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No. 58-21/59/2021-ICFRE

Dated the 9th January 2022

NOTIFICATION

In supersession to this office notification No. 58-21/58/2020-ICFRE dated 15.02.2021, the Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, with the approval of Board of Governors accorded vide its 59th meeting held on 30.12.2021 under Chairmanship of Secretary, Environment, Forests and Climate Change, is pleased to notify rules for "National Awards for Excellence in Forestry-2021" annexed as Annexure I.

The rules shall replace all earlier rules on the subject and shall come into force from the date of this notification.


(Deepak Mishra)
Secretary

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**RULES FOR
"NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN FORESTRY- 2021"**

1. **Preamble:**
 - 1.1 These rules shall be called Rules for "National Awards for Excellence in Forestry- 2021".
 - 1.2 Rules shall be applicable to all Indian national and institutions including individuals/institutes/organizations.
 - 1.3 There shall be a total of three awards:
 - (a) Award exclusively for scientists working in the field of forestry research.
 - (b) Awards for Institutions & Organization and individual forestry researchers (excluding Scientists).
 - (c) Lifetime Achievement Award in Forestry.
2. **Donor of Awards**

The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun shall be the donor for the awards.
3. **Objectives of Awards**
 - 3.1 To promote and motivate the professional competence in the scientific community, including forestry professionals, technical persons and research scholars in the field of forestry.
 - 3.2 To encourage individuals, farmers, Village Forest Committees, Self Help Groups, institutions, organizations, NGOs and forest-based industries who have contributed in the field of forestry.
 - 3.3 To recognize practical & applied forestry research-oriented performance which has led to public welfare.
 - 3.4 To felicitate person(s) who has made significant contribution towards the cause of forestry.
4. **Forms of Award**
 - 4.1 Cash Prize, citation and a trophy/plaque or any other form of recognition as decided upon from time to time by the 'ICFRE Awards Committee' constituted under the extant Rules.
5. **The name of the award, eligible candidates and activities for consideration**
 - 5.1 The Awards will be named as "National Awards for Excellence in Forestry".
 - 5.2 **Outstanding Scientist Award in Forestry:**

The scientists will be eligible for the award who has done outstanding research in the field of forestry. Under this category, there shall be one award of Rs. 25,000/- along with a citation and a plaque.

5.3 Forestry Research Award:

This will be awarded to individuals/institutions including organizations, NGO's, forest-based industries, State and UT's Forest departments, Forest corporations, Forestry colleges/Universities, JFMCs and Individuals (researchers other than scientists) for outstanding research in the field of forestry. Under this category there will be one award of Rs.25000/- along with a citation and a plaque.

5.4 Lifetime Achievement Award in Forestry:

There shall be **one** award under this category of Rs. 50,000/- along with citation and a trophy/plaque. The award will be given to a professional working for the cause of Forestry Research, Management, Education and/or Extension for Indian citizen for exceptionally distinguished work done in the above fields .

6. Selection for the Awards

- 6.1 The Council shall have sole right of selection of the recipients of the awards, including the formulation of the guidelines governing such selections.
- 6.2 The award would be considered on the basis of outstanding contribution made through the work done during five years preceding the year of award for Outstanding Scientist Award in Forestry and Forestry Research Award.
- 6.3 **The applicant must apply online on the portal prepared by MHA, GOI, New Delhi.**
- 6.4 **The application for award in the prescribed format prepared for the purpose should be duly forwarded through competent authority in case of employed personnel.**
- 6.5 An institution, team of scientists or individuals or any other recipient once awarded for their work shall not be eligible again for the same work for next five years.
- 6.6 The prize amount for each award will be reviewed once in five years.
- 6.7 Only Indian citizens shall be eligible for the awards.
- 6.8 In case of outstanding research work performed jointly and adjudged fit for an award, the amount of award would be equally shared among the awardees with individual plaque, limiting to maximum of three.
- 6.9 Selection will be made on the basis of the certified information provided in the application in the format so devised (to be uploaded online).
- 6.10 In case of nominations received directly from the applicant, the authenticity of the work shall be verified by seeking comments of appropriate authority as designated by D.G., ICFRE.
- 6.11 If any information furnished by the applicant is found to be false or misleading, the application will summarily be rejected and the applicant will be debarred for consideration for these Awards in the future.

- 6.12 Nominations received for the Award will be valid for the year for which they have been made. Past nominations will not be carried forward. A person not selected for the Award for a particular year can be re-nominated in future years with fresh application.
- 6.13 The nominations must be made in the prescribed format as approved by D.G., ICFRE.
- 6.14 The award shall be given for every calendar year.

