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INDIAN SOCIETY FOR TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY

TRENCHLESS EXCELLENCE

Awards 2026

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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are encouraged to apply!

LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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INTRODUCTION

INDSTT Trenchless Excellence Awards (ITEA) are meant to motivate individuals' and organizations' contribution in subsurface construction domain and to promote replicable best practices in the Indian trenchless industry. INDSTT has initiated these awards which recognize and honor the valuable contributions and work of Indian Trenchless Fraternity that has significantly enriched the subsurface construction domain and has helped bring about a change in our construction practices.

At our annual event the No Dig India Show, the work and achievements of individuals and organizations shall be recognized and applauded. The awards are an embodiment of encouraging truly successful efforts from individuals and organizations that have made a mark on the present Indian Trenchless Industry in terms of delivering better outputs, processes and creating higher benchmarks for trenchless industry to help in nation building.

On the inaugural day of the 16th edition of No Dig India Show at on the winners of 5th IndSTT Trenchless Excellence Awards shall be announced and awarded in an exclusive event that will bring together dignitaries, nominees, national and international guests to celebrate exceptional achievement within the trenchless technology sector.

Judged by an independent panel of experts both from public and private sector, the awards are open to utility owners, private contractors, consultants, manufacturers, academicians, engineers and operator serving the Subsurface Construction Industry.

Last date for entries submission shall be 15TH September 2026

FOCUSED SECTORS

INDSTT TRENCHLESS EXCELLENCE Awards 2026

Rehabilitation & Renewal of Buried Pipeline

- Utility owners
- Consultants
- Manufacturers
- Contractors
- Third Party Assesor

Optical Fibre Network

- Utility owners
- Consultants
- Manufacturers
- Contractors
- Third Party Assesor

Subsurface Utility Engineering

- Utility owners
- Consultants
- Manufacturers
- Contractors
- Third Party Assesor

Power Transmission & Distribution

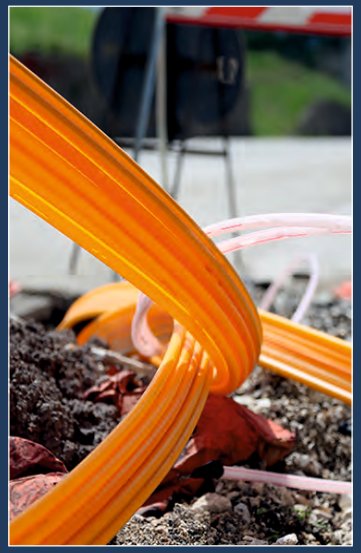
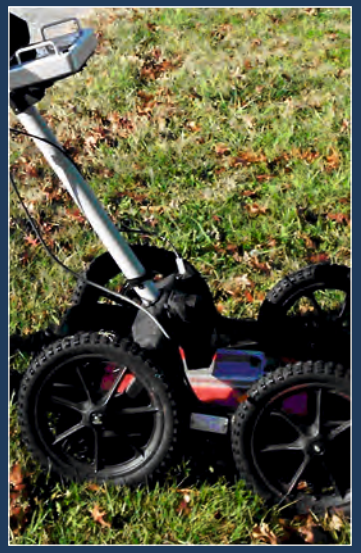
- Utility owners
- Consultants
- Manufacturers
- Contractors
- Third Party Assesor

Water & Wastewater

- Utility owners
- Consultants
- Manufacturers
- Contractors
- Third Party Assesor

Oil & Gas

- Utility owners
- Consultants
- Manufacturers
- Contractors
- Third Party Assesor

ENTERING THE AWARDS

INDSTT TRENCHLESS EXCELLENCE Awards 2026

Awards Submission

Awards cover the entire spectrum of Indian Trenchless Industry and all stakeholders, both from public and private sector including educational institutions. Organizations and Individuals working in the subsurface construction sector are encouraged to participate in the process and submit their nominations, subject to a maximum of one nomination per category. Detailed criteria for each category, award guidelines and other important details are available at www.nodigindia.com.

