

CSIR AWARD FOR S&T INNOVATIONS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT



.....Recognizing and honouring outstanding S&T innovation/solution that has made a visible impact and helped in transforming life in Indian villages.....

The Award



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1. Purpose of the Award:

The Award recognizes those outstanding S&T innovations/ solutions that have helped transform the lives of rural people or alleviated the drudgery of the rural people or have helped in generation of employment. Successful S&T innovations/solutions that are implemented at ground level thus are considered. The innovation/solution applied for, should simultaneously have also broaden interactions among academic, R&D and rural financial institutions, industry and commercial sectors, and rural people and provided newer vehicles for participatory developments. CSIR values purpose of innovation.

2. The Award:

This annual award consists of cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

3. Eligibility:

Any Indian team, or an organization, or a company registered in India will be eligible to apply.

4. Selection Criteria:

The technological innovation should have:

- Created a paradigm shift in standards of quality of life or alleviated the drudgery of the rural people;
- Demonstrated competitive advantage and positive user response;
- Helped in generation of rural employment in the country; and
- Shown a new way of conducting business to achieve social and economic transformation in the domain of rural development.

5. Selection:

For selecting the awardee, a two-tier selection process will be adopted. The initial screening, to shortlist the qualifying applicants out of the total applications received, will be done by a committee of eminent experts representing diverse disciplines. The Committee will be chaired by an eminent rural development expert / social scientist/ technologist/ member of the CSIR GB. The shortlisted applicants will then be considered by a high-level expert committee chaired by an eminent rural development expert / social scientist/ technologist/ Chairman of the CSIR Advisory Board.

The Award is normally presented along with the CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award and Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards.

6. Application for the Award:

The application for the award could be made in response to the advertisement issued by CSIR which will also be available at the CSIR website <http://www.csir.res.in>. The format of the application is provided in the Annexure. The application should be sent in a plain paper through secured means to:

**Head,
Research, Project Planning and Business Development Directorate (RPPBDD),
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,
Anusandhan Bhawan,
2 Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110 001
Tel: 011-23321425
Fax:011-23736842
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Application Format

APPLICATION FORMAT

The applicant/nominee while making the application for the award may please answer the following questions in 250 words each using English language. The explanations provided should be easily understandable by an educated common person. Also collateral material such as the organization's/ company's annual report, scientific, technological trade and the media coverage on the technology innovation be included. The information thus received will be considered as commercial-in-confidence and will be accessible to the Awards Secretariat and members of the Award Selection Committees, who shall be bound by a confidentiality agreement.

- i. Name, address, legal status and ownership pattern of the Applicants/ Nominees
- ii. Aspects of Innovative S&T experience of Rural India innovation
- iii. Features of innovative experience and brief statement of the addressed problem of Rural India. How solution it is scalable for general use or what is economy of scope for targeted rural community?
- iv. Details of the End-to End S&T solution designed, de-skilling aspect of the S&T solution and its user value to the rural community,
- v. Quantifiable and tangible benefits resulting from the S&T solution (how enrolment of the user community done,)
- vi. How does the S&T innovation stand out? (give details about last mile connectivity aspect of the innovation in reaching the unreached)
- vii. Revenue model of the solution for sustainability (should have proven sustainability in user environment at least for 3 years)
- viii. What benefits accrued to the user community as assessed from responses or third party appraisals of socio economic impact assessment report
- ix. Impact indicators of S&T innovation on life in Rural India (highlight Size of community impacts, Employment created in man days, Environment protected, Health improved, Women empowered, Drudgery reduced, Income added, Natural resource saved)
- x. Alliances and partnerships that facilitated the S&T solution? How did they contribute?
- xi. What is the societal profit (or income) accrued over last 3 continuous years of use with respect to investment made into creation of innovation? How much benefits accrued to rural population include story format from users as video evidence?
- xii. Details of knowledge common added for applications in rural India
- xiii. Technical Reports and Media reports on the experience in Rural India
- xiv. Any other significant aspect not highlighted above

Declaration

I certify that all particulars furnished in the “award application” are correct and complete and I agree to abide by the decision of CSIR in all matters relating to the Award.

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Head of the
Company/ Organization)

Name:

Designation: