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Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in enclosing, herewith, a copy of announcement of **ICAR Awards-2015**. We request you to provide wide publicity to the announcement. The other details and application form, etc. can be downloaded from the ICAR website (www.icar.org.in).

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

(SHIV PRASAD KIMOTHI)

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ICAR Awards 2015

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi announces the following ICAR Awards:

• 1. ICAR Norman Borlaug Award 2015

To recognize the outstanding achievements of a scientist, who might have provided a major breakthrough in the field of agriculture through a new insight that has created high potential value for the future transformation of the Agricultural sector, Norman Borlaug Award has been instituted. The nominations for the awards are invited in the prescribed proforma for a scientist(s) of any discipline of agricultural and allied sciences and not necessarily confined to NARS, whose research work has displayed a rare quality of original thinking and path-breaking output. The award carries a cash prize of **₹10.00 lakh**. Apart from this, the selected scientist would be given a research contingency grant of **₹30.00 lakh** per year for carrying out research 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 agricultural and non-agricultural scientists set up for the project. There is no age restriction. The Award is open to all Indian Scientists working in India. The awardees should have sufficient and reasonable period of service left at the time of award, only then he/ she could be granted a project as per existing terms and conditions of this award which involves research contingency grant for a period of five years. The applicant for this award should necessarily be nominated by the Presidents of Science Academies or Vice Chancellors of Agricultural Universities or Directors of Institutes.

• 2. ICAR Challenge Award 2015

To find a solution for any immediate or long-standing problem, or limitation in agriculture, which is coming in the way of agricultural development and/ or enhancing productivity in any major agricultural, horticultural or animal/fish product, ICAR has instituted a Challenge Award. The award carries a cash prize of **₹10.00 lakh**, a citation, in addition to a share in the income generated by ICAR from the commercialization of the technology/ product/ process developed by the scientist while solving any of the given challenges as per ICAR rules and norms. The list of "Challenges" can be obtained either from the Award Cell of ICAR or can be down loaded from ICAR website. Any scientist or group of scientists may, at any time, file a claim of having solved any one of the listed "challenges".

• 3. Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Award 2015

In order to recognize outstanding performance by the ICAR institutes, DUs of ICAR, CAU and State Agricultural Universities, three Awards of **₹10.00 lakh** each, a citation and a plaque will be given to two ICAR Institutes/NRC/Project Directorates National Bureaus (a Large and a small institute each) and one State Agricultural University/DUs/CAU.

• **4. Chaudhary Devi Lal Outstanding All India Coordinated Research Project Award 2015**

In order to recognize outstanding performance of the AICRP and its cooperating centers and to provide incentive for outstanding performance in terms of linkages and research output and its impact, one annual award of **₹3.00 lakh (₹ 2.00 lakh for the main coordinating unit and ₹ 1.00 lakh for the best coordinating centre)** in cash, a citation and a plaque is to be given to the selected AICRP. All the All India Coordinated Research Projects, which have been in operation for at least 10 years can apply for the award.

• **5. Jawaharlal Nehru Award for P.G. Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences 2015**

In order to promote high quality doctoral thesis research in priority/frontier areas of agriculture and allied sciences, ICAR has instituted **18** awards of **₹50,000/-** in cash plus a citation and silver medal (gold polished) each to be awarded annually for the outstanding original 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. **2013**. A thesis will be considered only once for this award. Applicant must have evidence of publication of his/ her work in the form of published/ accepted form of at least one good research paper in a reputed journal having NAAS rating of ≥ 6 from the research work done for the Ph.D. thesis.

• **6. Panjabrao Deshmukh Outstanding Woman Scientist Award 2015**

All women scientists engaged in research in agricultural and allied subjects /extension in a recognized institutions are eligible for this award. The award consists of **₹1.00 lakh** in cash and citation along with provision of equal amount of **₹1.00 lakh** for motivating woman scientists and female students across the country including travel within a year of receiving the award. The awards are exclusively meant for individual women scientists.

• **7. Vasantrao Naik Award for Outstanding Research Application in Dry Land Farming Systems 2015**

In order to promote outstanding research and application in priority aspects of dry land farming systems & water conservation, an Annual Award of **₹ 1.00 lakh** is to be awarded to an outstanding scientist or extension worker. 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 small inter disciplinary team of the scientists comprising up to six scientists.