All award entries must be submitted to IndSTT latest by 4PM (IST Time) 31st August 2026 to the IndSTT Secretariat with detailed and relevant supporting document evidence. Late entries will not be considered. Entries must be submitted in accordance with these guidelines. All information provided will be submitted to the independent judging panel.

After receiving of the award entry, a site visit shall be conducted by the ITEA Evaluation Team of the project site. All the expenses related to the site visit shall be borne by the applicant.

For any further details please contact us at indstt@indstt.com

Entry to the award is FREE

Please Note:

Awards submission entries will close at 04:00PM on 15th September 2026. Entries to be submitted at:

Indian Society for Trenchless Technology (IndSTT)
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Phone: +91 98730 10226 , 97172 03923
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AWARD CATEGORIES

IndSTT Trenchless Excellence Awards 2026 will offer eleven award categories. The awards recognise excellence in utility pipeline sectors like, water, wastewater, oil & gas, OFC & power, as well as the individuals, project teams and manufacturers transforming the future of trenchless technology.

SITE VISIT PART OF DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS.

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IndSTT Trenchless Excellence Awards 2026 – Categories

- Achievement Award for Best Project Execution
- Achievement Award for Innovative Project Design
- Achievement Award for Creating Social Development & Impact
- Achievement Award for Environment & Safety
- Achievement Award for Best Project Authority
- Achievement Award for Best Driller of the year
- Achievement Award for Best Tunneler of the year
- Achievement Award for Best Public / Private Officer of the year
- Achievement Award for Industry Doyen
- Achievement Award for Academician/Technology/Scientist
- Achievement Award for the Most Innovative Manufacturer of Trenchless Equipment and Materials
- Best Professionally Managed Company
  - Category - I (Turnover > Rs.500 -1000 Cr)
  - Category – II (Turnover Rs. 50 to Rs.500 Cr)
  - Category – III (Turnover < Rs.50 Cr)
  - Category – IV Entrepreneur

AWARD CATEGORIES

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‘Award for Best Tunneler’

‘Best Tunneler of the year award’ recognises an individual who has been instrumental in shaping and driving the evolution and successful impact of technology within trenchless technology services. This award honours an exceptional tunneler within trenhcless technology who has displayed leadership, excellence and vision over a long serving career.

‘Award for Best Public/Private Officer’

‘Best Public/Private Officer of the year Award’ recognises the public / private official who has undertaken exemplary initiatives/work which has facilitated growth and development of the infrastructure/construction sector. Officers having served Government/Public Sector Unit/ Undertaking for the last 10 years are eligible to apply.

‘Award for Industry Doyen’

‘Award for Industry Doyen’ recognise the exemplary contribution by the persons who have displayed leadership, excellence and vision over a long serving career and have been instrumental in shaping and driving the evolution and successful impact of technology within trenchless technology sector.

‘Award for Academician/ Technology/Scientist’

‘Award for Academician/Technology/Scientist’ recognize excellence in academics/significant contribution/innovation of new technology, products, services and good practices for the growth and development of trenchless technology sector.

‘Award for the Most Innovative Manufacturer of Trenchless Equipment and Materials’

The “Award for the Most Innovative Manufacturer of Trenchless Equipment and materials” recognizes a manufacturing organization that has demonstrated exceptional innovation, technological advancement, and excellence in the design, development, and production of trenchless Equipment and materials. This award honours a manufacturer whose commitment to quality, research, and cutting-edge solutions has significantly contributed to the advancement, reliability, and sustainability of the trenchless technology sector.

‘Award for Best Professionally Managed Company’

‘Award for Best Professionally Managed Company’ recognises the achievements of an organization who have contributed significantly to the growth & development of the trenchless technology sector through their works undertaken for public welfare, technological innovation and nation building.

AWARD CATEGORIES

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‘Award for Best Project Execution’

‘Award for Best Project Execution’ recognises the excellence in projects which contribute to the built environment whilst contributing to immediate and long-term environmental goal, economic and social improvements, degree of innovation & transferability, relevance to the policies and cost-effectiveness.

