

**CSIR AWARD FOR S&T INNOVATIONS
FOR
RURAL DEVELOPMENT**



...Recognizing and honouring outstanding S&T innovation 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 will recognize those outstanding S&T innovations 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 that are implemented at ground level thus will be considered. The innovation 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.

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 of the rural people or alleviated the drudgery or have helped in generation of employment;
- 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 will be normally announced on the CSIR Foundation Day, i.e., 26th September of the year. It will be awarded along with the CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award and Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Prizes.

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,
Technology Networking & Business Development Division,
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,
Anusandhan Bhawan,
2 Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
Tel: 011 23717305
Fax: 011 23736842
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Application Proforma

APPLICATION FORMAT

The applicant while making the application for the award may please answer the following questions in 250 words 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 applicant.
- ii. The scientific and technical description of the S&T innovation. What makes it applicable to rural sector?
- iii. Quantifiable and tangible benefits resulting from the S&T innovation (Give metrics for quantification).
- iv. Features of competitive S&T innovations whether in practice or not.
- v. How does the S&T innovation stand out from those of competitors (compare the features)?
- vi. The impact of the S&T innovation on life of Rural India? - On Community? On Employment? On Environment? (How was this determined?)
- vii. The significant scientific & technical challenges that were overcome in the development and transfer of the innovation.
- viii. What risks were taken or investments made to develop S&T innovation from the concept to commercialization?
- ix. Alliances and partnerships that facilitated the S&T innovation? How did they contribute?
- x. What is the present share and estimated market potential of the S&T innovation? How was this determined?
- xi. Details of Intellectual Property Rights secured and applied for (include abstracts).
- xii. Scientific publications emanating from the S&T innovation.
- xiii. 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: