

FAI AWARDS 2026

The Fertiliser Association of India has instituted various Awards to motivate students, scientists and industry officials to undertake good quality research work on balanced Plant Nutrition. The details are as:

1. Coromandel Plant Nutrition Award

Nature of the Award: Rs. 10,00,000 and a Plaque.

Purpose of the Award: For outstanding Achievements in Research, Extension or Education which focus on efficient and effective management of plant nutrients and their positive interaction in fully integrated crop production, enhancing yield potential and/or improving crop quality.

Eligibility of the Award: Agricultural Scientists, Soil Scientists, Crop Scientists and Horticultural Scientists from all countries are eligible for the award.

How to Apply: PDF file (soft/Electronic copy) of the research work done on Plant Nutrition in the format as given on FAI website www.faidelhi.org duly vetted by the controlling authority of the applicant/ nominated by registered organizations should be mailed to dg@faidelhi.org along with the supporting documents.

2. Award for Excellence for the Best Work done in the field of Plant Nutrition

Nature of the Award: Rs.2,00,000/-, Gold Medal and Citation.

Purpose of the Award: To create incentive for high quality research amongst scientists in India in the field of “Plant Nutrition”.

Eligibility of the Award: All research scientists working in India are eligible for the award. The assessment shall be based on their published research work during last 10 years preceding the year of award.

How to Apply: PDF file (Soft/ Electronic copy) of the research work done during last ten years in the format of the review duly vetted by the controlling authority of applicant should be mailed to ags@faidelhi.org. The PDF of the best 10 papers emanating from the research work submitted for award should also be mailed as a separate file.

Synopsis not exceeding 20 pages (in 1.5 line spacing & 12 font size) should be organised as follows.

- ◆ Introduction clearly bringing out the context of undertaking the research.
- ◆ Brief resume of the salient research achievements corroborated by the publications thereon (citing the references) clearly bringing out advancements in basic/strategic/problem solving/applied research in the form of concepts, technologies developed and patents obtained, etc.
- ◆ Contributions of research on advancements in field of plant nutrition, and its socio-economic relevance.
- ◆ Conclusions listing at least four most important contributions.

References of only those papers cited in the synopsis.

3. Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research in Fertiliser Usage

Nature of the Award: Rs.1,00, 000/-, Gold Medal and Citation.

Purpose of the Award: To motivate high quality fundamental or applied research amongst doctoral students in India in the field of fertilizer usage.

Eligibility of the Award: All doctoral students in India whose “Thesis” have been accepted for the Ph.D. degree during April 2025 to March 2026 are eligible for the award.

How to Apply: Soft copy in PDF format vetted by the Competent Authority in the prescribed form along with PDF of the detailed summary of Ph.D. research work done and a PDF of thesis should be mailed to ags@faidelhi.org. The form can be downloaded from the FAI website www.faidelhi.org.

4. Award on Transfer of Improved Farm Technologies

Nature of the Award: Trophy and Certificate.

Purpose of the Award: To encourage and recognise innovative work on Transfer of Improved Farm Technologies by the fertiliser companies.

Eligibility of the Award: All fertiliser companies in India are eligible for the award. The assessment shall be based on innovative work done in the field of Transfer of Farm Technology during last 5 years preceding the year of award.

How to Apply: PDF of the synopsis along with PDFs of published literature on the innovative work done during the last 5 years should be mailed to ags@faidelhi.org.

5. Award on Production, Promotion and Marketing of Biofertilisers/Organic Fertilisers / City Compost

Nature of the Award: Trophy and Certificate.

Purpose of the Award: To encourage and recognise quality production, promotion and marketing of biofertilisers, organic fertilisers and city compost.

Eligibility of the Award: All biofertilisers/organic fertilisers/city compost producing companies in India are eligible for the award. The assessment shall be based on the information supplied by the company on the prescribed proforma.

