



RWSI “Salute to Excellence” Awards – 2022

RWSI presents seven “Salute to Excellence” awards yearly to recognize outstanding achievements of individuals in the Indian Helicopter Industry. The Award winners will receive “**Salute to Excellence**” awards at a special function to be held in **November 2022** in Mumbai. For these Awards, 'Acts of Excellence' performed up to 31 March 2021 will qualify.

(i) **HAL Safety Award:** This award honours Individual pilot / AME in achieving highest Safety Standards while operating HAL manufactured helicopter either in Civil or Military Aviation. To qualify for the award the nominee must be an employee of a Helicopter Company / Helicopter Unit/ Squadron of any of the Armed Forces.

(ii) **RWSI Humanitarian Service Award:** This Award honours Armed Forces Helicopter Units (Army, Navy, Air Force & Coast Guard) which have undertaken precious Life Savings deeds in saved threatening situations with their outstanding professionalism & courage. Armed Forces Headquarters will nominate the Helicopter Units for this Award.

(iii) **Igor I Sikorsky Award:** This Award has been instituted to recognize the pioneering work done in the field of Rotary Wing Aviation in India:- The award is given to any helicopter professional (Military/ Civil) who has made major pioneering contribution to the growth of Indian Helicopter Industry.

(iv) **RWSI Pilot Safety Award:** The Pilot Safety Award honours pilots in Civil Aviation who have achieved at least 10,000 consecutive helicopter flight hours free of accidents or violations as PIC. The award recognizes a pilot's overall Flight Safety record, recognizing civilian flight hours. To qualify, the pilot must be an employee of a Helicopter Company who is Corporate Member of RWSI or Life Member of RWSI.

(v) **RWSI Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Safety Award:** The AME Safety Award honours helicopter maintenance engineers in India who have fifteen or more years of violation-free professional helicopter maintenance experience. To qualify, the applicant AME must be either an employee of a Helicopter Company who is Corporate Member of RWSI or Life Member of RWSI.

(vi) **RWSI award for outstanding achievements in the Civil Helicopter Industry:** The award is given to a helicopter professional, who has made outstanding contribution to the Civil Helicopter Industry.

(vii) **Life Time Achievement Award:** The award is given to a helicopter professional, to recognize contributions made by him/her over the whole of a career to the Industry, rather than or in addition to single contributions.