• **8. Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puruskar /Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award (National/Zonal) 2015**

In order 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, following national and zonal awards are announced:

(i) National: One annual national award of ₹ **1.00 lakh** each in any of the areas of agriculture and allied sciences + equal amount of travel grant across the country to promote his achievement are to be given to farmers at national level.

Agricultural Production Commissioners / Secretaries / Directors of Agril. / Hort. /A.H. / Fisheries / Sericulture, Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities / Directors of ICAR Institute will identify and nominate the farmers in their areas of jurisdiction and forward the authentic information to the Council.

(ii) Zonal: Eight annual awards of ₹ **0.50 lakh** each + equal amount of travel grant to promote his/ her achievement and motivate farmers in his/ her perspective zone. All the KVKs in the country are divided zone wise. There are eight zones in the country and each zone is headed by Zonal Project Director. The geographical area of each zone is given in the guidelines of award.

Agricultural Production Commissioners / Secretaries / Directors of Agril. / Hort / A.H. / Fisheries / Sericulture, Vice-Chancellors of agricultural universities/ Directors of ICAR Institutes and Zonal Project Directors of KVKs/NGOs, will identify and nominate the farmers in their respective areas of jurisdiction and forward the authentic information to the Council.

• **9. N.G. Ranga Farmer Award for Diversified Agriculture 2015**

In order to recognize outstanding contribution of innovative farmers for diversified agriculture, one annual award of ₹ **1.00 lakh** in any of the areas of Diversified Agriculture is given by ICAR.

Agricultural Production Commissioners / Secretaries/ Directors of Agril./ Hort./ A.H. / Fisheries/ Sericulture Vice-Chancellors of AUs/ Directors of ICAR Instt. / Zonal Directors of KVKs / NGOs, other organizations connected with plant and animal sciences will identify and nominate the farmers in their area of jurisdiction and forward the nomination after proper authentication to the Council. All farmers selected for Zonal Award and meeting the criteria of this award are also eligible.

• **10. Chaudhary Charan Singh Award for Excellence in Journalism in Agricultural Research and Development 2015**

In order to recognize the outstanding contribution in Journalism in the field of Agricultural Research & Development in the country, six annual awards of ₹1.00 lakh in cash and a citation each are to be awarded to journalists. There will be two awards- one each in print and electronic media respectively. The contribution made by the journalist would be judged through articles/success stories in Hindi/English/Regional languages News Papers / Magazines / Journals / Electronic Media in India during the preceding three years.

• **11. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Award for Outstanding Research in Tribal Farming Systems 2015**

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. Two awards each with the value of ₹1.00 lakh in cash and citation + provision of equal amount for study on related subject in geographical area of work for a year.

• **12. Bharat Ratna Dr C. Subramaniam Award for Outstanding Teachers 2015**

In order to provide recognition to outstanding teachers and to promote quality teaching in the field of Agriculture, four outstanding teacher awards are given annually. Each award consists of ₹1.00 lakh in cash + travel grant of ₹1.00 lakh to promote innovation in teaching. The applications through proper channel in respect of the eligible teachers are invited from SAUs, CAUs and DUs.

• **13. Best Krishi Vigyan Kendra Awards(National & Zonal) 2015**

These awards recognize for outstanding performance by Krishi Vigyan Kendra at national level & zonal level and provide incentives for outstanding KVK performance, promote a sense of institutional pride in KVK for developing models of extension education and technology application. For competition at national level, there is one award having prize money of ₹3.00 lakh + ₹3.00 lakh for infrastructural development + ₹1.00 lakh for sharing among staff + ₹5.00 lakh for overseas training of Programme Coordinator.

At zonal level there are a total of eight awards: one for each zone of KVKs. Each award consists of ₹1.00 lakh + ₹2.00 lakh for infrastructural development + ₹1.00 lakh for sharing among staff + ₹1.00 lakh for training in an Indian Institute for Programme Coordinators.

• **14. Dr Rajendra Prasad Puruskar for technical books in Hindi in Agricultural and Allied Sciences 2015**

These awards recognize to authors of original Hindi Technical books in agriculture and allied sciences & incentivize Indian writers to write original standard works in agricultural and allied sciences in Hindi. The award is meant for individuals as well as teams of authors. An individual award consists of **₹1.00 lakh** in cash and a citation. There are four awards, one each in the Crop / Horticultural Sciences; NRM / Agricultural Engineering, Animal / Fisheries Sciences and Social Sciences. All original Hindi technical books in the designated subject areas of agriculture and allied sciences written by Indian authors, including editors of multi-author books in which the editor also has himself contributed substantially, are eligible. The author/editor must have had a substantial and active involvement in the relevant field of agriculture and allied sciences. The publication must be free from any infringement of copy rights. The publication must have been written and published during preceding year of the award.

