National Academy of Agricultural Sciences

New Delhi

NAAS–DHANUKA Award for Excellence

(Best Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute Award)

The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), in collaboration with Dhanuka Agritech Limited, has instituted four annual awards to recognize outstanding contributions in agricultural extension. These awards aim to honor excellence in Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes (ATARIs), and Extension Scientists for their role in advancing agricultural knowledge and demonstration.

The awards will be presented annually during the NAAS Annual General Body Meeting in New Delhi. The categories include:

* NAAS-Dhanuka Best KVK (₹25,000 per ATARI Zone)
* NAAS-Dhanuka Best KVK Nationwide (₹50,000)
* NAAS-Dhanuka Best Extension Scientist (₹50,000)
* NAAS-Dhanuka Best ATARI (₹1,00,000)

These awards highlight NAAS and Dhanuka Agritech Limited’s commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in agricultural extension.

* 1. **General Rules Governing the Award:**
     1. **Name of the Award:** NAAS–DHANUKA Award for Excellence (Best Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute Award)
     2. **Sponsor:** Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.
     3. **Objectives of the Award:**
        + To recognize outstanding performance by Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute
        + To provide incentive for outstanding Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute
        + To promote a sense of institutional pride in achievements
     4. **Nature of the Award**
        + An individual award under the award consists of ₹1,00,000 + Trophy + Certificate.
     5. **Utilization of the Award Money:**

The funds shall be used by the Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute.

* + 1. **Frequency**: Annual
    2. **Eligibility Criteria**

All the Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes are eligible. The institution applying for the award must be in existence for at least 10 years. The award-winning institutions will not be eligible to apply for this award for the next 3 years.

* + 1. **Administration of the Award**

A Judging Committee, including the President, NAAS as Chairman and at least 3-4 Members appointed by the President, NAAS as per details given below shall evaluate all the applications, identify the award-winning institution and make appropriate recommendations to the Council.

**Composition of the NAAS–DHANUKA Award for Excellence Committee**

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| President, NAAS | Chairman |
| Secretary, NAAS | Member |
| Member Secretary | Member |
| ICAR-Deputy Director General, Extension or his nominee | Member |
| One Progressive Farmer | Member |

* + 1. **Evaluation Criteria**
       - The Organizational profile of the institution, its mandate and its translation into programmes. /Activities.
       - The relevance and priority of each programme (Research, Teaching and extension education) allocation of manpower, infrastructure and operational funds
       - The principal output of each programme relative to the allocation of resources and the scientific/technological/socio-economic potential of the outputs in meeting the specified objectives of the programme
       - The overall impact of the institution’s programmes
       - Resource mobilization and utilization efficiency indices viz: External funding through Projects, resource generated through sale of produce/products/expertise; Staff position, and other indices that may more accurately reflect the performance of the institution
       - Extent and quality of functional interaction with other relevant institutions, organizations and line departments as reflected through MoUs, collaborative publications, etc.
       - Awards and Recognitions at National and International level. Please do not include Society and Poster Awards
       - National/ International Leadership status achieved in specific fields of scientific/technological/ educational/ training endeavor
       - Significant publications. Research publications in journals having NAAS rating of 6.0 and above.
       - Any other significant contribution.

**Evaluation Proforma: Best Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute Award (Year):** (5 years including the period of award)

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| **Name (Sr. No). of Institute/University** | |
| **Criteria** | **Relative score** |
| Number & Quality of publications | 20 |
| Resource generation | 10 |
| Awards & recognition | 15 |
| Most significant Output/ Outcome | 40 |
| Capacity building efforts | 15 |
| Total | 100 |

* + 1. **Procedure**

Applications/Nominations for the award will be invited during Dec/Jan/Feb every year. Applications/ Nominations in the prescribed format. 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. Applications will be submitted through proper channel.

* + 1. **Presentation**
       - 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 NAAS Annual General Body Meeting i.e. June 4-5 following the year of award or on any other important occasion as decided by the competent authority.
       - The awardee Institution shall give presentations on the achievements of the institution before an audience consisting of eminent agricultural and nonagricultural scientists besides other invitees.
       - The achievements of the awardee institution shall be publicized widely through press and electronic media and other communication channels.

**Application/Nomination Form for Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute Award:**

1. Name of the Award: **Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute Award**
2. Year of Award
3. Name of the institution with full postal and telecommunication address
4. A concise historical account of the establishment and development; organizational, functional and financial profile of the institution (Not more than 4 pages)
5. The specific objectives, relative priority and resource allocated to the various programmes.
6. Significant outputs and outcome during last five years (**Weightage for extension and research is 60:40 for extension and research activities)**
   1. **Research**

* Significant Research work done (not more than 2 pages including photographs and illustrations)
* Impact of achievements in quantifiable terms to increase productivity / profitability/sustainability
* Publications (List only those published in Peer reviewed journal and with NAAS rating of 6.0 or more. Indicate average number of publications per scientist along with NAAS Rating Average)
* Citation of 30 most important publications
* Significant advance made in science/technology,
* Patents obtained,
* Technologies developed and commercialized,
* Livestock/poultry/fish varieties/breeds developed.
* External funding mobilized
* Seed hub implemented and outcome against the target.
  1. **Extension education (Not exceeding 8 pages)**
* Vocational training programmes organized & beneficiary & impact
* Farmers covered and impact
* E -learning material for farmer produced
* Extension publications (Numbers) Radio Talks and Press coverage
* Innovation in Extension Education
* Impact of extension programmes (Indicate quantifiable indicators)
* Effective linkages with stake holders especially with development departments with documentary evidence of impact
* Resources generated
* Awards and Recognitions won by extension scientists at District/State/National level
* Success stories documented
* Entrepreneurship developed
* List new technologies promoted and extent of adoption

1. **Staff position (cadre strength and in position)**
2. **Budget for five years (Plan and non- plan)**
3. **Awards/Recognition by scientists at National level**
4. **Overall Impact: (during last five years)**
5. Quality Seed produced and sold. Livestock/poultry/fish germ plasm produced & sold (year wise).
6. Consultancy money earned
7. Patents/G-I/Farmers Varieties obtained.
8. Resources generated through sale of produce.
9. **Management efficiency indicators (yearly)**

* Externally funded projects (list and amount).
  + Total funds spent on salaries, infrastructure, equipment, civil and recurring contingencies,
* Finance
* Digitization of library

1. **Institutional development programmes- funds spent on major in- infrastructure and equipment (costing more than Rs 5 lakh).**
2. **Any other information that may reflect on the performance of the institution**
3. **Whether most recent annual report of the institution submitted? (Yes/No)**
4. **Give major highlights of your accomplishments in 200 words that you would like to see in the CITATION of award, if chosen**
5. **Recommendation by the Deputy Director General (Agri. Extension), ICAR.**

Name/Designation/

Signature / seal