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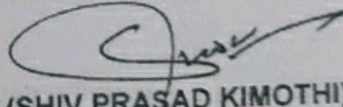
Dear Sir,

With the approval of the Competent Authority of DARE/ICAR, the existing ICAR Awards have been revised extensively and categorized into four broad categories of **National Awards for Excellence in Agriculture**. These awards consist of a total number of 16 awards viz.; i) National Award for Excellence for Agricultural Institutions (3 awards) ii) National Award for Excellence in Agricultural Research (5 awards) iii) National Award for Application of Agricultural Technologies (4 Awards) and iv) National Award for Innovations and Technology Development by Farmers (4 Awards).

A copy of announcement of **ICAR Awards-2020** is attached. We request you to provide wide publicity to the announcement. The details regarding application form, eligibility and other relevant aspects can be accessed from the ICAR website ([www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in)).

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

  
(SHIV PRASAD KIMOTHI)

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1. Secretaries, Dept. of Higher Education/ Dept. of Statistics/ DSIR/ Dept. of Non-Conventional Energy Resources/ DWR/ DRD/DAC/DAHD & F/ DST Dept. of Bio-Technology/ Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India.
2. Secretaries of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry of all the States of India.
3. Commissioners (Agriculture/ Horticulture/Fishery/Animal Husbandry), Govt. of India
4. All DDGs/ ADGs of ICAR
5. All Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural/ Animal /Fisheries/ Horticulture Universities
6. All Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities
7. Directors of all ICAR Institutes/ ZPDs/ PCs
8. D.G., CSIR/ ICMR
9. Chairman, UGC
10. Directors CSIR Institutes/ IITs/ IISc/TIFR
11. Presidents NAAS, NASI., INSA
12. Presidents/ Secretaries of Professional Societies
13. Director, DKMA-for uploading in ICAR website
14. CPRO, ICAR with a copy of the draft advt. for advertising in leading newspapers



The Indian Council of Agricultural Research under Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi announces the following National Awards for Excellence in Agriculture-2020

### **1: National Award for Excellence for Agricultural Institutions:**

- 1.1 **Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Award 2020:** To recognize outstanding performance by the ICAR institutes, DUs of ICAR, CAUs and State Agricultural Universities, 3 Awards of Rs. 10.00 lakh each, Citation, Certificate and a Shield shall be given to two ICAR Institutes/NRC/Project Directorates/ National Bureaus (one large and one small Institute each) and one State Agricultural University/DU/CAU. Applications/Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated/forwarded by the competent forwarding/Nominating authority. Self-nomination by the Director/ Vice Chancellor supported by proper documentary evidence of the achievements claimed, shall also be permitted. **(Category of Award: A-1).**
- 1.2 **Chaudhary Devi Lal Outstanding All India Coordinated Research Project Award, 2020:** To incentivize the outstanding performance of AICRPs in terms of linkages and research output and its impact, one annual award of Rs. 3.00 lakh (Rs. 2.00 lakh for the main coordinating unit and Rs. 1.00 lakh for the best coordinating Centre) in cash, Citation, Certificate and a plaque shall be given to the selected AICRP(s). All the AICRPs, which have been in operation for at least 10 years can apply for the award. Applications/Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated/forwarded by the competent forwarding/Nominating authority who may give a clear-cut recommendation regarding the most significant achievements made by the AICRP and the best coordinating Centre identified for the award. Self-nominations by the Project Coordinators supported by proper documentary evidence of the achievements claimed, shall also be permitted. **(Category of Award: A-2).**
- 1.3 **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Krishi Vigyan Protshahan Puraskar 2020:** This award has been instituted to promote healthy competition among Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at National Level for application of science and technology in agriculture. All KVKs are eligible for the award. Three awards at National level shall be given with total prize money of Rs.25.0 lakh (I-Rs.10.00 Lakhs, II-Rs.8.00 Lakhs, III-Rs.7.00 Lakhs) besides Shield, Certificate and Citation. The designated nominating authority may submit the applications/nominations in the recommended format after authentication and giving clear-cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned KVK. Self-nomination by KVK Coordinator supported by proper documentary evidence of the achievements claimed, shall also be accepted. **(Category of Award: A-2)**