• **15. Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Young Scientist Award 2015**

In order to recognize the talented young scientists who have shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their research programmes, four individual awards are to be given annually. An individual award of **₹1.00 lakh** in cash and a citation and a challenge project for three years with budgetary provision of **₹10.00 lakh per year+ ₹ 5.00 lakh** for foreign training (upto 3 months), if deemed necessary by the ICAR. The challenge project and foreign training will be administered/monitored by Division of Agricultural Education of ICAR. All young scientists who possess a doctoral degree and are below forty years of age (on 31st Dec.2013) 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 for consideration.

• **16. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for Outstanding Research in Agricultural Sciences 2015**

In order to recognize outstanding research in agricultural and allied sciences & provide incentives for excellence in agricultural research, this award is to be given to agricultural scientists for outstanding contribution in specified areas. A total of four awards are provided under the award. Each award carries a cash prize of **₹ 5.00 lakh** in addition to the citation. All Indian scientists engaged in agricultural research and overseas Indian scientists working in the areas relevant to Indian agriculture are eligible for these awards.

- **17. Swami Sahajanand Saraswati Outstanding Extension Scientist Award 2015**

The award is exclusively meant for individual extension scientist/teacher for excellence in agricultural extension methodology and education work. Two individual awards have been provided. An individual award would consist of ₹1.00 lakh in cash and a citation. Two awards have been assigned across the disciplines in agriculture & allied sciences.

- **18. NASI-ICAR Award For Innovation and Research on Farm Implements -2015**

In order to reduce drudgery of farm women by development of farm implements and to encourage researchers and innovators to develop farm implements for farm women, ICAR and NASI have instituted the **NASI-ICAR Award For Innovation and Research on Farm Implements - 2014**. The award consists of ₹1.00 lakh in cash, citation and certificate. The award is annual in nature. All Scientists/Engineers/ Innovators engaged in research in agricultural farm implements are eligible.

- **19. ICAR Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences 2013-14**

To recognize encourage and promote the understanding that practical and useful research would normally have to be interdisciplinary approach. It is exclusively meant for interdisciplinary team of scientists jointly planning and implementing integrated programme/project. There would be maximum of 4 awards, and each award would be of ₹5,00,000/-. All agricultural scientists engaged in interdisciplinary team research in India in the specified subject areas are eligible.

- **20. Haldhar Award 2015**

In order to recognize outstanding contribution of organic farmers ICAR has instituted an award titled **Haldhar Organic Farmer Award 2015**. The award consists of ₹ 1,00,000/- (**Rupees One Lakh only**). The award is annual in nature. Any farmer involved in organic farming/ activities in the area of field crop/ horticultural crops/ medicinal crops/ milk products etc., with an experience of 10 years is eligible.

- **21. Administrative Awards 2015**

Cash Award Scheme for Administrative/Technical/Supporting category employees of ICAR Research Institutes/NRCs/Bureaus/ZCUs has been instituted by the ICAR in order to recognize the excellence in performance. Three annual awards of ₹51,000/- (**Rupees Fifty Thousand only**) are to be given to the awardees, selected among applications received from the regular employees of ICAR.

The prescribed eligibility criteria, the guidelines and the pro-forma for applying for these awards may be obtained from the Council before **30.11. 2015** by sending a self addressed stamped envelope. It can also be downloaded from the ICAR's website (www.icar.org.in). **Seven copies** of application with complete documents should be sent to **Dr. Shiv Prasad Kimothi, Assistant Director General (Coordination), ICAR, Room No. 502, Krishi Bhawan, Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110 001** so as to reach him on or before **31.12.2015**. The last date for candidates in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, States/Union Territory in the North Eastern Region, Ladakh Division of J&K State and Sikkim is **15.01.2016**. **The candidates are required to submit seven copies of applications/documents failing which the application will not be considered. Annexures, if any, may be attached with one copy only.** The candidates should also clearly mention their contact details along with Bank Account No., Bank Address, IFSC Code and PAN No. A copy of cancelled cheque may be attached. The Council will retain the award winning applications/thesis for the record.

Each candidate will be judged on the basis of the originality and the applied value of the investigations as revealed in the documents submitted by him. **In all matters relating to the award, the decision of the Council shall be final and no correspondence on this account will be entertained.**