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Notification of
PILLAY AQUACULTURE AWARD – 2026

The Indian Chapter of Pillay Aquaculture Foundation Trust (PAFT-IC) has instituted a triennial Pillay Aquaculture Award, in memory of late Dr. T.V.R. Pillay, the father of modern global aquaculture development. One of the activities of the PAFT-IC is to recognize, promote and appreciate the person(s)/ organizations whose contributions have had direct impact on aquaculture development in India. Since its inception, the PAFT_IC has recognized the contributions of persons for the development of aquaculture in India and awards were being presented during the triennial Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum organized by the Asian Fisheries Society, Indian chapter (AFSIB). The next such award will be presented during the 14th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum to be held at the ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha during 18-20 November, 2026.

Outstanding work on any aspect of aquaculture (research / extension / development) carried out in India by an individual, group or organization (governmental or private) shall qualify for the award. The award carries a cash of Rs. 25,000/- and a citation. The awardee is required to deliver a keynote address on his/her work during the 14th IFAF at Bhubaneswar. He/she will be eligible for A.C. 2 Tier rail fare for attending the award ceremony.

Applications (in Triplicate) on the prescribed format *(available with the Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society, Indian Chapter (AFSIB)* complete with all details should reach the Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society, Indian Chapter, AFSIB Building, College of Fisheries Campus, Mangalore – 575002, latest by 30th September, 2026. Those in service should route their applications through proper channel. You may also contact Dr. M. N. Venugopal, Secretary, PAFT_IC (email ID: tvrpillay.aftic@gmail.com, mnvenu@rediffmail.com) for any further information.

Mangalore
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Sd/
Dr. Dilip Kumar
(President, PAFTIC))

PILLAY AQUACULTURE FOUNDATION TRUST (R)
INDIAN CHAPTER
AFSIB Building, College of Fisheries Campus
Mangalore – 575 002, Karnataka

Pillay Aquaculture Award 2026

APPLICATION FORMAT

Affix photograph/ Individual/ group leader

(Note: Four sets of applications complete with all details should reach the Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society, Indian Chapter, AFSIB Building, College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanady, Mangalore – 575002, latest by 30th September, 2026. In-service candidates should route their applications through proper channel.)

1. Name(s) of individual / group members / organization
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2. Designation and / or address: ……

3. Phone No.: ……
4. Email ID: ……
5. Date of birth (for individuals and group members only): …….
6. Academic record (for individuals and group members only):

Year	Degree / Diploma	University	Major field

7. Employment record (for individuals and group members only):

Designation	Institution	Period	Nature of work

8. Year of starting and mandate (only for organizations):

9. Details of research and / or extension / developmental work, for which the award is claimed. Describe briefly & enclose relevant published documentary evidence. In case of a claim for purely developmental work, some form of documentary evidence should be provided. (Attach detailed write-up, not exceeding 5 pages).

10. Substantiate in clear terms in what way your research and / or extension / developmental work has contributed or is likely to contribute for the economic development of India. (Attach a detailed write-up, not exceeding 3 pages).

11. List of other awards received, if any, mentioning their nature and year of receipt.

12. List of publications, including full names of all authors, title, journal and year of publication. (Attach detailed list & copies of publications).

13. DECLARATION

I / we hereby undertake to abide by the decisions of PAF and in the event of being selected for the award, I / we undertake to deliver a keynote address during the 14th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum at Bhubaneswar in November, 2026.

Signature of applicant
(Individual / Group leader / Head of organization)

Endorsement / Recommendation by the Head of the Institute / Department / Organization, where the applicant is employed (for individuals and groups only).

