

AWARD/HONOURS/RECOGNITIONS

HARI OM ASHRAM TRUST AWARD OF ICAR

Hari Om Ashram Trust Award of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for the biennium 2007-08 was awarded to Dr. Gouranga Kar, Dr Ashwani Kumar and Dr R. Singh. Dr Kar and his team have developed agro-climatic and land specific technologies to mitigate drought / dry spells and to produce stable and higher yields and income from rainfed lands. They implemented sustainable cropping system, land use and water resources plan on large rainfed areas in farmer's field of two watersheds after characterizing natural resources using remote sensing and GIS. They chalked out contingency crop planning for drought mitigation and implemented for different southwest monsoon situations through alternative crop and water management and farmers were benefited by adopting this technology. Software's were developed for determining climate risks, reference evaporation and crop water balance study in watershed.

FULBRIGHT SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Madhumita Das, Principal Scientist awarded with Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship 2008-2009, given by J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural affairs of the US Department of State through United States India Education Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi. She also conferred with Friends of Fulbright to India (ffi) travel grant for Fulbright SRF from India to site of placement in US – given by FFI Organization, PA, US. Under the fellowship she worked at Purdue University, Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering, West Lafayette, IN from 15th November 2008 to 14th July 2009. During her visit, she did her research work on 'Refining and tuning approaches of the prospective use of effluent water in agricultural perspective'.

SAMANTA CHANDRA SEKHAR AWARD OF THE ORISSA SCIENCE ACADEMY

Dr. Atmaram Mishra, Principal Scientist, received the Samanta Chandra Sekhar Award-2007 from the Orissa Science Academy, Bhubaneswar for his outstanding contribution in the field of Engineering and Technology. The award consisted of a Certificate, Gold medal, Scroll of honour and Cash prize of rupees fifteen thousand. The award was given away by the hon'ble Chief Minister of Orissa Sri Naveen Pattnaik in the presence of Shri Ramesh Chandra Majhi , Minister of Science and Technology, Govt. of Orissa on 18th January 2010.



SHANKAR MEMORIAL AWARD OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS

Dr. Atmaram Mishra, Principal Scientist, received the Shankar Memorial Award (2007-08) from the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers, New Delhi for outstanding research contribution in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering. The award was given on 28th January 2010 during the 44th Annual Convention of ISAE held at IARI, New Delhi.



YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATIONIST

Dr. S.K. Jena received Young Scientist Award-2009 of Indian Association of Soil & Water Conservationist, Dehradun for outstanding contribution in the field of Natural resources management.



DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Dr. Rajeeb K. Mohanty, Senior Scientist (Fish & Fishery Science) has been awarded with 'DOCTOR OF SCIENCE' Degree by F. M. University, for his research work "Impact of hydrological

intervention on the fisheries of Chilika lagoon – A coastal wetland ecosystem”, under guidance of Prof. M. C. Dash (former Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University), during 2009-10.

Ph.D. DEGREE

Dr. P.S. Brahmanand, Scientist is awarded with ‘Ph.D. in Agronomy’ Degree by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur during convocation on 30th July 2009 for his research work ‘Performance evaluation of organic and inorganic sources of fertilizer in rice and rice-fish farming systems’.

BEST PAPER PRESENTATION AWARD

- Dr. Rajbir Singh, Principal Scientist received the best oral presentation award FOR his paper entitled “Integrating canal water harvesting and micro irrigation for quality production of horticultural crops in semi-arid region of northern India” authored by Drs. Rajbir Singh, S Kumar and Ashwani Kumar during National Seminar on “Recent Trends in Horticultural Crops – Issues and Strategies for Research and Development” held at CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar during 22-24 March 2010. Dr. H. P. Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticulture), ICAR presented the award.
- Dr. A.K. Thakur, Scientist received Best Poster Presentation Award in National Conference on Frontiers in Plant Physiology towards sustainable agriculture held at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat (Assam) from 5-7 November, 2009.

OFFICE BEARERS OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY / EDITORS OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

- Dr. N. Sahoo, Pr. Scientist worked as Chief Editor for CAET Alumni Association Journal for 2009-2010. He has also been Vice President of Association of rice Research for the period of 2008-2011.
- Dr. R.B. Singandhupe, Pr. Scientist acted as reviewer for Agricultural Water Management (Elsevier), Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences (ICAR) and Journal of Indian Society of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSSLUP) during 2009-10.
- Dr. D.K. Kundu, Pr. Scientist served as Member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research during 2009-10.
- Dr. Rajbir Singh, Pr. Scientist acted as reviewer for HortScience (American Society of Horticulture), Scientia Horticulturae (Elsevier), Achieves of Agronomy and Soil Sciences during 2009-10.
- Dr. R.K. Panda, Pr. Scientist acted as the Reviewer for Journal of Soil Conservation published by Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists (IASWC), Dehradun.
- Dr. S.K. Jena, Sr. Scientist acted as reviewer for Water Resources Management, Indian journal of soil conservation and Journal of Indian Water Resources Society during 2009-10.
- Dr. A.K. Thakur, Scientist acted as reviewer for Achieves of Agronomy and Soil Sciences during 2009-10

- Dr. S. Ghosh, Scientist selected as Associate Editor of Indian Research Journal of Extension Education published by Society of Extension for the period of 2009-12. He also served as Member of the Editorial Board for the Journal of Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research during 2009-10.

RECOGNITIONS

- Dr. D.K. Kundu, Pr. Scientist served as External Examiner of BCKV, West Bengal for evaluation of a Ph.D. (Soil Science) thesis entitled “Carbon dynamics of rice rhizosphere in lateritic soil under organic amendments” and evaluation report was submitted on 10th Feb 2010. Dr. Kundu was invited as the Chief Guest for inauguration of the Annual Science Exhibition 2009 of the Stewart School, Bhubaneswar on 13th Nov 2009. He chaired a Technical Session and served as a panelist of Plenary Session for the Workshop on Water Quality Management in Eastern Region, India organized by Central Ground Water Authority & CGWB, South Eastern Region at Bhubaneswar on 17th Dec 2009.
- Dr. R.K. Panda, Pr. Scientist conducted a technical session on “Sustainable Agricultural Production theme” in the capacity of a co-chairman on 18th December 2009 during the International Conference on “Food Security and Environmental Sustainability” organised by Agricultural and Food Engineering Department, IIT, Kharagpur on 17-19 December, 2009.
- Dr. S. Raychaudhari, Senior Scientist nominated as a member of Project Review and Monitoring Committee by TIFAC to visit Dindigul during 10-11 November, 2009 and discharged the duties.
- Dr. S.K. Jena, Senior Scientist served as evaluator of M. Tech. Thesis of MPKV, Rahuri.
- Dr. S. Ghosh, Scientist was invited as the Guest Speaker by KINSPARC, Kalyani and India Water Partnership, New Delhi during Workshop on Technologies for Water and Livelihood Security in Eastern and North-Eastern India (Dec. 14-15, 2009) held at Panchayati Raj Department, Kalyani, Government of West Bengal.