

ICS EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT AWARDS FOR CANCER NGOs 2026

Recognizing Excellence in Cancer Care.

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Call for Entries – NGOs in Cancer Care

The **Indian Cancer Society (ICS)** invites applications for the **ICS Spotlight Awards 2026**—a pan-India initiative to honour NGOs delivering impactful and sustainable cancer care solutions.

A. WHO CAN APPLY

- ✓ Registered NGOs in India
- ✓ Minimum **5 years of operations in Cancer Space**
- ✓ Working in areas like:
 - Prevention & Early Detection
 - Screening & Diagnostics
 - Treatment Support & Navigation
 - Palliative Care / Survivorship
 - Awareness & Advocacy
 - Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) for Cancer

B. AWARD CATEGORIES

Tier	Regional Awards	National Awards
● Category A	● Enduring Excellence Spotlight Award - Regional (NGOs operating for 15+ years)	Top regional winners advance to the National Level ● Enduring Excellence Spotlight Award - National (NGOs operating for 15+ years)
● Category B	● Emerging Excellence Spotlight Award - Regional (NGOs operating for 5 –15 years)	● Emerging Excellence Spotlight Award - National (NGOs operating for 5 –15 years)

C. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- ✓ Measurable **impact & outcomes**
- ✓ Focus on **underserved communities**
- ✓ **Innovative & scalable models**
- ✓ Strong **sustainability & governance**

D. KEY DATES

31 March 2026	Applications Open
30 June 2026	Submission Deadline
31 August 2026	Regional branches submit shortlisted entries to ICS Delhi
15 September 2026	Regional Awards announcement
20 November 2026	National Awards (Mumbai)

E. HOW TO APPLY-

1. Download the Application Form / or Scan the QR code to Download the form
2. Complete the application form.
3. Email the completed application form (soft copy) along with all required documents to: icsawards@indiancancersociety.org



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F. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Complete Application Form

2-minute Audio-Visual per Project (*max 2 projects*)

Must include:

- Voice-over narration
- Subtitles / script
- Clear demonstration of impact

G. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Trophies, Certificates & Cash Prizes
- National visibility & recognition

(Please refer to the guidelines for more details.)

H. GUIDELINES

The Indian Cancer Society (ICS) Spotlight Awards for NGOs will be conducted on a pan-India basis, coordinated by the ICS Delhi Branch.

The awards will be presented in two tiers:

- Regional Awards

- National Awards

The National Awards Ceremony will be held on 20 November 2026 in Mumbai.

H1. Objective

To recognize and encourage NGOs working in cancer care across India to continue delivering impactful and sustainable interventions.

NGOs will be evaluated based on their impact, outreach, and sustainability. The broad framework of the award programme is outlined below.

H2. Structure of Competition (Regional Preliminary Screening)

The competition will be conducted region-wise, with preliminary screening coordinated by ICS branches:

- East India – **ICS Kolkata**
- North India – **ICS Delhi** (including Lucknow)
- Western & Central India – **ICS Mumbai HQ** (including Nagpur)
- South India – **ICS Karnataka**

Each branch will:

1. Invite applications Evaluate submissions Announce regional awardees.
2. The top 3 NGOs from each region in each category will be shortlisted for national-level evaluation.
3. **Total Awards: 24 Regional Awards + 6 National Awards**

H3. Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a registered NGO in India complying with statutory requirements
- Must be actively working in the cancer care space
- Submission must be in the prescribed application and audio-visual format
- One application per NGO and to only one office of ICS

H4. Demonstrable Outcomes (Maximum 2 Projects per NGO)

Applicants must submit up to two impactful projects, clearly outlining measurable outcomes, **including:**

- Number of beneficiaries screened / treated / supported
- Improvement in early detection or survival rates
- Community awareness reach
- Patient navigation and treatment completion success
- Capacity building in healthcare systems
- Qualitative transformation stories supported by evidence

Note: Impact must be specific, verifiable, and outcome-focused.

H5. Scope & Areas of Engagement

Eligible work **may** include:

- Cancer prevention & early detection
- Screening & diagnostics
- Treatment support & patient navigation
- Palliative and end-of-life care
- Rehabilitation & survivorship
- Community awareness & education
- Policy advocacy & strengthening of government systems
- Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) for cancer

H6. Submission Format **(Mandatory)**

Applicants must submit:

- Completed application form
- Audio-visual presentation (maximum 2 minutes per project)

The video must include:

- Clear voice-over narration
- Embedded script/subtitles
- Demonstration of impact and outcomes

I. Judging Criteria

Entries will be evaluated on:

- Effectiveness of cancer care interventions
- Community engagement and outreach
- Impact and outcomes
- Innovation
- Sustainability and scalability

J. Composition of Jury

Regional Level Jury

- Head of Regional Branch
- Expert in Cancer Control Expert in Cancer Control should not be connected to ICS (Oncology / Public Health / Palliative Care)
- Social Worker

National Level Jury

- One member of the NMC
- Chairperson, ICS Delhi Branch
- Expert in Cancer Control should not be connected to ICS (Oncology / Public Health / Palliative Care)
- Social Worker / Community Leader

The Jury's decision will be final and binding.

K. Final Selection Process

ICS Delhi will constitute a Master Jury to select the top three NGOs in each category at the national level. Final results will be submitted to ICS Headquarters by 15 October 2026.

L. Awards & Financials

Categories	Award other than cash prize	Cash Prize		
		1st (in Rs)	2nd (in Rs)	3rd (in Rs)
Regional Level	Certificate & Trophy (Region to decide)	15,000	10,000	5,000
National Level	Certificate and Trophy for the awardees in both categories	1,00,000	50,000	25,000

The national awards be conferred in person at the platinum jubilee celebration on 20th Nov 2026 in Mumbai.

M. Key Differentiator : The ICS Awards emphasize:

- Outcome-driven impact
- Equity in access to cancer care
- Sustainable and scalable models
- Real patient transformation stories

Click the button below to download the application form!

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Submit your application latest by 30th June 2026 on : icsawards@indiancancersociety.org