuse them make a name for themselves and for the ISC.

Eligibility

58. The eligibility for the proposed award, namely, 'ISC-Young Criminologist Award', will be relatively simple and straight forward.

59. Candidates for the award will be postgraduate scholars, researchers or faculty members in Criminology or in an allied discipline.

60. The candidates for the award will be 35 years or less in age.

61. A candidate who has been successful in winning this Award will not be allowed to compete for the award in the next or subsequent years.

62. A candidate who has not been successful in winning this Award in a given year will be allowed to compete in the next year, provided the candidate is still 35 years or less in age.

Award procedure

63. The ISC will widely publicise 'ISC-Young Criminologist Award', both on print and electronic media. It will be given due space on the ISC web- site.

64. The ISC will engage, through correspondence, senior faculty members in Criminology and allied disciplines in different parts of the country with a request to motivate their younger colleagues to participate in this ISC programme.

65. Following the finalisation of 'annual conference' schedule of the ISC, announcement will be made on print and electronic media, inviting young professionals to participate in this ISC-programme.

66. Young professionals will be requested to submit title and research paper of their paper or presentation to the Honorary Secretary of the ISC at least a month in advance of the 'annual conference' schedule, along with self-attested matriculation certificate showing their age.

67. The research paper or presentation by young profession will be based on empirical data or critical analysis of theoretical issues, employing Scientific methodology. The paper shall have an abstract of 100 words, a declaration to the effect that it has not been submitted for publishing, elsewhere. Research paper should be neatly typed on one side, in double space, A4 bond paper, with a wide margin. The length of the paper should not exceed more than 15 typed pages. References are to be made in the abridged Harvard Method, giving the authors name followed by the year in brackets, in the text and the reference list at the end of the paper in an alphabetical order.

68. All the research papers will be blind reviewed by various criteria by a panel of experts. The research papers will be evaluated on the basis of criteria given here & more like Importance of topic, scientific methods & tools used, appropriateness of statistics used, inferences made and the utility of the study to the body of knowledge and society. The secretary ISC will commence these activities one month before the conference.

69. Based on the above the papers will be ranked and best five papers will be shortlisted for the presentation during the conference.

70. Usually spread over three days, the 'annual conference' of the ISC will organise a session for 'ISC - Young Criminologist Award'; and, for this, it will set up a panel of three eminent and senior professionals.

71. Presentation made by the young professionals will be independently rated on duly specified parameters by the said panel members.

72. Although, on the basis of panel ratings, top two young professionals will be selected for the award of 'gold medal' and 'silver medal', their names will not be disclosed.

73. The award winners' name will be announced and medal and cash will be conferred on them in the 'valedictory session' of the 'annual conference' of the ISC.

About the Distinguished Personalities on whose name awards are instituted

The ISC – Prof. J. M. Kumarappa - Prof. Walter C. Reckless Award

Professor J. M. Kumarappa

Professor Jagadisan Mohandas Kumarappa was a distinguished Indian scholar, author, parliamentarian, and a pioneer in the development of criminology and social sciences in India. He served as the first Indian Director of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai, where he played a critical role in shaping academic curricula and policy-oriented research in social work and criminal justice education. Professor Kumarappa held Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Social Sciences from Columbia University and was among the select criminologists invited by the United Nations Secretary-General in 1949 to advise on international crime prevention programs. His collaboration with global experts significantly enriched the evolution of correctional policies in India, marking him as a key figure in bridging academic insights with practical reforms in criminal justice administration.

Professor Walter C. Reckless

Professor Walter Cade Reckless (1899–1988) was an eminent American criminologist known for his foundational contributions to criminological theory, including the influential containment theory of social control. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Reckless earned his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago, and later served as a leading figure in American and international criminology. In the early 1950s, he was designated as an expert in Criminology and Correctional Administration under the United Nations Technical Assistance Programme. Invited by the Government of India, Reckless spent several months in India studying correctional institutions and advising on improvements to correctional training and administration, working closely with Professor J. M. Kumarappa as a liaison to the Government of India.

The ISC – Dr. B. S. Haikerwal and Prof. Sushil Chandra Award

Dr. B. S. Haikerwal

Dr. B. S. Haikerwal was a respected Indian social scientist whose academic work made a lasting contribution to the growth of criminology within the broader framework of the social sciences. He emphasized the importance of understanding crime, deviance, and criminal justice processes in their social, economic, and institutional contexts. Through his teaching, research, and scholarly engagement, Dr. Haikerwal helped promote an interdisciplinary approach to criminology, encouraging dialogue between sociology, social work, public administration, and criminal justice studies. His contributions continue to be valued for their relevance to both academic inquiry and policy-oriented research.

Prof. Sushil Chandra

Professor Sushil Chandra was a distinguished senior social scientist known for his scholarly leadership and commitment to advancing criminology through interdisciplinary perspectives. His work highlighted the close relationship between social structures, governance, and crime, and underscored the role of social science research in informing criminal justice policy and practice. As a teacher, researcher, and mentor, Prof. Chandra played a significant role in shaping criminological thought in India, fostering rigorous scholarship and encouraging the application of social science insights to the study of crime and criminal justice administration.

The ISC – Prof. S. S. Srivastava Award

Prof. S. S. Srivastava

Professor S. S. Srivastava professor, BHU and a distinguished criminologist and academic leader known for his commitment to strengthening criminology through quality teaching, rigorous scholarship, and mentorship. Recognised for nurturing academic excellence and encouraging research-led learning, he contributed to the development of criminology as a vibrant discipline within higher education. His work and legacy continue to inspire educators and researchers to pursue innovation in teaching, build strong research cultures, and advance criminological knowledge with relevance to society and criminal justice practice.