

## International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award

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### Why in news?

*Recently, India has conferred with ISSA Award 2025 for 'Outstanding Achievement in Social Security', recognizing Government's efforts in advancing social protection.*

- **ISSA Award** - This award honors countries that have made groundbreaking achievements in building resilient social security systems.
- This is the highest award presented by the ISSA.
- **First introduced in** - 2013
- **Presented** - Once every three years (triennial) at the World Social Security Forum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- **World Social Security Forum (WSSF)** - A premier global gathering of over 1,200 social security policymakers and professionals from 163 countries.
- India is only the fifth country to receive this award since its inception in 2013.

*India was chosen as the 2025 recipient for its significant expansion of social security coverage, from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025, reaching over 940 million people.*

- **Past Recipients** - Brazil in 2013, followed by China in 2016, Rwanda in 2019, and Iceland in 2022.
- **Other ISSA awards** -
  - **ISSA Good Practice Awards** - To recognize specific innovations and practices that addressed social security challenges.)
  - **ISSA Video Festival and Awards** - To showcase member organizations' initiatives to promote social security.

### Quick Fact

#### International Social Security Association (ISSA)

- It is the world's leading international organization for social security institutions, government departments and agencies.
- **Founded in** - 1927 under the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- **Members** - Today has over 320 member institutions from over 160 countries.
- **Headquarters** - Geneva, Switzerland, in the ILO Office.

## References

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2. [ISSA | ISSA Award for achievements in Social Security](#)

