



Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS)

Announcement

Nominations are invited for 12th Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture. The Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) has instituted an Award in honor of leading Indian Agricultural Scientist, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. This prestigious Award is named as “Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Leadership in Agriculture” and is given annually to a scientist for his/her outstanding life time contributions in agriculture as demonstrated by an impact of his/her work on overall agricultural growth in India and at the global level. The first recipient of the Award was Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, and it was given by the Former Hon’ble President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in March, 2005. The Second Award was presented to another distinguished scientist and World Food Laureate, Dr. G.S. Khush, by the Former Hon’ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, during the International Rice Congress held in New Delhi in October, 2006. The other recipients of the Award were: Dr. S.K. Vasal, a distinguished scientist in the field of Quality Protein Maize (QPM) and also World Food laureate; Dr. Rattan Lal, a renowned Soil Scientist and Director of Carbon Management and Sequestration Center at Ohio State University; Dr. Sanjay Rajaram, an Eminent Wheat Breeder and also a World Food Laureate; Dr. M.C. Saxena, former Assistant Director General, ICARDA, and a leading agronomist; Dr. William D. Dar, former Director General, International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT); Dr. Thomas Lumpkin, former Director General, CIMMYT, Mexico; Dr. (Ms.) Uma Lele, former Senior Advisor, World Bank, and Dr. John Dixon, former Senior Advisor, ACIAR, Australia. Dr Shenggen Fan, Former Director General, IFPRI has been selected for the 11th Award for which the announcement has already been made. However, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the award function could not be organized and the award will now be conferred on him during 2021 when the situation is likely to become normal. TAAS takes this opportunity to seek nominations of eminent persons for the 12th Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award, latest by 31 December 2020 in the prescribed Performa ([nomination form](#)) either by email or hard copy through registered post/courier. The [guidelines](#) for sending nomination are available on [taas website](#). You are also requested to circulate it widely through your network.

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