

Outstanding contribution in the field of Production of Agricultural Implements

Rules for award of the President's Gold Medal and Prizes

The Indian Council of Agriculture Research has sanctioned a scheme for award of the President's Gold Medal and two cash prizes for outstanding contribution in the field of production of agricultural implements. The first prize will be the President's Gold Medal and cash award of Rs. 3000/- and the 2nd prize will be a cash award of Rs. 2000/-. The last date for receipt of entries is 22nd October, 1961. The entries are to be submitted to the State Directors of Agriculture, in quadruplicate, accompanied by an entry fee in the form of Crsded Indian Postal Orders for the amounts specified in the Rules, drawn in favour of the Secretary, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi.

The implements shall be sent by the competitors for preliminary screening and test to the State Agriculture Engineers, at their own cost. The implements passing screening stage will be consigned by the State Agricultural Engineer, for further trials and final inspection, at the cost of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to various Research, Testing and Training Centres in Improved Agricultural Implements :

An *ad-hoc* Committee will be constituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research as and when necessary for giving their final verdict for award of the President's Gold Medal and prizes, to the competitors.

The following rules will govern the competition :

1. (a) There will be two prizes, viz. 1st Prize : A Gold Medal and Rs. 3000/- cash and 2nd prize : Rs. 2000/- cash.
- (b) *Eligibility* : Manufacturers intending to compete for the prize shall be of at least one year's standing

in the line. All outstanding work in the field of agricultural implements done during the period of five years preceding the year of award will be considered. Entries once rejected will not be considered unless the contestant claims any material change in his item.

2. *Entry applications* : Applications in the prescribed form shall be submitted by the competitors to the Council in quadruplicate, through the State Director of Agriculture.

3. *Entry fees* : The following entry fees shall be levied for each item entered for the competition :

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| (i) Hand operated implements (including garden tools) | Rs. 10/- |
| (ii) Animal drawn implements. | Rs. 20/- |

4. *Entry Dates* : The dates of entry for the competition shall be announced every year atleast six months in advance.

5. *Judging* : The prize shall be awarded on the basis of a single item which has been produced in the largest number from amongst the several items of the group entered for the competition. Judging shall be done by a Committee of three persons appointed by the Vice-President, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and consisting of :

- (1) One representative of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research,
- (2) One representative of the manufacturers (who shall not be one of the competitors), and
- (3) One senior Agricultural Engineer from the States.

6. *Place* : The implement shall be sent by the competitor for preliminary screening and test to the State Agricultural Engineer. The forward

freight charges shall be met by the competitor himself. The implement passing screening stage will be consigned, for further trials and final inspection, at the cost of the Council, to the Research Testing and Training Centres in Improved Agricultural Implements at (i) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, (ii) Coimbatore (Madras), (iii) Poona (Maharashtra) and (iv) Burdwan (West Bengal). If the implements are required to be returned to the entrants, the Council may meet the return freight also.

7. *Records* : Competitors shall maintain records of their production and the entry shall be an item of current manufacture of the year and in regular production. The entries shall be submitted through the State Director of Agriculture who will certify the data and particulars entered in the production register of the competitors.

GRAMIN MAHILA SANGH RAJASTHAN

The Gramin Mahila Sangh, Rajasthan, has started a Public Cooperation Centre in the village of Garothi of Jaipur District of Rajasthan from February, 1961. The Bhartiya Gramin Mahila Sangh is an organization established for the uplift of rural women. They invite one and all to visit their village centre at Garothi whenever convenient.

On the 29th March, they held a village workers training camp at Garothi. They trained 35 village ladies of 10 villages around Garothi. Four hundred village women were present on the opening session and took active part in the discussions. The camp was visited by Shri R. N. Mirdha, Speaker, Rajasthan Assembly, the Joint Development Commissioner, the Collector, Ajmer, the Zila Pramukh, Jaipur, etc. All of them stressed the need of such camps in Rajasthan for the uplift of rural women. A cultural programme was held on March 26 and village ladies took active part in it. All India Radio interviewed some of the trainees. The programme was broadcasted on March 27, 28 and 31. A library is also being set up in the Public Cooperation Centre and villagers are taking keen interest in the same.