

a) General Rules Governing the Award

1. Name of the Award: ICAR-Swami Sahajanand Saraswati outstanding Extension Scientist Award

2. Sponsor: Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi

1. Objective of the Award

To provide recognition to outstanding agricultural extension work done by agricultural scientists and teachers in the ICAR-SAU system

To provide incentive for excellence in agricultural extension methodology and education work

2. Nature of the Award

The award is exclusively meant for individual extension scientist/teacher. **One individual award** has been provided. An individual award would consist of Rs.100,000/- incash, Plaque & citation. Two awards have been assigned across the disciplines in agriculture & allied sciences.

3. Frequency: Annual

4. Eligibility

All agricultural scientist/teacher engaged in extension work education work in the ICAR-SAU system are eligible. Scientists and other functionaries working at equivalent levels of responsibility in the ICAR-assisted programmes outside the ICAR-SAU system are also eligible. The terminal stages of the extension education/work submitted for the award, including its impact assessment must have been completed during the five years preceding the year of the award.

5. Administration of the Award

There will be a Judging Committee consisting of 3-5 members, including the chairperson, and appointed by the DG, ICAR. The Committee will evaluate the nominations and make recommendations to the Council. No award may be given if none of the entries received are judged to be outstanding.

6. Evaluation Criteria (relative score)

- (i) The concept and organization of the extension education/project under which the work submitted for the award has been undertaken (5).
- (ii) The specific objectives of the project work e.g. change in knowledge, skills, attitudes; adoption of recommended technology, etc. (5).
- (iii) The technological and socio-economic relevance (10).
- (iv) Any innovation made in the available methodology (15).
- (v) The impact on the knowledge/skills/attitudes/adoption of the direct contacts and the methodology used for impact evaluation (15).

- (vi) Impact on the production/productivity/profitability/sustainability of the relevant enterprises of direct contacts (15).
- (vii) The diffusion of the impact to neighbours of the direct contacts (10).
- (viii) Problems encountered, and solutions found (8).
- (ix) Refinement of the messages/technologies and the methodologies used if any (7)
- (x) Suggestions for policy decisions for the improvement in the technology transfer environment in the relevant agricultural production system (5).
- (xi) Publications based on the project work (5).

7. 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.

8. 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. 16th 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.

b)Application/Nomination Form for ICAR- Swami Sahajanand Saraswati outstanding Extension Scientist Award:

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



S.No.	Degree	Institution	Year
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7. Employment record (in tabular form)
8. Any other relevant experience/training
9. Details of the extension education work submitted for the award
 - When, where and by whom the project work was conceptualized?
 - Was any diagnostic survey undertaken to provide a basis for the formulation of the project? If so, what were its salient findings?
 - Specific objectives of the project
 - Socio-economic and technological relevance of the project objectives
 - The methodology used for implementing the project
 - The salient outputs of the project
 - The impact of the project on the knowledge, skills, attitudes and adoption rate of recommended technologies by the target population
 - The impact of the project on the production, productivity, profitability and sustainability of the relevant agricultural production systems
 - The diffusion of the project among the farmers/ entrepreneurs of the target area.
 - Problems encountered, and solutions found
 - Suggestions for policy initiatives
10. Publications based on the project work
11. A concise statement (about 150 words) highlighting the most significant aspects of the extension education work done that you would like to see in your citation of award, if selected for the award.
12. Certificate from the Scientist
13. Copy of the Annual Immovable Property Return (year of the award) if the person is employed in ICAR and any other Government Organization.

Signature

15. Certificate that the information furnished is verified and true along with the recommendation by the head of the institution where project work was carried out.

Name and Designation
Signature and seal

