

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SHIRISH J. KARDILE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Honoring Exceptional Leadership and Lasting Contributions to the Drinking Water Industry

AWWAIndia Association (AIA) is proud to announce the open nomination call for its highest industry honor: The Shirish J. Kardile Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious annual award recognizes one outstanding professional who has driven excellence, safety, and vision across a distinguished career in the water sector.

ELIGIBILITY & NOMINATION RULES

- Self-Nominations: Permitted when backed by 3 reference letters from industry experts with over 20 years of service.
- General Nominations: Requires 2 recommendation letters from sector veterans with over 20 years of experience.
- Career Baseline: Minimum of 2 years of transformative professional contribution in the field of drinking water spanning multiple fields (e.g., Water Treatment, Water Distribution, Regulation, Policy).
- Exclusion Metric: Past recipients are ineligible for re-nomination to protect competitive diversity.

CORE EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Length of Service (Sustained commitment beyond a 25-year baseline)
2. Technical Excellence (Leadership in water treatment, plant operations, and safety standards)
3. Public & Community Health (Tangible, scalable real-world quality-of-life improvements)
4. Leadership & Mentorship (Nurturing upcoming water experts and advancing industry DEI)
5. Knowledge & Policy (Prominent whitepapers, active governance, and policy board representation)
6. Recognition & Peer Respect (Peer-reviewed honors and endorsements showcasing enduring value)
7. Ethics & Professional Integrity (A transparent career record anchored in absolute fairness)

AWARD BENEFITS & RECOGNITION

- Complimentary Conference Registration to the AIA Annual Conference - AICE 26 at New Delhi, 2nd and 3rd November 2026.
- Full Travel Support to the awardee covering a second-tier A/C train coach or economy class flight ticket.
- Prestigious Presentation ceremony during the prominent Day 1 or Day 2 Keynote/Opening Session.
- The awardee will receive a special commemorative memento accompanied by a formal citation.

CRITICAL COUNTDOWN TIMELINE

- Nomination Window Closing:
Nominations must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the AICE26 event (i.e. by 30 September 2026)
- Formal Awardee Notification: Confirmed two to three weeks ahead of the Conference opening.
- For official form submissions email to events@awwaindia.org
- For any queries regarding Nomination Form contact the AIA Office email info@awwaindia.org.

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