



PSI-PSI-Utkarsh Ojha Gold Medal
(University Level Medal)
THE PALAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA
(Department of Geology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow-226007)

The donor(s), the Ojha family and friends (comprising of Shri Prabha Shanker Ojha F/O late Utkarsh Ojha, other family members and friends) through Shri Prabha Shanker Ojha (as a representative of the family) wishes to institute a **Gold Medal Award in the memory of his son who was an alumnus of the Department of Geology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow**. The award, as defined below, is meant for a **graduate pass-out student of the University of Lucknow, securing the highest marks in the subject of Geology and pursuing Geology as a subject at the post-graduation level** in the following academic session of the Department of Geology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow.

- I. Name of the award:** “PSI-Utkarsh Ojha Gold Medal”. **The year of institution:** 2025.
- II. Conferring Organisation/Institution:** The Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow.
- III. Conditions of the Award:** The Award shall be conferred based on the following conditions:
 - i. Any student who passed out from the University of Lucknow, securing the highest marks in the subject of Geology at the graduation level, shall be entitled to the Award.
 - ii. The award is exclusively meant for students of the University of Lucknow, pursuing the subject of Geology at the Post-Graduation Level.
 - iii. The award shall be non-political and non-denominational in character.
 - iv. The award shall be free of considerations of caste, creed, religion, and gender or restricted to a specific geographical area.
- IV. Frequency of Award:** Yearly. The first Award shall be given in 2026.
- V. Call for nominations:**

Call for Award: The Secretary of the Palaeontological Society of India shall write a letter to the Head of the Department of Geology to secure the name of the student who has obtained the highest marks in the subject of Geology at the graduation level in the immediate past session of the year of award, i.e. for the prize of 2026, the candidate must have passed in the session of 2024-2025.

 - i. The Palaeontological Society of India shall notify about the award by way of an advertisement on the Palaeontological Society of India's website and e-mail to the Head of the Department of Geology, University of Lucknow, for display on the Notice Board.



- ii. The candidate may apply in the format given below, along with the final marks sheet, duly certified by the HoD, Geology, for forwarding to the office of the PSI.
- iii. The HoD shall certify that the candidate has obtained the highest marks in the subject of Geology in the immediate past session of the Graduation Examination.
- iv. The selection process shall be initiated after the first semester of the post-graduation. It will ensure that the awarded candidate is pursuing studies in Geology as desired by the donors.

VI. Selection process for the award: The proposed selection process is as laid out below.

- i. The Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India shall consider the letter of the HoD intimating the name of the candidate obtaining the highest marks in Geology. EC shall take the final decision on the award.
- ii. The recipient's name shall be made public by the Secretary of the PSI.
- iii. The President of the PSI shall present the Gold Medal award to the awardee at the formal presentation ceremony during the Annual General Body Meeting or any other suitable occasion of the PSI. At the ceremony, a citation of the awardee's academic excellence shall also be read out.
- iv. In the case of two students of the University of Lucknow who secure the highest marks in the subject of Geology, both shall be entitled to the Award.

VII. Amount of donation: As per details laid out below.

- i. The donor shall deposit Rs. 5.00 lakhs (Rupees Five lakhs only) in one instalment to institute the award and the citation. The names of the donors are given in Appendix-1.
- ii. The Palaeontological Society of India shall invest the donated amount as a fixed deposit in any nationalised bank. The interest accrued from the fixed deposit shall be used to meet the expenditure on the award, i.e., the gold medal (Gold/Golden Polish on Bronze Medal), citation, and other associated expenses.
- iii. The basic corpus will not be debited for any expense what-so-ever.
- iv. The conferment of the award by the Palaeontological Society of India and the recipient's response may be published in one of the issues of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India.
- v. The donor family member(s) shall be invited to attend the award ceremony, if they wish to and around the place of the function, but their presence shall not be mandatory.