



23rd



Safety Innovation Award

October 23, 2026

India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

**Last Date
for Submission**
July 31, 2026

Organised by :



SAFETY AND QUALITY FORUM
The Institution of Engineers (India)

About The Organiser

Safety and Quality Forum - IEI

Safety and Quality Forum was established by The Institution of Engineers (India) at New Delhi in 2003, to focus on engineering aspects that contribute towards the improvement in Safety & Quality in Engineering Profession. Forum has been actively involved in disseminating knowledge in the field of Safety and Quality for the last more than a decade.

Mission

To create a culture of Safety and Quality, through ethical and professional practices and to promote working environment that leads to the highest level of productivity and sustainable development with optimal use of resources.

Objectives

The objectives and purpose of SQF are to promote and propagate the concept of Safety & Quality and to facilitate exchange of ideas and opinion pertaining to engineering and technology and for that purpose :

- To create awareness of Safety and Quality in engineering operations.
- To assist Governments and local bodies in framing and enforcing rules and codes for safety and quality management systems in engineering sectors.
- To assist private/public sector industrial units in undertaking quality and/or safety audits; and training programme for compliance of laid down rules and codes.
- To develop courses, syllabi and course materials for 'Safety Engineering', 'Quality Management' and 'Reliability Engineering' for different levels of engineering education and recommend the same to educational authorities/institutions.
- To facilitate continuing education programmes, seminars, conferences, workshops and training courses on various aspects of safety, reliability and quality management systems.
- To collaborate with educational institutions, industry and other professional bodies and societies to promote the concepts of quality, safety and reliability.
- To facilitate conduct of training course on Quality Management System and safety aspects.

About the Safety Innovation Award Scheme

- Realising the need for recognition of achievement of organizations in matters relating to Safety, SQF launched Safety Innovation Awards in 2005.
- So far these Awards have been given on twenty two occasions. Safety Innovation Awards will be presented at the **23rd International Safety Convention - 2026** on **October 23, 2026** at **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**.
- A scheme has been developed for calling applications/nominations and selecting deserving organizations for conferring these Awards mainly on the basis of their operational performance.

Invitation

Applications are invited from manufacturing, transportation, construction, services and other units involved in economic and social development of the country for Safety Innovation Awards. Organizations from the following Categories may send their applications in the laid down form :

1. All sectors of Business Industry, Commerce and Agriculture – Public and Private undertakings.
2. Central & State Government and Semi-Government Ministries/Departments

3. Education, Research and Development establishments.
4. Social Sector Organizations
5. International Aid Agencies

The Award

Safety Innovation Awards are presented every year, on the basis of scrutiny of applications received from different organizations for consideration. Each winner receives a Plaque of Honour alongwith a Certificate.

The award winners can use the award logo on their printed and promotion materials by mentioning the year.

Details of Award

Awards for organizations, involved in evolving and implementing innovative safety procedures and practices are considered on merit.

Categories of Award

For the purposes of application for this Award, an industry or its unit (self-accounting-center) in the private and public sector will be considered as a separate entity. However, categorization will be done on the basis of category of the holding/parent company. For example GAIL Pipeline Unit will be categorized under large enterprise as GAIL Corporate Office will come under large enterprise.

Awards will normally be given in the following sectors:

- Industry (all sectors)
- Power Sector
- Construction
- Govt. Sector (Govt. controlled units)
- Transportation (rail, road and air)
- Oil and Mining Sector
- Energy Sector (thrust renewable energy sector)
- Social Sector (education, health etc.)

If the Jury considers appropriate, it may announce Award in some other sectors also.

Evaluation Process

The assessment of applications will be done to based upon :

- i. Safety Performance (conformance to legal requirements)
- ii. Innovative Management Practices (with documentary proof of impact)

The evaluation and grading would be done at two levels. First, by a Panel of Assessors; and then by the Jury. The Panel of assessors will objectively grade applications. Based on this assessment, short listed applicants will be requested to make presentation to the Jury.

Only such applicants who will attain at least 80% marks, at both the levels separately, will be considered by the Jury for Award.

Caution

In the past, it has been observed that some of the applicants made satisfactory submissions in the written application, which qualified them to the second stage of making a presentation to the Jury. But, the representatives of the companies could not make satisfactory presentation to the Jury. It is for the information of the applicants that it is in their interest to send officials at fairly senior level to make a

presentation to the Jury. Such presentations should be specifically prepared at the time of the Award Application and aimed at highlighting the Award Application issues to the Jury and not a commercial presentation on the company profile alone.