## 2: National Award for Excellence in Agricultural Research

**2.1: ICAR Norman Borlaug Award:** ICAR-Norman Borlaug Award has been instituted to recognize the outstanding achievements of a scientist, who may have provided a breakthrough in the field of agriculture and created high potential value for the future transformation of the Agricultural sector in the country. Frequency of this award is once every 5 years. All Indian Scientists working in any discipline of agricultural and allied sciences having reasonable time left for superannuation and not necessarily confined to National Agricultural Research System with original path-breaking research output are eligible. The nominations for the awards shall be submitted in the prescribed pro-forma. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.10.00 lakh besides Memento, Certificate and Citation. Apart from this, the selected scientist would be given a research contingency grant of Rs.30.00 lakh per year for carrying out challenge research project in an area identified mutually by the scientist and the ICAR, which will have specified objectives and goals. Grant would be admissible for a maximum of five years, subject to annual review and favorable recommendation by a committee of experts set up for the project. **(Category of Award: A-1).**

**2.2: Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for Outstanding Research in Agricultural Sciences, 2020:** This Award is open to Agricultural Scientists who may have made outstanding contributions in research in agricultural and allied sciences & is basically aimed at incentivizing the excellence in agricultural research. A total of four awards, one in each broad discipline categories, viz; Crop & Horticultural Sciences, Animal & Fisheries Sciences, Natural Resources Management & Agricultural Engineering and Social Sciences are to be given annually. Each award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5.00 lakh in addition to the Memento, Certificate & Citation given annually. All Indian scientists engaged in agricultural research and overseas Indian scientists working in the areas relevant to Indian agriculture are eligible. Competent forwarding/nominating authority may give precise statement of the most significant contributions made by the concerned scientist along with a clear-cut recommendation. Besides, self-nomination by the outstanding scientists, supported by proper documentary evidence, shall also be permitted. **(Category of Award: A-1).**

**2.3: Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Young Scientist Award, 2020:** This award is given to talented young scientists to recognize their outstanding original research contribution. A total of four awards, one in each broad discipline categories, viz; Crop & Horticultural Sciences, Animal & Fisheries Sciences, Natural Resources Management & Agricultural Engineering and Social Sciences are given annually under this award. An individual award of Rs.1.00 lakh in cash and a challenge project for three years with budgetary provision of Rs.10.00 lakh per year+ Rs. 5.00 lakh for foreign training (upto 3 months), if deemed necessary by the ICAR is given in this award besides Certificate & Citation. The challenge project and foreign training will be administered/monitored by the concerned subject matter Division of ICAR. All young scientists who possess a doctoral degree and are below forty years of age (on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020) and hold a regular teaching, research, extension education job in the ICAR-SAU system of institutions and engaged in research in agricultural and allied sciences for at least five years continuously are eligible. Nominations/Applications may be submitted in the recommended format by the designated nominating/forwarding authority who may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the nominated scientist. Besides, self-nomination by the outstanding scientists, supported by proper documentary evidence, shall also be permitted. **(Category of Award: A-2).**



**2.4: Panjabrao Deshmukh Outstanding Woman Scientist Award, 2020:** This Award is exclusively meant for individual Women Scientists. One award shall be given annually to recognize the excellence by the outstanding Indian Woman Scientist in any of the core areas of agricultural research. All women scientists engaged in research in agricultural and allied subjects /extension in a recognized institution within and outside ICAR/NARS are eligible for this award. The award consists of Rs.1.00 lakh in cash, Certificate & Citation. Nominations/Applications may be submitted in the recommended format. The nominating/forwarding authority may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned woman scientist. Besides, self-nomination by the outstanding scientists, supported by proper documentary evidence, shall also be permitted. (Category of Award: A-2).