7. Procedure for selection of the Awardees

- 7.1 ICFRE shall invite nominations giving wide publicity. The directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs including the publicity of the awards will be followed.
- 7.2 Each nomination or application for these awards shall be accompanied by a detailed statement of the work and achievement of the nominee or applicant as the case may be.
- 7.3 Nominations along with the details of work done would be evaluated by two eminent personalities/experts as referees in the relevant field for their recommendation. The referees would be designated by D.G., ICFRE.
- 7.4 A committee called "**ICFRE National Awards Committee**" shall be constituted by Director General, ICFRE for recommendation of the candidates for all the ICFRE Awards of Excellence in Forestry. The committee will consist of the following members:

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| - Director General, ICFRE | - Chairperson |
| - Director General, FSI or his representative | - Member |
| - Director, IGNFA or his representative | - Member |
| - Director, WII or his representative | - Member |
| - Representative of MoEF&CC, (not below the level of DIG) | - Member |
| - Eminent serving/retired forestry scientist nominated by DG ICFRE | - Member |
| - Eminent serving/retired forester nominated by DG ICFRE | - Member |
| - Two Eminent representative from civil society/ NGO nominated by DG ICFRE | - Two Members |
| - DDG (Education) ICFRE | - Member Secretary |

The Directorate of Education would provide secretarial assistance to the 'ICFRE National Award Committee'.

- 7.5 Those appointed as referees would not be nominated as members of the 'ICFRE National Awards Committee'.
- 7.6 The term of the nominated members will be ordinarily for two years.
- 7.7 The Committee shall scrutinize the nominations, their achievements and recommendations from the referees and furnish their recommendations to the D.G., ICFRE.

- 7.8 The awards shall be announced after they are approved by the D.G., ICFRE.
- 7.9 If there is no applicant worth awarding a particular award, the D.G., ICFRE on the recommendation of "ICFRE National Awards Committee" can withhold such award(s) for that particular year and the award would be deemed to have lapsed for the said period.
- 7.10 The decision of the D.G., ICFRE shall be final and no appeal in this regard will be entertained.
- 7.11 Members of 'ICFRE National Awards Committee' shall not act as a member of the Committee if, he/she any or any of his/her relatives is the one of the applicants for any award(s).

8. Broad Criteria for selection of awardees

'ICFRE National Awards Committee' constituted under rule 7.4 of Indian Council of Forest Research & Education (ICFRE) Rules shall evaluate the nominations received as per the following broad criteria for selecting the awardees.

- a) Scientific, technological and socio-economic relevance
- b) Scientific validity and accuracy of experimental data
- c) Significant advancement by the findings/applications to contemporary knowledge and understanding
- d) Originality in thinking, its path breaking nature and its high potential value for the future.
- e) Field impact/adoption of the research findings
- f) Commercial application/commercialization of technology/ innovation.
- g) Publication in high impact journals.
- h) Impact on marginalized population especially in rural and forest fringe areas.

9. Financial Arrangement for the Awards and Award Ceremony

The funding for the cash awards, expenses on preparing the citations/plaques/trophies and holding the function (including travel expenses) to give away the awards shall be met from the grant-in-aid/plan funds of ICFRE/CAMPA or other sources after the same is approved by the competent authority.

PROFORMA NATIONAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN FORESTRY- (YEAR)

(Submit separate application for each category of award. Applications to be submitted in triplicate with supporting documents)

Category of Award (PI Tick one):(i) Outstanding Scientist award in Forestry
(ii) Forestry Research Award
(iii) Lifetime Achievement Award

1. Name of Applicant (s)/Individual/Institution/Organisaion (in capital letters):

2. Organisation, department, Designation & place of posting (In case of individual applicants)

3. Sex (Individual Applicants): Male Female

4. (a) Date of Birth (Individual Applicants) : ___ / ___ / ___
(DD/MM/YEAR)

(b) Age as on _____ (Individual Applicants) : ___ years / ___ months

5. Address (O)

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6. Tel/mobile No.: Tel () M

E Mail:

7. Details of the academic qualifications and positions held (Individual Applicants):

a) Academic qualifications (Graduation and above) :

b) Positions held (during last 5 years) :

| Sl.No. | Period | Designation | Institute | Division |
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8. Details of the work claimed for award (about 500 words. Please attach supporting documents as Annexure)

9. Details of the adoption of the research output & impact of the work including socio-economic and monetary benefits (About 500 words. Please attach supporting documents as Annexure) :

10. Details of research papers/publications/patents on the work claimed for award (mention impact factor/citation Index wherever applicable) :

11. Details of the project under which the work was done along with the contribution of the applicant :

12. Any other relevant information:

13. List of photographs/video CD/documents etc., enclosed relating to works described above:

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14. Certificate:

It is certified that all statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Place _____

Date _____

(Signature of applicant/authorized signatory of Institution/organization with name and designation)

15. Recommendations of the Head of institution (Only in case of individual applicants, who are employed)

Place _____

Date _____

(Signature and Seal of the Head of Institution/Recommending Authority)