



ICAR- Indian Institute of Rice Research
RAJENDRANAGAR
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INNOVATIVE RICE FARMERS' MEET

1 August, 2015

INFORMATION BROCHURE

APPLICATION / NOMINATION

Some of the Indian farmers have always been innovative in showing the world about best rice cultivation practices with their innovations, adapt or reinvent recommended technologies or look for opportunities to compete in the global economy. To help spur this innovative spirit, the ICAR- Indian Institute of Rice Research is planning to organise “Innovative Rice Farmers’ Meet” at IIRR Campus Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, on 1st August 2015. The meet aims at showcasing the innovative spirit of rice farmers from across the country. Selected Innovative Farmers’ will be invited to give a brief presentation during the Meet. They will be awarded a certificate and a memento during the function.

Further, selected farmers should be willing to bring machinery/ other items for showcasing their innovation in the exhibition during the Meet.

Objectives

The objectives of the “Innovative Rice Farmers’ Meet” are:

- To recognize and encourage innovators in rice farming
- To foster innovations in the rice sector having impact at the farm level
- To raise awareness about the importance of innovations in rice farming

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR APPLYING?

- Must be a farmer involved in rice farming for last few years
- Must have invented new methods of rice cultivation or adapted/re-invented the existing technologies (including varieties etc.,)
- Must have technologies that are scalable to larger areas. In other words, the technologies/ innovations, if adopted by famers of similar socio-economic and agro-ecological conditions should be capable of reproducing the similar results.
- Applicants or nominees must be willing to share the innovation in larger platform

Organisations involved in rice research, extension and developmental departments may also nominate the innovative farmers.

WHAT CATEGORIES OR THEMES WOULD BE CONSIDERED?

The innovation of the farmers may fall into one of the following categories.

1. Innovative Varietal/ landrace selection based on local needs
2. Innovative farm practices/ methods of rice cultivation
3. Innovative soil health management
4. Innovative weed/disease/insect pest management
5. Innovative water management practices
6. Innovative farm machinery/post harvest technology / value addition methods
7. Any other Indigenous technical knowledge in relation to rice popularised/ reinvented by the farmer

THE CRITERIA TO BE USED TO ASSESS THE APPLICATIONS /NOMINATIONS:

The innovation must have potential for use on a broader basis and be able to demonstrate the potential for having a positive effect on the rice cultivation.

The innovation must have been developed or in development and be used or in use on farmers' fields.

Only one application/nomination per farmer can be submitted.

Assessment Criteria

Four broad criteria will be used to review the applications:

Uniqueness and Originality - Refers to the freshness of aspect, design or style utilized to produce the innovation.

Development - Refers to the extent to which the idea or concept has been thought through to completion. Consideration may be given to the stage of development i.e. emerging to mature.

Adoption - Refers to the degree of success (or potential for success) of adoption by other farmers.

Impact or Benefits - Refers to the economic and/or social benefit to Indian rice farming resulting from the innovation.

Selection Criteria

A panel of experts will evaluate all applications / nominations and select up to 30 Innovative Rice Farmers from across the country.

There will be some consideration regarding the number of winners in proportion to the number of applications across the 5 broad geographic regions (North, East, Central, North-eastern and South).

HOW TO APPLY?

Eligible applicants / nominators interested in participating should complete and submit an application either electronically or in hard copy latest by 10th July 2015.

Applications may be sent by post to The Project Director, Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad 500030 Telangana

OR

Electronically by email to pdrice@drircar.org

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT THE PROJECT DIRECTOR,
IIRR, HYDERABAD

KEY DATES

APPLICATION / NOMINATION DEADLINE – 10 JULY 2015

SELECTION AND INTIMATION TO THE SELECT CANDIDATES – 15 JULY 2015

COMPILING THE SUCCESS STORIES/ INNOVATIONS – 25 JULY 2015

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APPLICATION / NOMINATION FORM

(Softcopy is available at www.drricar.org)

Please pin
passport size
photograph of
the farmer

here

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

1.	Name and address of the Organisation nominating the farmer (if applicable): Telephone/ Mobile Number of Contact officer Email ID	
2.	Name of the Farmer/ applicant with complete postal address Telephone / Mobile number:	

B. PROFILE OF THE FARMER

1.	Date of Birth and Age as on 1 January 2015	
2.	Educational Qualification	
3.	Landholding (in hectare)	
4.	Rice farming Experience (in years)	
5.	Cropping system adopted by farmer	
6.	Social recognition such as member, leader, president etc., of social organisation	
7.	Institutional recognition such as any award, citation etc., received by the farmer	

C. DETAILS OF INNOVATION

1.	Title and Nature of Innovation	
2.	Theme (Refer to the Information Brochure)	
3.	Description of Innovation (in 500 words) - Use separate sheet if required	
4.	Problem statement (describe how a particular problem is solved using the innovation of the farmer)	
5.	Process of technology development (conceptualization of idea, scientific rationale about the innovation, experimentation/trial conducted, supporting data for the innovation, any resource mobilization from outside agencies/organizations for the development of technology, relative advantages of innovation like adaptability, eco-friendliness, sustainability, gender friendliness, economical viability, benefit-cost ratio etc)	

6.	Recognition for the innovation (Institutional acceptance in the form of awards, certificate of appreciation etc.,) Please enclose relevant copies	
7.	Supporting documents (action photographs, printed materials/ electronic material like CD, video clippings etc., Enclose relevant material	
8.	Replication and promotion (horizontal spread of innovation and number of farmers adopting, socio-economic implications, presentation of innovation in scientific forums, publication on the innovation in farm journals, media coverage of the innovation –tv, news papers, radio talk etc., display of innovation in exhibitions/kisan melas, income generated out of this innovation by the innovator, feed- back from farmers and other agencies)	
9.	Officer / organisation involved in validating the innovation	

I certify that the details provided in the **Application** Form are true to the best of my knowledge. The details of the innovation given in the application are actually implemented in my farm. No part of this innovation is a replication/ borrowed from other sources.

Signature of the Applicant with Date

I certify that the details provided in the **Application** Form are true to the best of my knowledge. By virtue of capacity as, I recommend the name of shree/smt..... for the consideration of Innovative Rice Farmer Award

Signature of the Officer

Date

Name of the Organisation (seal)