**2.5: Jawaharlal Nehru Award for P.G. Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences, 2020:** In order to promote high quality doctoral thesis research in priority/frontier areas of agriculture and allied sciences, ICAR has instituted Jawaharlal Nehru Award for P.G. Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences. The award, given annually, shall comprise of 4 awards (From Crop/Horticulture, Natural Resources Management/Agricultural Engineering, Animal/ Fisheries Sciences, and Social Sciences) of Rs. 50,000/-in cash, Citation, Certificate and silver medal (gold polished) each for the outstanding original doctoral research work in agriculture and allied sciences. This award is meant exclusively for the doctoral thesis related to agricultural sciences from Indian Universities. The Ph.D. degree/provisional degree for this award must have been awarded during the year preceding the year of the award i.e. 2019. Applicant must have evidence of publication of at least 2 good research papers from his/ her doctoral research work in the form of published paper/ certificate of acceptance in a reputed journal having NAAS rating of  $\geq 6$ . Applications/Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format together with a copy of the Doctoral Thesis duly authenticated and forwarded by the competent forwarding/nominating authority who may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned scholar. Self-nomination by the outstanding scholars, with proper documentary evidence, shall also be permitted. (Category of Award: A-2).

### **3. National Award for Application of Agricultural Technologies**

**3.1 Nanaji Deshmukh ICAR Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences, 2020:** ICAR has constituted the Nanaji Deshmukh ICAR Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences to recognize, encourage and promote the interdisciplinary research in the country. One award (across all streams of agricultural sciences) would be given annually. All agricultural scientists engaged in interdisciplinary team research in India in the specified subject areas are eligible. The team must have scientist-level representation from a minimum of three well-recognized disciplines. They must have been working on an integrated research project dealing with an inherently interdisciplinary problem in a system based, problem solving mode. The award is not limited to National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and Agricultural Scientists outside NARS are also eligible. Award would carry a cash prize of Rs. 5.0 lakh besides, Memento, Certification and Citation. Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated and forwarded by the competent forwarding authority who may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the team of scientists. Self-nomination by the leaders of outstanding team of scientists, duly supported by proper documentary evidence, shall also be permitted. (Category of Award: A-2).



**3.2 Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Award for Outstanding Research in Tribal Farming Systems, 2020:** The award is primarily meant for any person or team (with two or three associates, if any) engaged in applied research and its applications in tribal areas of the country aimed at improving the biological resources and livelihoods or in original work directly applicable to tribal farming system. One award with the value of Rs.1.00 lakh in cash, Memento, Certificate and Citation + provision of equal amount for study on related subject in geographical area of work shall be given for a year. Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated and forwarded by the competent forwarding authority who may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned scientist/team. Besides, self-nomination by the outstanding scientists, supported by proper documentary evidence in support of the claimed achievements, shall also be permitted. (Category of Award: A-2).

**3.3 Swami Sahajanand Saraswati Outstanding Extension Scientist Award, 2020:** This award is exclusively meant for individual extension scientist/teacher for excellence in agricultural extension methodology and education work. One individual award is to be given annually which consist of Rs.1.00 lakh in cash, Memento, Certificate and Citation. The award has been assigned across the disciplines in agriculture & allied sciences. Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated and forwarded by the competent forwarding authority who may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned scientist. Besides, self-nomination by the outstanding scientists, with proper documentary evidence in support of the claimed achievements, shall also be permitted. (Category of Award: A-2).

**3.4 Vasantrao Naik Award for Outstanding Research Application in Dry Land Farming Systems, 2020:** Vasantrao Naik Award for Outstanding Research Application in dry land farming systems & water conservation. One award is given which consists of Rs.1.00 lakh in cash, Certificate and Citation. All agricultural and allied scientists engaged in research/ technology application work in dry land farming in India are eligible for the award. The award is also open to inter-disciplinary team of the scientists consisting of up to six scientists. Applications must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated and forwarded by the competent forwarding authority who may give clear cut recommendation regarding the most significant contributions made by the concerned scientist. Besides, self-nomination by the outstanding teams of scientists, with proper documentary evidence in support of the claimed achievements, shall also be permitted. (Category of Award: A-2).

