

DSCI Excellence Awards 2017

Excellence Awards 2017, marks its seventh year and recognizes and celebrates exemplary adoption of Data Protection and Privacy, pursuing our Mission of Trustworthiness of Indian Companies. Excellence Awards has grown year-after-year. Apart from organizations and security leaders, most innovative security products, law enforcement officers and jury recognition awards are also presented for undertaking strategic, proactive and innovative, security and privacy measures.

To keep up with the industry expectations, and to make the entire process more robust, DSCI conducts year on year review exercise to scale-up the entire awards. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has been process partner for DSCI Excellence Awards 2017 and also across all the past 7 Years.

Awards Process Flow

- DSCI Excellence Awards process starts with identifying the categories for the year, and constitution of Jury Panel. DSCI and PwC team identify the categories for the year and take it to Jury panel for taking their views. While shortlisting the categories, past Years' Jury feedback and nominations response is also factored. Usually Corporate Segment does see new categories being added and some dropped, and evaluation criteria and nomination form being redefined every year.
- Constitution of the Jury Panel happens before opening the nomination process. This year Jury for corporate segment was constituted in the month of June 2017 and nominations opened on July 18, 2017.

- **Jury panel**

DSCI is proud to have eminent jury panels evaluating the excellence awards for different categories – Corporate, Law Enforcement, Products. Presence of Senior Leaders from Corporate Sector and Government/Academia on the jury panel has always enhanced the credibility of awards managed by DSCI and our Process Partner.

For different segments such as Corporate, Law Enforcement and Products including Innovation Box, separate jury panels are constituted based on the domain expertise and to ensure in-depth evaluation under these categories

Jury Panels for Excellence Awards 2017

Corporate Segment

- Mr. Pramod Bhasin, Founder, Genpact | Chairman, CLIX Capital Services | Chairman, The Skills Academy (*Chair of Jury*)
- Mr. Bishwanath Ghosh, CIO, Mahindra & Mahindra
- Ms. Harmeen Mehta, Global CIO & Head of Digital, Bharti Airtel
- Mr. Nandkumar Saravade, CEO, REBIT
- Mr. Paresh Sukthankar, Deputy Managing Director, HDFC Bank
- Mr. Prakash Kumar, CEO, GSTN

Product Segment

- Mr. Ashutosh Jain, Chief Information Security Officer, Axis Bank
- Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Department of Aerospace Engineering and Supercomputer Education and Research Centre, Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- Mr. Vishal Salvi, Chief Information Security Officer and SVP, Infosys

Innovation Box

- Dr. Bindu Dey, Secretary, Technology Development Board
- Dr. Sanjay Bahl, Director General, Cert-In
- Mr. Shivkumar Pandey, Chief Information Security Officer, BSE LTD
- Mr. Venkat Vallabhaneni, General Partner, Parampara
- Mr. Vishal Salvi, Chief Information Security Officer and SVP, Infosys

Law Enforcement Segment

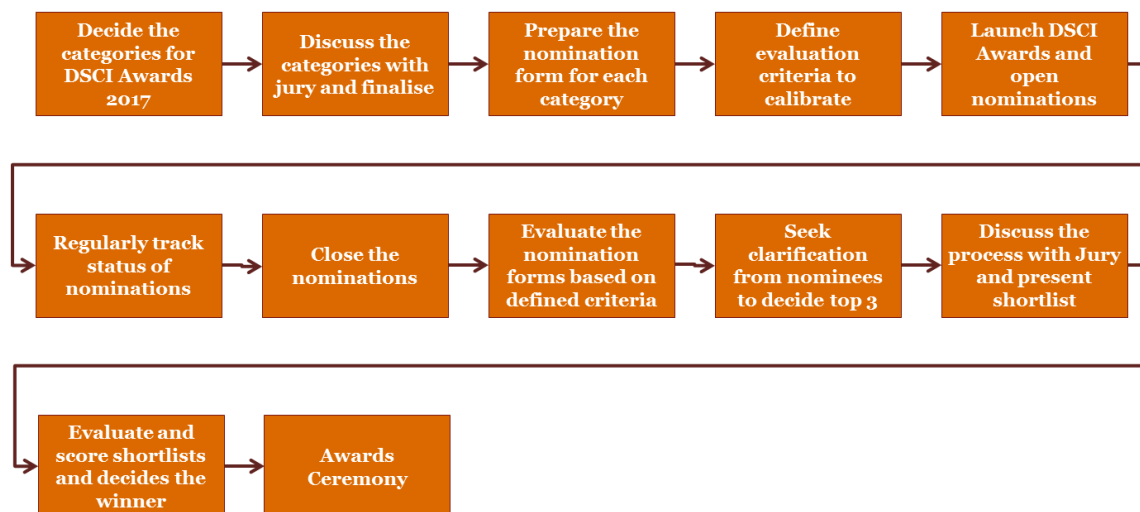
- Mr. Loknath Behera IPS, Director General of Police, Kerala Police
- Mr. Pratap Reddy IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, CID, Karnataka
- Mr. Vakul Sharma, Advocate, Supreme Court of India

DSCI takes pride in the contributions from these eminent Jury members and for their leadership and guidance to DSCI Team and their Process Partner.