Date: ----------

Place: Signature of Head of Institution with seal

Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch

College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanady, Mangalore-575002

E-mail: <afsib.secretary@gmail.com>

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD - 2026

APPLICATION FORMAT

1.Name	:	Dr/Mr/Ms……
2. Date of birth & age (Enclose proof of age)	:	
3. Nationality	:	
4. Designation	:	
5. Address	:	
6. Email ID	:	
7. Phone	:	
8. Title of paper	:	
9. Broad area of research	:	
10.Place and organization where the above work was carried out	:	
11.Period of study	:	
12.Name & address of research supervisor	:	
13.Indicate whether this is your original research contribution	:	
14. Indicate whether a part of this work was carried out by any other person. If so, what exactly is your contribution?	:	

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am agreeable to the terms and conditions of the award. I also understand that selection of my paper for presentation does not guarantee winning of the award. I undertake to abide by the decision of the referees, juries and AFSIB in the matter of the above competition.

Place: …… Signature

Date:…… Name: ……

Counter signed by the Head of the Institution

Guidelines for submission of application for Young Scientist Award

I. Eligibility

1. Must be a citizen of India
2. Must be less than 35 years of age as on 30th September, 2026 (Proof of age to be produced)
3. Research paper should be based on his/her unpublished original data generated from research carried out in India.

II. Mode of Selection

1. Four copies of the research paper (unpublished) must be submitted to the Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society, Indian Branch, College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanady, Mangaluru-575 002, Karnataka, India on or before 30th September, 2026.
2. All submitted papers will be subjected to an initial screening by the evaluation committee. The shortlisted contestants will be notified accordingly.
3. For the shortlisted candidates, the Award Contest will be conducted during the 14th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (14IFAF). Each contestant will be allotted 20 minutes to present their research paper, and presentations must be made using slides. Reading directly from a written text will not be permitted. The winner of the contest will be announced and presented with the award during the valedictory function.
4. A jury comprising of eminent scientists and AFSIB nominees will select the winners based on the quality of work, originality, practical utility and thoroughness in content and presentation.
5. The decision of the jury will be final and binding on all contestants.
6. The papers presented by the winners will be published in the proceedings of the 14th Indian Fisheries Forum. The winners should not withdraw the paper or send it to any other journal, conference or seminar.
7. Presentation of the paper for the competition does not guarantee any award.

III. Details of the Award

1. Up to 10 young scientist Awards will be presented, subject to clause 7 above.
2. Each award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- and a plaque.

IV. Last Date

The completed application, submitted in four hard copies and one soft copy (to be sent via email to afsib.secretary@gmail.com), together with copies of the research paper, must reach the Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch, College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanady, Mangaluru – 575002, Karnataka, India, on or before 30 September 2026.

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PROFESSOR H.P.C. SHETTY AWARD - 2026

FOR EXCELLENCE IN FISHERIES RESEARCH AND/OR DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION FORMAT

Affix Photograph

1. Name : _____

2. Designation and Address : _____

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Email ID : _____

Phone : _____

3. Date of birth (attach proof of age) : _____

4. Academic records

Year	Degree/Diploma	University	Major field

5. Present employment status and brief description of various positions held

Designation	Institution	Responsibilities

6. Research and/or developmental work for which the award is claimed. Describe briefly and enclose relevant published documentary evidences. In case of a claim for purely developmental work, some form of documentary evidence should be provided.

(Attach detailed write-up, not more than 5 pages)

7. Substantiate in clear terms in what way your research and/or developmental work has contributed for economic improvement of our country.

(Attach detailed write-up, not more than 3 pages)

8. List of other awards received earlier, if any, mentioning its nature and year of receipt
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9. List of publications containing full names of all authors, title, journal and year of publication.

(Attach detailed list and copies of publications)

DECLARATION

I hereby undertake to abide by the decisions of AFSIB and in the event of being selected for the award, undertake to present significant research findings during the **14th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha during 18-20 November, 2026.**

Date: …… ……

Place:…… (Signature of applicant)

Endorsement/Recommendation from the Head of the Institute/Department where the applicant is employed/Nomination by eminent persons in the area/Endorsement by an organization.

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Date: …….. ….……

Place: …….

