

## RASSA- Prof. Ram Nath Singh Award for the Best Ph.D. Thesis in Horticultural Sciences



. This award has been instituted to recognize immense contributions of Late Professor Ram Nath Singh, Former Head, Division of Fruits and Horticultural Technology & First Joint Director (Research), ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in Horticulture-Fruit Science research, teaching and extension. This award will be given annually to a student from any Indian University/ Deemed to be University/ Institute for the Best Doctoral Thesis on Horticultural Sciences and related sub-disciplines on any Horticultural Crop. The award would consist of a Medal and a Certificate granted by the Royal Association for Science-led Socio-cultural Advancement (RASSA), New Delhi.

### Objectives of the Award

- ❖ To provide recognition to outstanding original research done through doctoral degree students.
- ❖ To promote high quality doctoral thesis research in Horticultural Sciences and related sub-disciplines on Horticultural Crop(s) and frontier areas of Horticultural Sciences.

**Eligibility:** Any Indian student who has completed his Ph.D. degree in Horticultural Sciences. The Degree Certificate / provisional degree must have been obtained during the preceding year of the award (**by 31st December 2021**). A thesis from a candidate will be considered only once. The research work must be original and must have a direct bearing on some relevant aspects of the crop improvement, improved production/ management systems with emphasis on and horticultural crops. The results obtained must have the potential of enhancing the production/ productivity/ quality of the relevant horticultural production/ management system or substantially advance our knowledge. The candidate must have published at least one good research paper in a scientific journal having NAAS rating of 6.0 and above. A certificate from the Guide/ Chairman/ Major Supervisor/ Professor & Head/ Head of Department/ Division or any competent authority need to be submitted to certify the authenticity of the work carried out.

**Age:** 35 years.

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**Administration of the Award:** There shall be a Judging Committee constituted by President/ Executive Council of the Royal Association for Science-led Socio-cultural Advancement (RASSA).

**Evaluation Criteria:** Following points shall be considered;

- Conceptual clarity and coherence of the research problem.
- Scientific, technological relevance and novelty of the research problem.
- Compilation, analysis and interpretation of existing literature, quality of illustrations, etc.
- Organization of research work. Complementarity of the various experiments and investigations and their integration into a logical plan of work.
- Conduct of the research programmes: Scientific soundness and technological modernity of the experimental methods and logical planning.
- Scientific validity and accuracy of the analysis of experimental data.
- Principal findings: Do they meet the objectives of the research programme?
- Significant advancement in our knowledge and understanding or help improve productivity, quality, safe practices *etc.*
- Research papers published and their quality as judged by the NAAS rating and international Impact factor.
- Patents, copyrights applied and accepted.

**Procedure:** Applications for the award will be invited by the RASSA during each year. Application shall be submitted in the prescribed proforma. If no outstanding entries have been received, no Award shall be awarded in a year. A copy of thesis (original/ photocopy/ pdf copy), and a set of certificates of Academics/ Societies, testimonials, photostat copies of research paper(s) and declaration *etc.* are required to be submitted along with the application.

**Presentation:** The presentation of award will be during National Seminar on 'Natural Farming for Sustainable Agriculture and National Prosperity' from 11- 13 November 2022 at SDAU, SK Nagar, Gujrat.

**Last Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Complete details along with Application form may be sent at [royal.association2016@gmail.com](mailto:royal.association2016@gmail.com)