‘Award for Innovative Project Design’

‘Innovative Project Design Award’ recognise the project, designed to use materials, processes or services that reduce its environmental, human health or social impacts in its intended use, throughout its life cycle and across its supply chain. Project must be embodying circular and/or regenerative design principles such as designing for waste and pollution, prolonging life-span, minimising material usage, utilising digital solutions, or regenerating natural systems and processes.

‘Award for Creating Social Development & Impact’

‘Creating Social Development & Impact Award’ recognise the overall positive impact of the project, what measurable sustainable outcomes can be achieved and if it will have a long-lasting and positive impact for the client, on society, the economy, and our environment.

‘Award for Environment & Safety’

‘Award for Environment & Safety’ honours the organization’s respect for human life and well-being as reflected in the practices regarding Health, Safety & Environment in project.

‘Award for Best Project Authority’

‘Award for Best Project Authortiy’ recognises the achievements of a public organization who are actively adopting trenchless technology solutions for a significant period, demonstrating consistency in delivering high-quality projects and maintaining utility/infrastructure integrity for society welfare and nation building.

‘Award for Best Driller’

‘Best Driller of the year award’ recognises an individual who has been instrumental in shaping and driving the evolution and successful impact of technology within trenchless technology services. This award honours an exceptional driller within trenhcless technology who has displayed leadership, excellence and vision over a long serving career.

FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THE SUBMISSION

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Format

- The nominations must be formatted in Arial 12-point font single spaced in a Microsoft Word compatible document.
- The front cover of the nomination must indicate the category being entered.
- The nominations are to be in colour.
- Indicative page limits are flexible; however total content is not to exceed 5000 words or 10 A4 pages.
- The nominations may refer to other projects undertaken by the individual. Written consent to the use of any project in the nomination should be sought from the project client/owner.
- The written consent and any endorsements or referee reports must be included in the nomination. Consent is also required for the use of project information, photographs, company logos and the like, used within the nomination. Non-conforming nominations may be rejected.

The nominations should address the following five sections.

Section 1 General Information

- Name of the nominee / organization
- Complete contact details of the nominee / organization including postal address with pin code, phone, fax, email and mobile nos.
- Name and contact details of the project owner/client representative
- Confirmation that consent to use the project(s) has been received from the client/owner
- Confirmation that consent to use photographs, company logos and the like has been received
- Confirmation that the project(s) have an approved plan and budget
- Award category
- Statement of significance/achievement
- Previous recognition letters / certificates / citations received Newsletters / Videos / Paper cuttings in support of your nomination

Section 2 Executive Summary

Provide a summary of not more than 500 words of the individual/institution, including performance, program/project outcomes, and program/project responsibilities. This summary may be used in any audio-visual presentation compiled by IndSTT for the TEA awards.

Section 3 Curriculum Vitae/Team Profile/Company Profile

In this section provide a Curriculum Vitae/Team/Company Profile or detailed summary of the individual/team leader (indicatively Four (4) pages), to sufficiently summarise relevant educational and work background, including program (s)/project(s) undertaken, and any other relevant information such as project value, size of team managed, etc.

Section 4 Project Context

To provide the context in which the individual/institution was working, provide a brief outline of the program(s)/project(s), including purpose, outcomes, and level of complexity; as well as the project management methodology applied. The summaries should include the success of the project(s) by comparison of the planned and achieved outcomes.

Section 5 Write- Up

This section requires the nomination of narratives and evidence which reflect the management performance of the individual/institution in achieving or exceeding desired project outcomes through the application of best practice and the demonstration of outstanding achievement and innovation.

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16th International Conference & Exhibition

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No-Dig India Show

IndSTT Trenchless Excellence Awards 2026 will be hosted on the inaugural day of the No Dig India Show 2026, the biggest trenchless technology exhibition and conference in the Indian Subcontinent. IndSTT Trenchless Excellence Awards is set to provide finest opportunity to the awardees to boost up their business network while getting recognized for their achievements.

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