Signature of Head of Institution

Nomination/Endorser

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Guidelines for submission of application for Professor H.P.C. Shetty Award

1. Five hard copies of the application, complete in all respects, should reach the Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch, College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanady, Mangaluru – 575002, Karnataka, India, on or before 30 September 2026. In addition, one soft copy of the application should be submitted via email to afsib.secretary@gmail.com on or before the same date.
2. Each application should have separate set of supporting documents/reprints of papers and proof of age certificate.
3. On top of each application affix a passport size photograph
4. Applicant should be below 50 years as on **30th September, 2026.**
5. The result of application for the award will be announced before **10th November, 2026.**
6. The successful candidate must deliver a key note address during **14thIndian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha during 18-20 November, 2026.**

Details of the Award

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a medallion.

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PROFESSORS T.J. PANDIAN AND A.J. MATTY AWARD - 2026

FOR EXCELLENCE IN AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH RESEARCH

APPLICATION FORMAT

Affix Photograph

1. Name : _____

2. Designation and Address : _____

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Email ID : _____

Phone : _____

3. Date of birth (attach proof of age) : _____

4. Academic records

Year	Degree/Diploma	University	Major field

5. Present employment status and brief description of various positions held

Designation	Institution	Responsibilities

6. Aquaculture research with impact on development for which the award is claimed. Describe briefly and enclose relevant published documentary evidences.

(Attach detailed write-up, not more than 5 pages)

7. Substantiate in clear terms in what way your research work has contributed for economic improvement of our country.

(Attach detailed write-up, not more than 3 pages)

8. List of other awards received earlier, if any, mentioning their nature and year of receipt
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9. List of publications containing full names of all authors, title, journal and year of publication.

(Attach detailed list and copies of publications)

DECLARATION

I hereby undertake to abide by the decisions of AFSIB and in the event of being selected for the award, undertake to present significant research findings during the **14th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha during 18-20 November, 2026.**

Date: …… …….

Place: …… (Signature of applicant)

Endorsement/Recommendation from the Head of the Institute/Department where the applicant is employed.
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Date: ……... ….……..
Place: ……. (Signature of Head of Institution)

SEAL

Guidelines for submission of application for Professors T.J. Pandian and A.J. Matty Award

1. Five hard copies of the application, complete in all respects, should reach the Secretary, Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch, College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanady, Mangaluru – 575002, Karnataka, India, on or before 30 September 2026. In addition, one soft copy of the application should be submitted via email to afsib.secretary@gmail.com on or before the same date.
2. Each application should have separate set of supporting documents/reprints of papers and proof of age certificate.
3. On top of each application affix a passport size photograph
4. Applicant should be below the age of 35 and in case of women 40 years as on **30th September, 2026.**
5. The result of application for the award will be announced before **10th November, 2026.**
10. The successful candidate must present significant research findings during the **14thIndian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha during 18-20 November, 2026.**
6. Work carried out on any aspect of aquaculture research, which will have significant impact on further development of aquaculture will be eligible for the award.
7. Work should have been preferably carried out in India. In case, the work has been carried out outside the country, it should have direct relevance to current Indian aquaculture practices.

Details of the Award

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 15,000 and a medallion.

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Dr. M.C. NANDEESHA AWARD – 2026

APPLICATION FORMAT

Affix photograph
(Individual/group leader)

1. Name:……

2. Address: ……

3. Phone No. : ……

4. Email ID: ……

5. Date of birth: …….

6. Innovation with impact for which the award is claimed. Describe briefly and enclose relevant published documentary evidences (Not more than 3 pages).

7. List of other awards received earlier, if any, mentioning their nature and year of receipt.

Date:

Place: Signature of applicant

Background and Guidelines for submission of application for Dr M.C. Nandeesha Award

1. This award is for best innovation by a fish farmer which has helped to improve the productivity of the culture systems.
2. Outstanding work on any aspect of aquaculture carried out in India by an individual farmer shall qualify for the award.
3. The result for the award will be announced before **10th November, 2026.**
4. Four copies of the Application on the prescribed format complete in all respects should reach the Secretary, AFSIB, College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanady, Mangaluru-575002, Karnataka latest by **September 30, 2026**.

Details of the Award

The award carries a cash award of Rs. 25,000 and a citation