#### **4. National Award for Innovations and Technology Development by Farmers**

**4.1 Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puruskar /Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award, 2020:** To recognize the outstanding contributions of innovative farmers for initiatives in development adoption, modification and dissemination of improved technology and practices for increased income with sustainability, 3 annual national awards are instituted with cash prize of Rs.1.00 lakh each besides Memento, Certificate & Citation + equal amount of travel grants across the country to promote his achievement are given to farmers at national level. Designated nominating/ forwarding authorities may nominate the farmers in their respective areas of jurisdiction and submit the duly completed and authenticated nomination to the Council. Nominating authority may provide a clear-cut recommendation highlighting the contributions made by the nominee and giving full justification for the nomination. (Category of Award: A-2).



**4.2 N.G. Ranga Farmer Award for Diversified Agriculture, 2020:** To recognize outstanding contribution of innovative farmers for diversified agriculture, one annual award of Rs.1.00 lakh in cash besides Memento, Certificate & Citation in aspects related to the Diversification of Agriculture is given. Designated nominating/ forwarding authorities may nominate the farmers in their respective areas of jurisdiction and submit the duly completed and authenticated nomination to the Council. All farmers selected for ICAR Awards earlier and meeting the criteria of this award are also eligible. Nominating authority may provide a clear-cut recommendation highlighting the contributions made by the nominee and giving full justification for the nomination. (Category of Award: A-2).

**4.3 Haldhar Organic Farmer Award, 2020:** To recognize outstanding contribution of organic farmers ICAR has instituted an award titled Haldhar Organic Farmer Award. The award is annual in nature and carries cash award of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) besides Memento, Certificate & Citation. Any organic certified farmer/ grower in organic farming and related activities in field crops/ horticultural crops/ medicinal crops/ milk production etc., with an experience of 5 years in organic farming including certification period is eligible. Nominations must be submitted in the recommended format and should be duly authenticated and forwarded by the competent forwarding authority who may give clear-cut recommendation highlighting the contributions made by the nominee and giving full justification for the nomination. (Category of Award: A-2).

**4.4. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Krishi Puruskar, 2020:** To recognize the contributions of marginal, small and landless farmers for developing sustainable integrated models of farming, the ICAR has instituted Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Krishi Puruskar annually. Three awards comprising of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) besides Memento, Certificate & Citation are to be given annually. Nominating authority may put on record a clear-cut recommendation highlighting the contributions made by the nominee and giving full justification for the nomination. (Category of Award: A-2).

#### **General:**

1. The prescribed eligibility criteria, the guidelines and the pro-forma for applying for these awards may be downloaded from the ICAR website ([www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in)). The applicants/ suitable nominating authorities are required to submit their applications/nominations in PDF format (in concise form not exceeding 25-30 typed pages-highlighting the significant achievements, Citation (where applicable), awards/ recognitions earned and other important details as required as per the application format) on ICAR Award e-mail: ([icar-award2018@gov.in](mailto:icar-award2018@gov.in)). A hard copy of the application along with Annexures in support of the achievements may also be submitted. The application(s)/nominations with complete documents, duly forwarded and recommended by the appropriate authority should be sent to Assistant Director General (Coordination), ICAR, Room No. 204A, Krishi Bhawan, Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001 to reach him on or before 28.2.2021. The candidates and forwarding nominating authorities are also required to provide contact details along with mobile No. and e-mail for verification.
2. Each candidate/team will be judged based on the originality and/or the applied value of the research work/investigations as revealed in the documents submitted by him/her/them. In all matters relating to the award, the decision of the Council shall be final and no correspondence on this account will be entertained.

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