

**Press Release (26.09.2014)**

**Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)  
New Delhi**

**CSIR-Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CSIR-CCMB), Hyderabad  
and  
Directorate of Rice Research, ICAR, Hyderabad**

**Win**

**CSIR Award for S&T Innovations for Rural Development – 2013**

Dr. P.S. Ahuja, DG, CSIR on the occasion of CSIR Foundation Day, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014 announced bestowing of CSIR Award for S&T Innovations for Rural Development (CAIRD) - 2013 upon CSIR-Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CSIR-CCMB), Hyderabad and Directorate of Rice Research, ICAR, Hyderabad for development and deployment of an improved Samba Mahsuri rice variety which is bacterial blight resistant, high yielding and possesses fine-grains.

CSIR had instituted the “CSIR Award for S&T Innovations for Rural Development” in the year 2006 to recognize and honour S&T innovations that have helped transform the lives of rural people. The effort through this award, in a way, is also to give a boost to rural development through intrinsic innovation and its implementation at ground level. The award, which has emerged as a very prestigious one, carries a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh, a citation and a shield.

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