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Subject: Seeking Nominations of individuals/Institutions for consideration of AIASA National Awards to be conferred during “8th National Youth Convention on New Perspectives for Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihood Security (NPSALS2024)” on 22-23 August 2024 by AIASA, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU and ICAR at BHU campus, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

Sir/Madam,

The Governing Board of AIASA annually confers National Awards to persons/institutions for their outstanding contribution on empowerment of youth in Agriculture. The AIASA National Awards 2022 & 2023 will be conferred during “8th National Youth Convention on New Perspectives for Sustainable Agriculture and Livelihood Security (NPSALS2024)” on 22-23 August 2024 by AIASA, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU and ICAR at BHU campus, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh). Individual/institution needs to submit only one application for any award irrespective of year. Multiple applications of any individual/institution shall be outrightly rejected. The details of National Awards are given as listed:

1. AIASA National Award for Outstanding Leadership in Agriculture 2022 & 2023 – 2 Awards
2. Lifetime Achievement Award - 2022 & 2023- 2 Awards
3. Best Vice-Chancellor Award 2022 and 2023- 2 Awards
4. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Outstanding Master Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences - 8 Awards
5. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences - 8 Awards
6. Harit Ratna Awards 2022 & 2023 – 8 Awards
7. Krishi Jeevan Jyoti Award 2022 & 2023 – 2 Awards
8. Pragati Puraskar 2022 & 2023 – 2 Award
9. Student of the year Award 2022 & 2023-14 Awards (Zone wise)
10. AIASA Gold Medal 2022 & 2023-14 Awards (Zone wise)
11. Best Teacher Award 2022 & 2023- 2 Award
12. Young Scientist Award 2022 & 2023- 8 Awards
13. Harit Kranti Award 2022 & 2023 - 4 Awards
14. Harit Puraskar Award 2022 & 2023 - 10 Awards
15. Institution of Excellence Award 2022 & 2023- 8 Awards
16. AAWAHAN Awards-7 Awards (Zone Wise)

The awards will be conferred to individual persons based on the contribution made by them for the empowerment of youth in agriculture. The awards will be conferred based on the outstanding contribution made by individual/ institutions, by adopting rigorous screening at each stage in States/zones and at Central level on all India nomination basis. All the Awards will carry a Citation and a Memento. Among the AIASA members, the nominee can receive awards up to 2 times within 5 years, based on his/her involvement in AIASA and empowerment of youth in agriculture. The nominee can be eligible for receiving award third time only after 5 years. The eligibility and screening criteria are as follows.

1. AIASA National Award for Outstanding Leadership in Agriculture 2022 & 2023

- The Award will be conferred to any individual having professional experiences of at-least 10-15 years and made positive impact on the well-being of different stake holders in agriculture at State/National/ International level and given a definite direction for the betterment of Agriculture.
- The Award will carry cash prize of Rs 50,000, a citation and a Memento.

2. Life Time Achievement Award-2022 & 2023

- Life Time Achievement Award will be conferred to a person who has made a unique and special contribution over a prolonged period of time to the farming community.
- This award is designed to honour a person for outstanding professional and personal achievements with great leadership skills. The person should have involved in implementing fresh initiatives and new concepts that have led to successful and sustainable operations.
- An individual who has dedicated his/her life to the advancement of agriculture through production, innovation, improvement, leadership, service and/or advocacy and who embodies the high standard of Indian Agriculture and sets an example for others to follow.

3. Best Vice-Chancellor Award 2022 & 2023

- Best Vice Chancellor Award will be conferred to an energetic Honourable Vice Chancellor for the outstanding contribution at the level of colleges and research stations falling under the University and who has entered new domains, created new facilities, demonstrated new technologies, bringing in frugal innovation and creating a pedagogy in academic environment and also for their outstanding contribution on empowerment of youth in agriculture.
- Best Vice Chancellor Award is chosen by the members/Associate members throughout the country in consultation of IAUA.
- The nominee should be a student supportive Vice Chancellor of any SAUs/CAUs/DUs/Other Universities and should have supported in the formation and strengthening of AIASA unit earlier in their University and State.

4. Harit Ratna Award 2022 & 2023

- Harit Ratna Awards will be given to individuals for their outstanding contribution on empowerment of youth in agriculture with a work experience of at least 10-15 years.
- The persons associated with AIASA will be given preference.
- The nominees should be at the level of Dean/ Director/ VC of SAUs/ CAUs/ ICAR-DU/ ICAR institutions or Director/ Vice-President/ President in other organizations.

- The nominees may be from Dept. of Agriculture or allied fields in State governments or Public Sector organizations. The Heads from Corporate sectors including NGOs in the field of agriculture who has made significant contribution in empowerment of youth in agriculture may also be considered.

5. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Outstanding Master Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences

- Field and number of awards: The award shall be given in the following fields:

S. No.	Major Field	No. of Award
1.	Crop & Horticultural Sciences	2
2.	Natural Resource Management & Agricultural Engineering	2
3.	Animal and Fisheries Sciences	2
4.	Social sciences	2
Total		8

- Nature of the Award: The Award will carry a Medal and a Citation.
- Periodicity: Annual
- Eligibility Qualification: Master's degree recipients of the Agricultural Universities including state agricultural universities, central universities, and affiliated colleges having agricultural faculties approved by UGC and/or state regulatory bodies. The minimum OGPA should be 7.5/10 or 75%. Students completed their research work and received provisional degree certificate (as per date of thesis viva) between 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 for 2022-year awards and from 1st January 2022 to December 2022 for 2023-year awards, shall be eligible for applying the AIASA award 2022 and 2023, respectively (Refer Annexure IA, IIA, III & IV).

6. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research in Agricultural and Allied Sciences

- Field and number of awards: The award shall be given in the following fields:

S. No.	Major Field	No. of Award
1	Crop & Horticultural Sciences	2
2	Natural Resource Management & Agricultural Engineering	2
3	Animal and Fisheries Sciences	2
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Total		8

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7. Krishi Jeevan Jyoti Award 2022

- This Award will be conferred to the person for outstanding contribution for empowerment of farm youth in agriculture and involved in social mobilization work for initializing and carrying out reforms in agriculture in State(s) as well as at National level.
- The Award is kept exclusively for AIASA members for their outstanding contribution towards empowerment of youth and for strengthening the organization throughout the nation.
- The agricultural youth associated with AIASA will be considered and the nominee should have served AIASA for at least 2 years and should have been involved in AIASA awareness programme in State/National or International level.

8. Pragati Puraskar Award 2022 & 2023 (Best Farmer Award)

- Pragati Puraskar is earmarked for the best progressive farmer of the nation for initiatives in development, adaptation, modification and dissemination of improved technology and practices for increased income and sustainability.
- The person who has contributed on empowerment of youth in Agriculture and paved away new areas and opportunities for youth will be given priority.
- The nominee should be supported by particular State AIASA Unit and recommendation of State or district/ block Level from public representative is mandatory.
- Recommendation of local SAU/CAU/ICAR-DU/ICAR institutions is mandatory.

9. Student of the year Award 2022 & 2023 (Best Student Award)

- Student of the year awards has been exclusively kept for the students for their outstanding contribution on the empowerment of youth and social activities for the betterment of agricultural fraternity (one award in each of the zone for each year).
- The Zone wise award “Student of the Year Award” is given based on the recommendation of AIASA Zonal committee/State Committee.
- The nominee needs to get recommendation from the head of the Institution/VC.
- The nominee should be a member of AIASA and should have served as a cabinet member of AIASA for at least 1 year and should have been involved in the AIASA membership drive and awareness programme in their particular University as well as in the State.

10. AIASA Gold Medal 2022 & 2023

- AIASA Gold Medal is conferred to AIASA members, Associate members, officers, and other individuals working in Govt. sectors as Agriculture Officer, Research Officer/Scientist etc. Representatives from NGOs/Private Institutions may also be considered as candidature for the awards.

- The State Units of AIASA/concerned Institution may recommend the name of the members/associate members with full justification for consideration of candidature by the Jury.
- Preferentially, the award is kept zone wise (One for each zone in each zone), but more than one award may be considered by the jury in case of exceptional candidates/ lack of appropriate candidate in each zone.
- The nominee should be a member of AIASA and should have been involved in AIASA awareness programme in their particular state.

11. Best Teacher Award 2022 & 2023

- The Award will be given to a student friendly faculty member for outstanding contribution in the field of teaching as well as research in agriculture and allied sectors.
- The nominee should have worked as a faculty in SAUs/CAUs/ICAR/ICAR-DU or other recognized University for at least 8-10 years.
- The nominee needs to get recommendation from the head of the Institution/VC.
- The nominee should be member of AIASA and involved in strengthening AIASA unit and participating in AIASA awareness programme in their particular state.

12. Young Scientist Award 2022 & 2023

- The Award will be conferred to young scientists for outstanding research work and having good publications in National and International journals in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.
- The one award each shall be given in the field of Crop & Horticultural Sciences, Natural Resource Management & Agricultural Engineering, Animal and Fisheries Sciences and Social sciences.
- The nominees should have served as JRF/SRF/RA/SMS/ARS- Scientist/ Asst. Professor in SAUs/CAUs/ICAR/ICAR-DU.
- The nominees should be below 38 years.
- The nominee needs to get recommendation from the head of the Institution/VC.
- The nominee should be a member of AIASA, and members involved in strengthening AIASA unit and participating in AIASA awareness programme in their particular state will be preferred.
- The short-listed candidates may be invited for presentation.

13. Harit Kranti Award 2022 & 2023

- The Award is given to agriculture activist from private or public sector institutions/ companies for outstanding contribution in mobilizing progressive farmers for adopting innovative technologies or his /her involvement in raising voice of farmers at state or national level for improvement of farm sector.
- The nominee should be supported by State AIASA Unit and recommendation of State or district/block Level from public representative is mandatory.
- Candidates with recommendation of local SAU/CAU/ICAR-DU/ICAR institutions will be preferred.

14. Harit Puraskar Award 2022 & 2023

- The Award will be conferred to a renowned agriculturist for outstanding contribution for best agricultural practices in govt dept./Universities, public sectors, agro industries/NGOs.
- The nominees should have worked for the welfare of farming community including students' welfare work. One award exclusively is kept for Best DSW of the Country for each year.
- The agricors associated with AIASA activities at international level will also be considered.
- The nominee should be a member/associate member of AIASA.

15. Institution of Excellence Award 2022 & 2023

- The Award will be conferred to the Institutions to recognize outstanding performance in terms of developing infrastructure, research output and extension services in agriculture and allied sciences for the benefit of agriculture fraternity in India.
- The nominee Institution should have been involved in the AIASA membership drive in the state.
- All SAUs, CAUs, ICAR-DUs, ICAR and Non-ICAR institutions are eligible to apply for this award. Public and Private organizations/NGOs are also eligible to apply.

All the State Units of AIASA and individual concern, Institutions may send the recommendations/nominations in the prescribed format directly to Dr. Pankaj, Member Secretary, Awards Committee & Head, Division of Nematology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI), LBS Building, PUSA Campus, New Delhi-110 012, Email: aiasaaward@gmail.com latest by 1st July, 2024.

Yours faithfully



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