- Once categories are finalized, nomination forms and evaluation criteria are created by the Process partner in consultation with DSCI as an independent process.
- After this pre-work DSCI announces the awards and open the nominations.
- Consolidation of all nomination forms and other information received from various organizations will be done by DSCI and our process partner (PwC).
- The evaluation process for DSCI Excellence Awards 2017 is as follows:
 - **Level I:** DSCI and Process Partner conduct the first level of screening after receiving nominations based on the quality and completeness of the responses provided in the respective nomination forms.
 - **Level II:** DSCI and PwC may seek additional information / artifacts from shortlisted nominations and if required, may also conduct interviews and subsequently shortlist finalists in each category. While usually 3 finalists are shortlisted for Jury round, in some categories where competition is strong or nominations received had an overwhelming response more than three may also be shortlisted for Jury's evaluation.
 - **Level III:** The jury will evaluate the finalists and decide the winner in each category. DSCI Awards Team and CEO, and Process Partner team are present in jury meeting to brief the Jury on each nomination, and answer any clarifications sought and do not participate in Jury evaluation or voting when needed.

Nomination pre-screening will be done by DSCI and PwC to shortlist the finalists in each category after necessary due diligence. All the shortlisted nominations' cases would be presented by DSCI and Process partner to Jury in a Jury briefing meeting.

Below flow chart defines the process flow



Participation of Jury in Evaluation Process

DSCI and PwC team consolidate the forms and do first level of screening and take it to Jury panel.

As Excellence awards contains various categories, and Jury is also constituted in advance to seek their feedback on Award Categories and Evaluation Process, if any jury member is from a nominated company in the shortlist for Jury round, S/he does not participate in the evaluation process for that category. This practice is applicable on each member of the jury panel including chair. DSCI takes pride in the professionalism of Jury members and the Process we conduct, which has matured over Seven years in association with our Process Partner.

Just to illustrate, this year, in case of **Security Best practices in G2C** category there were five nominations shortlisted for evaluation by Jury, and GSTN was one among them. As CEO, GSTN was also part of the jury panel he opts out from the evaluation process for G2C. Process ensures, if a jury member is representing any company under evaluation in Jury round that jury member does not participate in the evaluation process for that category. Deputy Managing Director, HDFC Bank was part of the jury panel so while evaluating categories in which his group was a nominee, he didn't participate in the evaluation. Similarly in categories where Bharti Airtel group companies was a contender, CIO of Bharti Airtel stays away from the Jury evaluation.

We would also like to record, that while Bharti Airtel Payments Banks was initially shortlisted by DSCI and Process Partner for Security Excellence in Banking Sector, the Jury chair and other Jury members felt that for this year, traditional players in Banking Sector and Payments Banks should not be clubbed. Hence final evaluation was done among 3 Banks namely HDFC, Axis and Vijaya Bank. It may also be noted that several of this Year's Award winners have been award winners in the past where Jury was very different.

Process of Excellence awards ensures there is no conflict of interest in the evaluation process. DSCI does not see the need to change this process and does not see any conflict of interest of jury members who

DSCI Excellence Awards 2017

are eminent leaders and bring their experience to the table to guide DSCI and Process Partner. Over the years we have been able to scale up our Awards process where the best of Enterprises, and Security and Privacy leaders contest for these awards. The increasing number of nominations stand testimony to this.

DSCI wishes to reiterate that Jury members representing a company under evaluation for jury round, do not participate in the evaluation process, and it is the merit of the company in comparison with other nominees in that category, that defines their position as winner. As the best of India's enterprises contest in DSCI's Excellence Awards, DSCI will continue to have senior leaders from Industry across verticals on their Awards Jury. Same applies to Law Enforcement and Products category. We trust and continue to repose faith in the leadership and professionalism of our Jury members and helping us enhance the credibility of the awards.

Corporate members of DSCI or any of the nominees of Excellence Awards 2017, who have any queries on our Awards process, may feel free to reach out to us on ceo@dsci.in and atul.kumar@dsci.in