

RAFI AHMED KIDWAI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES 2019



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The Council has instituted the Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for Outstanding Research in Agricultural Sciences in order to recognize outstanding research in agricultural and allied sciences and provide incentives for excellence in agricultural research. This award is to be given to agricultural scientists for outstanding contribution in specific areas defined as: (1) Crop and Horticultural Sciences; (2) Natural Resources Management and Agricultural Engineering; (3) Animal and Fisheries Sciences and (4) Social Sciences. A total of four awards are assigned one each in the above areas. Each award consists of ₹5.00 lakh in cash. All Indian Scientists engaged in agricultural research and overseas Indian scientists working in the area relevant to Indian agriculture are eligible for these awards. The award has been named after Late Sh. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai (1894-1954) who was the president of ICAR from 1952-1954. A total of 82 eligible applications were received in response to the open advertisement and the winners with their contributions are:



The 92nd foundation day and award ceremony of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research was organized in New Delhi on Thursday, 16th July 2020. Contributions from various institutes, scientists and staff of the ICAR were acknowledged by various awards. **Dr Raghavendra Bhatta, Director, ICAR-National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, Bengaluru bagged the prestigious Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for outstanding research in the field of Animal Science for the year 2019.** Dr Bhatta's main work is on the enteric methane emission from Indian Livestock and its amelioration. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, was the chief guest, Shri Parshottam Rupala and Shri Kailash Choudhary, Ministers of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare respectively, were the guests of honour on the occasion. Secretary DARE and DG of ICAR, Dr T Mohapatra, gave a brief account of the ICAR and its achievements.