

About NAAS

National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS)

The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) established in 1990, is among the youngest of the Science Academies in India. It owes its origin to the vision of the late Dr. B.P. Pal, FRS, the first Director-General, ICAR. The Academy focuses on the broad field of agricultural sciences including crop husbandry, animal husbandry, fisheries, agro-forestry and interface between agriculture and agro-industry. The Academy's role is to provide a forum to Agricultural Scientists to deliberate on important issues of agricultural research, education, and extension and present views of the scientific community as policy inputs to planners, decision/opinion makers at various levels. To achieve this, the Academy organizes and supports national and international congresses, conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops and brain storming sessions on critical issues in the field of agricultural sciences. So far, the Academy has produced over 95 policy papers, which are available from the Academy on request. The Academy accords recognition to scientists at various levels, and encourages cutting edge research in different fields of agricultural sciences. In 2001, The Academy instituted a scheme of NAAS-TATA Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (with one for the North-East Region) with support from the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust. In 2003, 'Associateship' of the Academy was introduced for young Scientists.

The Academy has emerged as vibrant national level body devoted to agricultural sciences. The Fellows of the Academy, recognized for their contributions to science, include distinguished personalities in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sciences, both from India and abroad. The Academy has also established "Corporate Membership", "Corporate Fellowship" and "Institutional Membership" to attract involvement of Industry and Institutions in supporting the activities of the Academy.

Objectives

The major objectives of the Academy, inter-alia, are to:

- promote ecologically sustainable agriculture,
- recognize and promote excellence of individual scientists in the field of agriculture,
- promote interaction among research workers in different institutions and organizations within the country and with the world scientific community,
- organize inter-disciplinary analysis of issues of importance to farmers and farming, and prepare further policies designed to advance agricultural research, education and development
- carry out activities as are relevant to the accomplishments of the above goals.

Fellowship

During 2019, thirty four new Fellows including two Foreign Fellows and three Pravasi Fellows were elected. Thus total number of Fellows as on 01.01.2020 (in the live register) has become 698, which include 56 Foreign Fellows, 9 Pravasi Fellows and one Corporate Fellow. To be specific, the following group of scientists has earned the fellowship from this part of the state (Himachal Pradesh):

| Sr. No. | Name | Scientific area | Year of award |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Dr. Prem Kumar Khosla | Forest Genetics | 1992 |
| 2. | Dr. Ranjodh Singh | Natural Resource Management | 1994 |
| 3. | Dr. C.L. Acharya | Natural Resource Management | 1998 |
| 4. | Dr. P.L. Gautam | Genetics & Plant Breeding | 2001 |
| 5. | Dr. Suresh Walia | Agrochemicals | 2002 |
| 6. | Dr. J.M. Nigam | Animal Sciences | 2003 |
| 7. | Dr. Jagdish Kumar | Genetics & Plant Breeding | 2003 |
| 8. | Dr. Pradeep K. Sharma | Natural Resource Management | 2004 |
| 9. | Dr. A.R. Sharma | Natural Resource Management | 2004 |
| 10. | Dr. T.R. Sharma | Plant Biotechnology | 2007 |
| 11. | Dr. Sanjay Kumar | Plant Physiology & Biochemistry | 2010 |
| 12. | Dr. Hari Chand Sharma | Agricultural Entomology | 2013 |
| 13. | Dr. Shyam Kumar Sharma | Genetics & Plant Breeding | 2014 |
| 14. | Dr. Jai Chand Rana | Plant Genetic Resources | 2014 |
| 15. | Dr. Prtiyam Kalia | Vegetable Science | 2014 |
| 16. | Dr. Ram Roshan Sharma | Horticulture | 2017 |
| 17. | Dr. Subhash Chander Bhardwaj | Plant Pathology | 2018 |
| 18. | Dr. Dharam Pal | Plant Breeding | 2020 |

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