

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SARR AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2022
(Last date for the receipt of nominations/application is November 15, 2022)

6. SARR 'RICE' (RESEARCH INNOVATION – COST EFFECTIVE) MEDALS

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- The Society for Advancement of Rice Research (SARR), ICAR – Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad, has instituted 'RICE' (Research Innovation-Cost Effective) Medal to recognize the innovative contributions of scientists to rice science.
- The medal will be awarded annually to the SARR life members who have contributed meaningfully towards development of an innovative product, technology, methodology or process related to rice science. Anybody who is applying can join as life member of the society.
- The contribution should be original, novel and uniquely add towards development of an end product or aid research progress, for providing cost effective solutions to problems of rice farmers. *It should not have been submitted for any other award or recognition elsewhere.*
- The Nominee should be a distinguished scientist associated with ICAR Institutes, ICAR recognized SAUs or UGC recognized Traditional Universities. His/her contributions should have been recognized nationally and internationally and supported by significant publications and technology generations, *preferably in the field of rice research.*
- The upper age limit for the award is 50 years and only those who have not completed 50 years as on date of deadline for application submission, will be considered for the award.
- The medal consists of a brief inscription of the innovative contribution and a citation certificate. The medal will be abbreviated as 'RICE' (signifying – Research Innovation – Cost Effective)

A maximum of 4 medals will be awarded every year, one each in the following sections:

1. **SARR RICE Medal (Crop Improvement)** - contributions in Plant breeding and Biotechnology
2. **SARR RICE Medal (Crop Production)** – contributions in Agronomy/Crop Physiology/Soil science (Sponsored by SARR),

3. **SARR RICE Medal (Crop Protection)** - contributions in Agriculture Entomology, Plant Pathology
 4. **SARR RICE Medal (TTT and Social Sciences)** - contributions in Agriculture Extension, Agriculture Economics, Agriculture Statistics
- Medal Winners will be selected on the basis of their contributions in the field of **rice research, extension, development and policy** by an Evaluation Committee constituted by the Executive Council (EC).
 - The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5000 and a certificate.
 - The Evaluation Committee will be an independent body consisting of 6 members:
 - (1) The Chairman
 - (2) Four expert members, one each from the four sections mentioned above and
 - (3) Member Secretary

The Evaluation Committee and EC Members will not be eligible for applying for SARR RICE Medal. The evaluation of nominations will be based on the criteria described in prescribed proforma.