

INDIAN COLLEGES FORUM

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Subject: Invitation for Applications for ICF Recognition and Awards for Excellence in Academic Innovation, EdTech and AI, and Climate Action

The Indian Colleges Forum (ICF), at its 26th National Annual Conference, resolved to recognise and honour member colleges that have demonstrated outstanding performance and innovation in the following areas:

1. **Academic Excellence, institutional values and best practices** through innovative practices in teaching, learning, evaluation, institutional values and best practices
2. **Implementation and effective use of Educational Technology (EdTech) and Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in higher education; and
3. **Innovative initiatives addressing Climate Change and promoting environmental sustainability.**

Accordingly, ICF invites its member colleges to submit applications for recognition and awards under the above three categories.

1. Eligibility

All colleges that are members of the Indian Colleges Forum are eligible to submit applications for consideration under one or more of the above categories. Non-member colleges can also submit application after becoming member of ICF. ***ICF Member College should have paid Annual Subscription for the current year 2026-27. If not paid they can pay now to the account and QR code mentioned on Registration Fee heading.***

2. Information to be submitted

The application should be submitted online in the prescribed format and should include the following information:

A. Brief Profile of the College

The application should provide a brief background of the college, including:

- Year of establishment;
- Courses and programmes offered;
- Student strength;
- Faculty strength, and
- Nature of management—Government, Trust/Society, or any other category.

Category/ Area-1

B. Academic Excellence, institutional values, and best practices

Details should be provided regarding:

- Innovative practices introduced in teaching, learning and evaluation;
- The objectives and nature of such innovations;
- The manner in which the innovations have been implemented, and
- Their impact on student learning, educational outcomes, and overall academic performance.
- Institutional values and best practices impacting the academic excellence.

Categor/ Area -2

C. Implementation of EdTech and Artificial Intelligence

Details should be provided regarding the introduction and use of EdTech and AI in the following areas:

- Institutional management and administration;
- Teaching and learning;
- Assessment and evaluation;
- Student and faculty support services;
- Use of public EdTech resources, including **SWAYAM, SWAYAM Plus, and SWAYAM Prabha**;
- Use of digital library and research resources available through **INFLIBNET**;
- Use of private EdTech resources, wherever applicable;
- Digital infrastructure created and resources invested; and
- Outcomes and impact of the implementation of EdTech and AI.

Category/ Area-3

D. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

Details should be provided regarding innovative initiatives undertaken by the college to address Climate Change and promote environmental sustainability, including:

- Development of a green campus;
- Use of renewable sources of energy;
- Waste management;
- Water conservation and management;
- Cleanliness and sanitation campaigns;
- Environmental awareness programmes for students, faculty and the neighbouring community; and
- Any other innovative initiatives related to climate action and environmental sustainability.

E. Future Plans

The application should also include a brief statement outlining the college's future plans for further development and expansion of its initiatives in the above areas.

Please prepare your application for the relevant category/area as per the template under each of the area. You can apply for more than one area also.

3. Submission of Applications

All member colleges are invited to submit applications for Recognition and Awards by **5th October, 2026**. The Goggle Form link for submission of application is given below:

<https://forms.gle/LU5xWt4t1vNWFRzf9>

Registration Fee: Rs.5000/- Application should accompany the payment of Registration Fee Receipt. Registration fee can be paid to Canara Bank "Account name" Indian Colleges Forum "SB A/C No. 1484101030880 IFSC: CNRB 0001484. Canara Bank, Jit Singh Marg Branch, New Delhi, 110067

Or through UPI on the following QR code



Applications are to be submitted online in the prescribed format. The format and detailed guidelines for submission will be circulated along with the invitation.

The last date for submission of applications is 5th October, 2026

4. Assessment and Selection

A jury comprising eminent experts in the three identified areas—**Academic Excellence; EdTech and Artificial Intelligence; and Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability**—will be constituted by ICF.

The jury will assess and evaluate the applications and recommend deserving colleges for recognition and awards.

5. Announcement of Awards

The awards and recognitions will be announced at the **27th National Annual Conference of the Indian Colleges Forum**, scheduled to be held from 20-22 November, 2026 at GGSDS College, Raipur, Palampur, Kangra Distt. Himachal Pradesh

All member colleges are encouraged to participate and share their innovative practices and successful experiences for the benefit of the wider higher education community.

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Kindly circulate it to all the ICF member & non-member colleges in your state.

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