The Jury and Panel of Assessors will be chaired by Eminent Engineers from different sectors of engineering operations.

Rules and Regulations

- Decision on the Awards – Decision of the Jury on the recommendations of the Panel of Assessors and presentation to Jury shall be final and no appeal or correspondence will be entertained.
- Awards Committee reserves the right to award more than one organisation in any one category as the Winners for their outstanding performance, and also to withhold awards, if the required standard is not met.
- Awards Committee may invite additional information, personal interview with the applicants and visit them for verification of facts given in the application.
- Awards Committee cannot undertake to return documents or supplementary material submitted with an entry.
- Selected Award Winners may also be invited to make presentation in the 23rd International Safety Convention - 2026 to share their experiences.

Non-disclosure and Confidentiality

Names of applicants, assessment and scoring information adopted during the review of applications are regarded as proprietary and are kept confidential. Such information is available only to those individuals directly involved in the assessment and administrative processes.

All reasonable measures will be taken to ensure that applications and information therein are treated in strict confidence. However, in no way can SQF-IEI be held responsible for any loss of confidentiality to the third party. Moreover, SQF-IEI cannot be held liable for any damage (to goods, or persons, financial loss of consequential) incurred through the breach of confidentiality or otherwise by the applicants or any third party.

SQF-IEI reserves the right, subsequent to the Award presentation, to publish salient details of the safety initiatives of the Award Winners, with a view to sharing knowledge and practices followed by the leaders.

Application Fees

The application fees for processing is **Rs. 60,000/- plus GST @18%** per application, Every applicant organisation will be offered one complimentary participant to the convention, with full facilities of registered delegate.

Special Application Fee for Registered MSMEs	:	Rs. 50,000/- + GST @18% per application
Special Application Fee for MSME National Award Winners/MSMEs Technology Centres and other MSME Institutes under GoI	:	Rs. 40,000/- + GST @18% per application

The fees should accompany the application, in the form of **demand draft/local cheque** in favour of “**The Institution of Engineers (India) A/c Safety and Quality Forum**” payable at **Delhi/New Delhi or NEFT**.

NEFT Details :

Bank Name : Central Bank of India	Account Name : The Institution of Engineers (India) A/c. Safety and Quality Forum
Account No. : 3597529827	Branch (MICR) Code : 110016021
IFSC Code : CBIN0280306	PAN No. : AAATT3439Q
GST No. : 07AAATT3439Q2ZV	

Short-listed finalists, whose sites will have to be visited, will bear the actual cost of the visit in terms of hospitality and travel.

Last Date for Application

Application should reach at the latest by **July 31, 2026** in the prescribed Application Form alongwith Annexures.

The application should be submitted both in 'soft copy' and 'hard copy' in duplicate, neatly typed only on one side of A-4 size paper in English, covering the following:

1. Table of Contents
2. Basic Information (Refer Annexure -I)
3. Business Overview

Three to five page summary, providing outline of the applicant's business. Guidelines for business overview are attached (Refer Annexure -II).

4. Self Appraisal Report

a) *The Report* : This report will be based on criteria guidelines (Refer Annexure-III). The guidelines consist of a set of questions which when answered, would help in appreciating the initiatives/innovations launched by the applicant. The Self Appraisal Report should be kept brief and to the point; and may be supported by additional information in the form of additional documents and data.

b) *Support Material* : A copy of the organisation's Annual Report and Safety Policy shall form part of the support material and are essential.

5. All entries should be addressed to :

Chairman

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ANNEXURE-I

SAFETY AND QUALITY FORUM

SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD

Application Form

Form No. :

1. Name of Applicant organization _____
Address (with Phone, Fax and E-mail) _____
_____ Phone _____
E-mail : _____ Website : _____
2. Name of Contact Person _____
Designation _____
Telephone (O) _____ Mobile _____ (Res) _____
Fax _____ Email _____
Contact Address _____
3. Location of organisation _____
Total number of employees _____
Is the Applicant Organisation Certified to ISO 45001 _____
Name of Parent Organisation (if applicable) _____
Address _____
Telephone (O) _____ Mobile _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____ Website (if any) _____
Contact Address _____
4. Categories of Award (Please tick)
Large _____ Small _____ Medium _____
5. Type of Sectors (Be specific or refer THE AWARD) _____
6. NEFT/RTGS/Online Transfer/Bank Draft/Banker's Cheque to be made in favour of "The Institution of Engineers (India) - A/c Safety and Quality Forum" payable at Delhi/New Delhi is enclosed.
Bank _____ Draft No. _____ Dated _____

I agree, on behalf of my organisation, to abide by the rules of the Safety Innovation Award process and accept that the decisions of the Jury are final. I confirm that my organisation is eligible to take part in this competition and that all information in this application and accompanying documents are correct.

