

Swami Sahajanand Saraswati Award: Rules

- 1. Name of the Award**
Swami Sahajanand Saraswati outstanding Extension Scientist Award
- 2. Sponsor**
Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
- 3. 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
- 4. Nature of the Award**
The award is exclusively meant for individual extension scientist/teacher. Two individual awards have been provided. An individual award would consist of ₹100,000/- in cash and a citation. Two awards have been assigned across the disciplines in agriculture & allied sciences.
- 5. Frequency**
Annual
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Evaluation Criteria**
 - (i) The concept and organisation of the extension education/project under which the work submitted for the award has been undertaken.
 - (ii) The specific objectives of the project work e.g. changes in knowledge, skills, attitudes; adoption of recommended technology, etc.
 - (iii) The technological and socio-economic relevance.
 - (iv) Any innovation made in the available methodology.
 - (v) The impact on the knowledge/skills/attitudes/adoption of the direct contacties and the methodology used for impact evaluation.
 - (vi) Impact on the production/productivity/profitability/sustainability of the relevant enterprises of direct contacties.
 - (vii) The diffusion of the impact to neighbours of the direct contacties.
 - (viii) Problems encountered and solutions found.
 - (ix) Refinement of the messages/technologies and the methodologies used if any
 - (x) Suggestions for policy decisions for the improvement in the technology transfer environment in the relevant agricultural production system.

(xi) Publications based on the project work.

9. Procedure

Applications for the award will be invited during September/October of the year of the award. Applications made in the prescribed form, obtainable from the Award Cell, will be accepted up to the end of November/December of the year of the award. The Judging Committee will screen the nominations, identify outstanding entries, and make recommendations to the Council along with the draft citations. If no outstanding entries have been received, no award will be awarded.

10. Presentation

The presentation of award will be made on the Foundation Day of the ICAR i.e. 16th July of the year.

Swami Sahajanand Saraswati Award: Application Form

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 and telecommunication address
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 impact on the neighbors of the direct contacties
 - 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 chosen.
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

Note:

- The application form may include only the essentially required facts and figures and should not contain unnecessary details about the individual achievements etc. The application form must also contain a

summary statement which should be quantifiable and in perfect sync with the criteria laid out for the award.

- ***Also enclose two passport size photos and a copy of cancelled Bank Cheque clearly showing the Name of applicant, Name of Bank/ Branch of Bank, Bank Account No., IFSC code, MICR code.***