



Institute for Social and Economic Change

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Nomination invited for Prof. M N Srinivas Chair Professor for 2026-2027.

17th September 2026

The Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, invites nominations from distinguished scholars of national and international repute for appointment as Prof. M. N. Srinivas Chair Professor for a period of six months during January–December 2027.

The appointment may be for a continuous period of six months or, as approved by the Institute, in two spells of three months each.

Eligibility

The nominee should preferably:

- Be a distinguished academician/scholar of national or international repute;
- Have made significant contributions to sociology, social anthropology or related social sciences;
- Have an outstanding record of research and scholarly publications;
- Have demonstrated academic leadership and recognition in the relevant field;
- Have substantial experience in research, teaching and/or academic institution building;
- Have research of relevance to contemporary social, economic and developmental issues; and
- Be willing and available to undertake the responsibilities of the Chair during the approved tenure.

Broad Areas of Academic Engagement

Preferences are given to the scholars whose work contributes to contemporary sociological and social-anthropological debates, including:

- Caste, class, gender and inequality, including intersectional studies;
- Youth aspirations, mobility, unemployment, underemployment and mental health;
- Digital sociology, digital ethnography and platform-based work;
- Gender and vulnerable sections, including Dalits, Adivasis, women's work and education;
- Environment, climate change, social vulnerability and environmental justice;
- Migration, power, mobility, language and demographic change;
- Rural–urban transformation, village India, agrarian urbanism and social ecology; and

- Grounded fieldwork and critical ethnography, in keeping with the methodological legacy of Prof. M. N. Srinivas.

The Chair Professor is expected to bring new themes, perspectives and methodologies, strengthen ISEC's existing research activities and connect the intellectual legacy of Prof. M. N. Srinivas with contemporary social transformations. Scholars working on Indian society and based outside India may also be considered.

Responsibilities of the Chair Professor

The Chair Professor shall:

1. Take active part in the academic activities of ISEC and the Centre for Study of Social Change and Development;
2. Deliver 12–20 lectures during the six-month tenure, including two public lectures under the Prof. M. N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture series;
3. Participate in seminars and academic programmes of ISEC;
4. Interact with and provide guidance to faculty and research scholars;
5. Organise, where appropriate, lectures, seminars, panel discussions and other academic activities on contemporary issues; and
6. Contribute to the development of sociology, social anthropology and related areas and advise the Institute on relevant academic matters.

Selection Criteria

The selection will take into consideration:

- Academic distinction and reputation;
- Quality and impact of research;
- Major publications and scholarly contributions;
- National/international recognition;
- Relevance of the scholar's work to the objectives of the Chair;
- Field-based and empirical research experience;
- Interdisciplinary and intersectional approaches;
- Potential contribution to ISEC's research centres and academic activities;
- Ability to interact with faculty and research scholars; and
- Overall suitability and potential to provide intellectual leadership to the Chair.

Duration and Remuneration

The Chair Professorship will be for six months during January–December 2027, either continuously or in two spells of three months each.

The Chair Professor will be entitled to an honorarium of ₹2,00,000/- per month, together with the facilities admissible under the approved rules of the Chair.

The nomination should include:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- List of major publications and research contributions;

- Brief statement of academic achievements;
- Details of awards, fellowships and recognitions;
- Proposed area of academic/research engagement at ISEC; and
- Preferred period of engagement during 2027.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Submission of Nominations

Nominations, together with the required documents, may be sent by email to:

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Last Date: 16th October 2026

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