

Plant Protection Association of India

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2025-2026 AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT: PLANT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (PPAI)

The Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI) is pleased to announce its prestigious awards for 2025-2026, aimed at encouraging scientists and promoting excellence in plant protection research and extension in India

SUBMISSION INFORMATION	DETAILS
	The Winners will receive Awards during the National Conference (Feb 26 -28, 2026, co-organized with NIPHM) On "Innovations in Plant Health Management for Resilient Agriculture and Agri-Export Promotion"
Deadline (All Awards)	January 20, 2026, 5:00 PM
Addressed to	The General Secretary, Plant Protection Association of India, PJTSAU Campus, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad- 500030, Telangana State, India.
Format	Five (5) hard copies of the detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) and achievements must be submitted for each applicable award.

1. Dodla Raghava Reddy Memorial Award

This triennial award recognizes **outstanding contributions in the field of Plant Protection** in India.

- Instituted By:** Dr. D V R Reddy, former PPAI President and former Principal Scientist at ICRISAT, in 1983, in memory of his late father, Shri Dodla Raghava Reddy.
- Value & Frequency:** Given once every **three years**. The award constitutes a **Gold Medal and a Certificate**,

Eligibility Criteria

Submission Requirements

Citizenship: Restricted to Indian citizens only.

Individuals must submit **FIVE copies** of their comprehensive CV, clearly indicating the specific achievements in the field of Plant Protection

Institutional Affiliation: Candidates must be working exclusively in institutions supported by the Indian Central or State Governments (including ICAR-supported research institutes, State government bodies, and University Grants Commission (UGC)-supported universities).

Exclusion: Individuals employed by multinational companies, commercial companies, or International Institutes (including those supported by the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research, CGIAR) are not eligible.

Publications: Candidates should have published significant research or review papers in high-impact factor journals. Priority will be given to candidates received meritorious recognition for their research.

PPAI Contribution: Significant contributions towards the functioning and reputation of the Plant Protection Association of India are also considered important, eligible criteria.

2. Dr. Bap Reddy Award for Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

This award promotes the critical concept of **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** in India.

- **Instituted By:** Dr. Bap Reddy, an eminent scientist who contributed immensely to pest management and served as a former FAO Representative for the United Nations.
 - **Value & Frequency:** Given once every **two years**. The award constitutes a **Plaque, a Certificate, and a Cash Prize**
 - **Work Period:** Work considered for the award must have been done in India during the **last five years**.
 - **Eligibility:** Individuals or groups engaged in the development, research, or extension to promote the concept of IPM in India are eligible. **The award shall not be given to the same person twice.**
 - **Submission:** Individuals must submit **FIVE copies** of their CV, precisely detailing the work accomplished and its significance to IPM.
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3. Fellows of the Plant Protection Association of India (FPPAI)

The PPAI Fellowship recognizes individuals/scientists for their overall contributions to Plant Protection Sciences and their commitment to the Association.

- **Requirement:** Completion of **five years of continuous membership** in the Plant Protection Association of India.
 - **Selection:** Based on the candidate's overall contributions in Plant Protection Sciences and continuous PPAI Membership record.
 - **Submission:** Members must send their CV, detailing significant achievements, along with their official **PPAI Membership Record**.
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4. Smt. Kavuri Sarada Memorial Award for “The Best Research Paper”

This award recognizes excellence in published research in the Association's journal.

- **Focus:** Recognizes the two **Best Research Papers** published annually in the “**Indian Journal of Plant Protection**.”
 - **Application:** **No proposals are required** from candidates.
 - **Selection:** The winners are chosen by a Screening Committee specially appointed by the PPAI.
 - **Award:** A **Certificate** is presented to each of the authors of the chosen research papers.
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5. Best Scientist Awards (Golden Jubilee Awards)

These awards were instituted in 2023 to mark the PPAI's Golden Jubilee Celebrations. They are given in three distinct disciplines: Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Nematology.

- **Frequency:** **Biannually**.
 - **Eligibility:** Open exclusively to **members of the PPAI**.
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- **Purpose:** To create an incentive for research and recognize significant basic or applied research leading to results of practical importance in Plant Protection.

Category	Eligibility (Age as on Dec 31, 2025)		Number of Awards
Senior Category	40 years or more, but not more than 60 years	₹ 15,000/- (Fifteen Thousand only)	Three (One in each discipline)
Young Category	Not more than 40 years	₹ 10,000/- (Ten Thousand only)	Three (One in each discipline)

- **Award Components:** Citation, Certificate, and Cash Prize.
- **Administration:** The PPAI reserves the sole right to select the recipients and the formulation of governing rules.
- **Submission:** Individuals must submit **FIVE copies** of their CV, precisely detailing the work accomplished, significant basic or applied research leading to results of practical importance in Plant Protection in the respective disciplines viz., Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Nematology.

For any queries, please contact: The General Secretary, Plant Protection Association of India. PPAI Office, PJTAU Campus, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad – 500030, Telangana State.