

Fr.DISMAS AWARD For Lifetime Contribution in Geriatric Care

Fr. Dismas CMI was a dedicated priest who served as Vice Principal and Professor of English at Christ College, Irinjalakuda. Along with his commitment to academic excellence, he strongly promoted value-based education. He played a significant role in establishing *Snehabhavan*, a rehabilitation center for orthopedically challenged boys. Compassion, respect for human dignity, and service to the marginalized were central to his life and mission. This legacy of selfless service continues through the **Dismas Award**, instituted in his memory.

The **Dismas Award**, instituted by Christ College, Irinjalakuda, and implemented by the Department of Social Work, is an esteemed annual recognition that honours exceptional contributions in various fields of social work and community service.

The Dismas Award reflects the mission of the Department of Social Work at Christ College to promote meaningful social change. It serves as a platform to recognize extraordinary efforts and inspire others to contribute toward building a just and equitable society. By focusing on a different category each year, the award not only acknowledges past achievements but also encourages continuous growth and development in emerging and underrepresented areas of social work.

Award History and Recipients

The Dismas Award has evolved each year to recognize excellence across diverse social sectors. In 2022, it honored Thirur College under the *Best College* category for its strong commitment to social responsibility and community engagement. In 2023, the focus shifted to the HIV/AIDS sector, recognizing *Disha Charitable Society*, Kozhikode, for its impactful work in care, advocacy, and awareness initiatives. In 2024, the award highlighted inclusive education by honoring an *Emerging Special School* for its innovation and dedication to empowering children with special needs.

This year, the Dismas Award is presented to individuals who have rendered outstanding service in the field of geriatric care. The award recognizes those who have dedicated themselves to addressing the physical, mental, and social needs of older persons with compassion, respect, and a strong sense of responsibility.

1. Purpose of the Award

To recognize an individual who has made outstanding, sustained, and compassionate contributions toward the care, dignity, empowerment, and well-being of the aged in Kerala.

2. Eligibility Criteria

The nominee should :

- Be an individual (not an institution)
- Have worked primarily in Kerala

- Have minimum 5 years of significant work with/for senior citizens
- Should have a clean ethical and legal record
- Can be from any background (social worker, doctor, teacher, activist, religious worker, NGO founder, etc.)

3. Evidence & Documentation Required

Document	What to Include
Nomination Letter	Application form (in prescribed format), roles, specific examples of work, impact, and why they deserve the award
CV or Profile	Work history, positions held, education, major programme, years of service
Testimonials (3+ minimum)	Letters from elders helped, colleagues, supervisors, or partner organizations describing their experience with the nominee
Impact Evidence	Reports, photos, numbers (how many elders helped), letters of appreciation, certificates, media coverage

4. Core Evaluation Criteria (Suggested Weightage)

1. Duration & Consistency of Service (25%)

- Number of years working for the aged
- Regularity and continuity of involvement
- Long-term commitment rather than one-time initiatives
- Steady, consistent involvement (not temporary or part-time)

2. Nature and Impact of Work (25%)

- Type of work (care, advocacy, rehabilitation, mental health, legal aid, livelihood support, etc.)
- Number of elderly persons directly or indirectly benefited
- Hands-on care or direct service to seniors
- Counselling, health support, or social assistance

3. Innovation & Uniqueness (15%)

- Introduction of new models, methods, ideas, Started something new that works well
- Creative solutions to problems faced by the aged
- Addressing neglected or marginalized elderly groups

- Used technology or modern methods

4. Compassion, Ethics & Human Values (15%)

- Respect for dignity, autonomy, and rights of the aged
- Evidence of empathy, patience, and selflessness
- Ethical approach to service (no exploitation or misuse)

5. Social Influence & Awareness Building (10%)

- Advocacy for elderly rights and welfare
- Community mobilization and awareness programs
- Influence on policy, institutions, or public attitudes

6. Sustainability & Legacy (10%)

- Systems or institutions built that will continue
- Training or mentoring others in elderly care
- Long-term vision for elderly welfare
- Services still running after years (sustainable)

5. Quick Checklist for Nominators

- ✓ Nominee has 5 years in geriatric care
- ✓ Has direct contact with elderly people (not just admin work)
- ✓ Clear examples of impact (numbers, stories, outcomes)
- ✓ Known for being kind, ethical, and fair
- ✓ All documents ready and signed
- ✓ At least 3 testimonials collected
- ✓ CV completed with full work history

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6. NOMINATION LETTER

Personal information

Full Name: [your Name]

Address: [your Address]

Contact Number:[Your Contact Number]

Email Address: [your Email]

Professional details:

Achievements and contribution:

Recognitions and Awards:

Updated resume/CV:

Copies of relevant certificates:

Testimonials:

Detailed report*:

Any other relevant materials that support your application

Declaration

I, [your Name], hereby declare that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Date:

* The detailed report cover all the elements in the core evaluation criteria.

7. Submission instructions:

Email the completed application and all supporting documents to
sw_outreach@christcollegeijk.edu.in

Submission deadline: 25/01/2026

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