

a) General Rules Governing the Award:

1. **Name of the Award:** ICAR-Nanaji Deshmukh ICAR Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences.
2. **Sponsor:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
3. **Mission statement**
To recognize encourage and promote the understanding that practical and useful research would normally have to be interdisciplinary in approach.
4. **Objective of the Award**
To recognize and incentivize outstanding inter-disciplinary team research.
5. **Nature of the Award**
This award is exclusively meant for interdisciplinary teams of scientists jointly planning and implementing integrated programme/project of research.
6. **Frequency:** One Annual Award.
7. **Eligibility Criteria**
All agricultural scientists engaged in interdisciplinary team research in India in the specified subject areas are eligible. The team must have scientist-level representation from a minimum of three well-recognized disciplines and may also have technical officers (T6 and above). They must have been working on an integrated research project dealing with an inherently interdisciplinary problem in a system based, problem solving mode. Agricultural Scientists outside NARS are also eligible if they meet the eligibility criteria as mentioned above.
8. **Administration of the Award**
A judging committee consisting of at least two members from outside NARS, shall be constituted by DG, ICAR to evaluate the nominations, identify outstanding entries and make recommendations to the Council. The team leader will get 25% of the award money, if he/she is not director of the institute. At least 10% of the award money should be reserved for the nonscientist assistants. Remaining scientists share the award equally. If Director of the Institute is the team leader, his/her share in the award would be limited to 15%.
9. **Evaluation Criteria (relative score)**
 - (a) Inherently interdisciplinary nature of the research problem (10)
 - (b) Technological, socio-economic relevance and priority of the research project (15)
 - (c) Integrated organization and complementary quality of the tasks taken up by individual members of the team (15).

- (d) Principal outcome of the research work and their potential in meeting the core objectives of the research project (15)
- (e) Acceptability of the recommendation by the users (10).
- (f) Actual impact of the recommendations on the production, productivity, profitability and sustainability of the target system (15)
- (g) Quality of the publications arising out of the research work done (10).
- (h) Proof that the project was conceived and sanctioned as an interdisciplinary project (10).

10. Procedure

Applications/Nominations for the award will be invited during Dec/Jan/Feb once every year. Nominations in the prescribed format will be made online. The Judging Committee will screen the nominations, identify outstanding entries, and make recommendations to the council along with the draft citations. Self-Nominations will also be accepted. If no outstanding entries have been received, no award will be awarded.

11. Presentation of Award:

- The announcement of the awards shall be made through letters & personal mails to the awardees before the Awards Presentation Ceremony to be held on the Foundation Day of ICAR i.e. 16th July following the year of award or on any other important occasion as decided by the competent authority.
- The awardee scientists shall give presentations on achievements before an audience consisting of eminent agricultural and nonagricultural scientists among other invitees.
- The achievements of the awardees shall be publicized widely through press and electronic media and other communication channels.

b) Application/Nomination Form for ICAR-Nanaji Deshmukh ICAR Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences

1. Name of the Award: ICAR-Nanaji Deshmukh ICAR Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences
2. Year
3. Name and designation of the Team Leader including the associates, if any in full (underline surname)
4. Father's / Husband's Name, date and place of birth
5. Marital status
6. Postal address
7. Mobile No./e-mail of the team leader and all members
8. Educational qualifications beginning with the first-degree or equivalent (in a tabular form)

Photo Team leader

S.No.	Degree	Institution	Year

9. Employment record (in tabular form)
10. Any other relevant experience/ training
11. Details of the research work submitted for the award
 - i When, where and how the research project was conceptualized?
 - ii Inherent nature of the Research Problem for Inter Disciplinary Team Effort.
 - iii Socio economic, technological and scientific relevance and priority of the research project
 - iv Organizational procedures established, and tasks assigned to members of the team
 - v Principal outcome of the research project
 - vi Expected potential of the outcome in enhancing the production, productivity, profitability and sustainability of the target system
 - vii Concrete recommendations arising out of the project work
 - viii Acceptability and adoption of the recommendations by the target users
 - ix Actual impact of the recommendations on improving the production, productivity and profitability of the relevant system
 - x Any concrete advantage derived from adopting the interdisciplinary approach
 - xi Quality of publication arising out of the research project
12. Whether any patents have been taken out or applied for? If so, details thereof
13. Whether the research work has earlier been submitted for any recognition, awards etc.? If so, when, to whom and with what outcome?
14. Particulars in respect of every other member of the team (in separate sheet)
15. Documentary proof that the project was conceived and sanctioned as an interdisciplinary project and the date thereof.
16. Details of non-scientist assistants in the team.

17. Certificate by the team leader

Signature

18. Certificate by the Head of the Institution where research was done

signature and seal

19. Forwarding note by the Head of the Institution

Signature and seal