Date _____

Signature of Highest Ranking Official

(Name) _____

Seal _____

Encl. : 1. Bank Draft/Online Transfer ID

2. Self Appraisal Report (as per annexure II & III) in duplicate, along with their appendices and enclosures.

SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

The Business Overview is an outline of the applicant's business, addressing what is most important to the business, key influences on how the business operates, and major site-specific safety issues. The Business Overview is intended to help assessors understand what is relevant and important to the applicant's business.

The Business Overview is of critical importance to the applicant because :

- i) It is the most appropriate starting point for writing and reviewing the application, helping to ensure focus on key business issues and consistency in response, especially in reporting business and safety records; and
- ii) It is used by the Examiners and Judges in all stages of application review, including the site visit.

Guidelines for Preparing the Business Overview

Basic description of the company including information on the following:

- i) The nature of applicant's business: products and services; company size, location(s) and whether it is publicly or privately owned.
- ii) The applicant's major markets (local, regional, national, or international) and principal customer types (consumers, other businesses, government etc.)
- iii) Major legal sanctions under which it is operating.
- iv) A profile of the applicant's employee base, including number, type, educational level and special safety requirements.
- v) Brief description of process/operation (Not exceeding 200 words).
- vi) Workers viz. Regular & Contractor employed in the factory in the financial years 2024-25 & 2025-26 respectively.
- vii) Man-hours worked by workers including overtime in the financial years 2024-25 & 2025-26 (Separate for Regular and Contractor).
- viii) Major equipment, facilities and technologies used.
- ix) List of safety criterion and bye laws followed.
- x) Record of safety awards.

SELF APPRAISAL REPORT

SAFETY INNOVATION AWARD

Nomination Form

PART-A (SHE Management)

Following details may be furnished :

- 1) Does the Organisation have Safety Policy? If yes, attach a copy of it.
- 2) Does the Organisation have a separate deptt/division on Safety?
- 3) Does the Organisation focus only on compliance to safety standards or has made it a part of its work?
- 4) What was the major safety plan undertaken by the Organisation in recent past?
- 5) What is the impact on employees by placing a thrust on safety concerns?
- 6) Who are the stakeholders?
- 7) What is the role of different stakeholders?
- 8) Do you have a Manual on Safety – What details are included?
- 9) How is safety education carried out?
- 10) What are the routine safety drills?
- 11) What incentives are given for highest performance on safety?
- 12) What were the major initiatives undertaken by the organisation in the last two calendar years?
- 13) Has any benefit been quantified?
- 14) Does company have any need based Safety Training programme?
- 15) Who conducts the training – in house or external?
- 16) What is the procedure for receiving feedback?
- 17) What is the highest level of official responsible for safety? Is it a Board level or Top Management level?
- 18) What is the level of participation of Workers in Implementing SHE?
- 19) Has the organization received any recognition of safety initiative at the national or international levels?

PART-B (Innovative Measures)

Following details may be furnished :

- 1) What is longest LTI (Loss Time Injury) incident free period and when?
- 2) Weighted Accident Frequency Rate (WAFR) during the last four calendar years.
- 3) Severity Rate (SR) during the last four calendar years.
- 4) Major innovative measures taken during the last two calendar years to reduce results of (2) and (3) above.
- 5) Has any benefit been quantified?
- 6) Innovative Safety Plan for financial year 2026-27, if any.

Application should also include a Case Study presentation on the Entry, in four pages of A-4 size typed in 10 points in single line space in New Times Roman, and a Draft for Citation, in 100 words to be used if the entry is selected for Award.

MOST IMPORTANT

Applicants are requested :

- To enclose copies of all relevant approvals (e.g. Central/State Pollution Control Board; Industries Department; Labour Department etc.).
- To submit, an undertaking mentioning that there is no Public Complaint and no Legal Case pending against the company regarding violation of any safety norms/other related issues.