

# 1. Vasant Rao Naik Award for Outstanding Research and Application in Dry Land Farming Systems

## a) General Rules Governing the Award:

**1. Name of the Award:** Vasant Rao Naik Award for Outstanding Research and Application in Dry Land Farming Systems.

**2. Objective of the Award**

- To provide recognition to outstanding research and application leading to improvement of dry and farming system and water conservations.
- To provide incentives for outstanding research application in dry land farming system & water conservation.
- To promote outstanding research and application in priority aspects of dry land farming systems & water conservation.

**3. Nature of the Award:**

One Annual Award of Rs. 1,00,000/-with Plaque, Certificate & Citation to a scientist, extension worker or a small team who has made outstanding contribution in the areas of Water Conservation and dry land farming.

**4. Frequency:** Annual

**5. Eligibility Criteria:**

All agricultural and allied scientists engaged in research/ technology application work in dry land farming in India are eligible for the award. The research technology application work submitted for the award must have been undertaken under a well-designed research/application project with well-defined goals and milestones. The final phase of the work including its held validation and impact assessment must have been completed during the five years preceding the year of the award. The research/ application work must have made a significant scientific, technological, developmental contribution to the improvement of dry land farming systems. The award is open to individuals as well as small inter-disciplinary team of the scientists comprising up to six scientists.

**6. Administration of the Award:**

The award is administered by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research through the Award Cell. There shall be a Judging Committee consisting of DG, ICAR and five experts as per details given below:

Composition of the Award Committee:

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| (i)   | DG, ICAR                                      | :Chairman |
| (ii)  | One scientist from the ICAR-SAU system (NARS) | :Member   |
| (iii) | One expert from the Dept. Of Agriculture:     | Member    |
| (iv)  | DDG(NRM), ICAR                                | :         |
|       | Member  |           |

- (v) An eminent agricultural scientist :  
Member  
Nominated by the president, ICAR

The members at Sl.No.2 and 3 will be nominated by the DG, ICAR. Besides the above a nominee of Vasant Rao Foundation would also be part of the committee. The Committee will evaluate the applications, identify the award-winning entry and make recommendations to the Council. No award may be given if none of the entries is judged to be outstanding.

## **7. Evaluation Criteria (relative score):**

- (i) A critical analysis of the socio-economic, scientific, technological and political aspects of the selected dry land farming system to identify relevant issues for research/ application (10)
- (ii) Formulation of the research/application project with well-defined objectives and plan of work (10)
- (iii) Significant results obtained and their potential value in meeting the specified objectives of the project (10)
- (iv) Concrete recommendations arising out of the research/ application work (15)
- (v) The acceptability and adoptability of the recommendations on a wide scale by various categories of farmers (20)
- (vi) Actual impact of the recommendations on enhancing the use-efficiency of rain water as well as the production, productivity, profitability and sustainability of the relevant dry land farming system (20)
- (vii) Quality of publications arising out of the research/ development project (15).

## **8. Procedure:**

Applications/Nominations for the award will be invited during Dec/Jan/Feb once every year. Nominations in the prescribed format will be made online. The Judging Committee will screen the nominations, identify outstanding entries, and make recommendations to the council along with the draft citations. Self-Nominations will also be accepted. If no outstanding entries have been received, no award will be awarded.

## **9. Presentation:**

- The announcement of the awards shall be made through letters & personal mails to the awardees before the Awards Presentation Ceremony to be held on the Foundation Day of ICAR i.e. 16<sup>th</sup> July following the year of award or on any other important occasion as decided by the competent authority.
- The awardee shall give presentation on the achievements before an audience consisting of eminent agricultural and nonagricultural scientists among other invitees.

- The achievements of the awardee shall be publicized widely through press and electronic media and other communication channels.

**a) Application/Nomination Form for Vasantao Naik Award for Outstanding Research and Application in Dry Land Farming Systems:**



1. Name of the Award
2. Year
3. Name of the scientists including the associate, if any, in full (underline surname)
4. Father's / Husband's Name
5. Date and place of birth
6. Marital status
7. Postal address
8. Mobile No./e-mail
9. Educational qualifications beginning with the first-degree or equivalent (in a tabular form)

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S.No.	Degree	Institution	Year

11. Employment record (in tabular form)

12. Any other Relevant Experience/training

13. Details of the research work submitted for the award

A. Analysis of the problems, complexities and constraints in rainfed production systems, which will advance our knowledge in this area, as evidenced by publications.

- When, where and how the research/extension project was conceptualized?
- When, where and how the project work was undertaken?
- Socio-economic, technological, scientific, relevance and priority of the project work

B. Development of improved water conservation and dry land farming technique(s) as evidenced by publications in research and extension journals

- Specific objectives of the project and the plan of work
- Significant findings and their potential in meeting the goals of the project
- Concrete recommendations arising from the project work

C. Adoption and execution of the technique(s) developed through research and development by the Department, NGOs, farmers and its extent of spread, as can be assessed from official reports, surveys, media reports, etc.

1. Actual impact of the recommendations in improving the production, productivity, profitability and sustainability of the relevant dry land farming system.

2. Publications with NAAS rating of over 6.00 arising from the project work and impact.
  3. Any patent taken/Accepted
12. A concise statement (about 150 words) highlighting the most significant aspects of the research contributions made that you would like to see in your citation of award if chose.
  13. Whether the research/application work submitted here has also been submitted to any other organization for recognition/award? If so, what is the results?
  14. Name, designation and discipline of associate scientists, if any, along with brief account of the specific role each played in the implementation of the project. For detailed personal data on associate scientist, use separate sheets (copy attached).
  15. Copy of the Annual Immovable Property Return (year of the award) if the person is employed in ICAR and any other Government Organization.

16. Certificate by the scientist

Signature

17. Certificate forwarding note by the Head of the Institution.

Name and Designation