How to Apply: Soft copy of PDF of completely filled proforma should be mailed to ags@faidelhi.org. The proforma can be downloaded from the FAI website www.faidelhi.org

6. FAI Award on Application of ICT/Digital Transactions in Agriculture

Nature of the Award: Trophy and Certificate

Purpose of the Award: To encourage and recognise innovative ICT initiatives/Digital Transactions aimed at improving farmers’ awareness/knowledge to increase crop yields and net returns.

Eligibility of the Award: All fertiliser companies in India are eligible for the award. Assessment shall be based on innovative ICT initiatives/digital transactions undertaken by a company in last 3

years. The ICT initiatives should focus on education/extension system; value addition to agriculture, availability and use of weather forecast; education initiatives for farmers with knowledge for understanding and adoption of latest and improved farm practices, and impact assessment of ICT interventions.

How to Apply: Soft copy of PDF of synopsis enumerating the i) Basic Criteria for the ICT initiatives/digital transactions; ii) Details of the interventions used; iii) Technology used and its User-friendliness; iv) Content and Monitoring of the System; v) impact assessment of interventions should be mailed to ags@faidelhi.org. Synopsis should also provide other details as scalability and replicability of the ICT interventions; recognitions and awards; sample case studies with contact details.

7. FAI Award on Promotion and Marketing of Micronutrients

Nature of the Award: Trophy and Certificate

Purpose of the Award: To encourage and recognise the best promoter and marketer of micronutrient fertilizers in India.

Eligibility of the Award: All fertiliser companies and micronutrient manufacturers in India are eligible for the Award. Assessment shall be based on promotion, marketing and business development efforts of micronutrients during the past 5 years.

How to Apply: Application in the PDF format should be mailed to mktg@faidelhi.org, enumerating the significant promotion, marketing and business development work done by the company in the field of micronutrients during the past 5 years.

Last date of receiving the applications for the above awards is 30 September 2026.

Important: Only soft copies of the application in the PDF format will be entertained.

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***Note:* There is no prescribed application format for the awards except for the ones listed at S. No. 1, 3 and 5.**

Application Format for Coromandel Plant Nutrition Award - 2026

1. Name :
2. Date of Birth :
3. Nationality :
4. Contact Address, Email and Mobile Number :
5. Last three professional positions held (including current position) :
6. Highest degree obtained :
7. Membership of professional societies and associations :
8. Honours and awards received :
9. Key professional supporting document (Please provide abstract of maximum of 6 papers and specify if peer reviewed) :
10. Research and innovation in the field of Plant Nutrition done by the applicant (Maximum of 250 words) :
11. Practical implementation of the work done by the applicant on farmers' field (Maximum 250 words) :
12. Contribution to the sustainable development of agriculture in any part of the world (Maximum 250 words). :
13. Number of papers published in refereed journals and presented in conferences. Indicate the subjects and areas of contributions (Maximum 250 words). :
14. Articles / write-ups contributed to the newspapers, community publications for the education and benefit of public. Indicate the subjects and areas of contributions (Maximum 250 words). :
15. Contribution towards atmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat @ 2047 (Maximum 250 words). :
16. Impact of the professional and other work on (Maximum 250 words each) :
 - (i) Policies for fertilizer and agriculture sectors
 - (ii) Environment
 - (iii) Society

Note: Kindly be brief and limit the description to number of words indicated.

9. Title of the Thesis

10. PDF of the **detailed Summary (20-25 pages)** of the thesis under the following headings

- (a) Introduction
- (b) Plan of work
- (c) Summary of results
- (d) Results of practical utility
- (e) Suggestion for future line of work, and
- (f) Abstract

11. PDF of thesis

I confirm that the entries in the form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief

Dated _____

Signature of the candidate _____

Full Name _____

Endorsement / Recommendation by the Research Guide

Dated _____

Signature of the
Research Guide _____

Name _____

Designation _____

CERTIFICATE OF THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT / INSTITUTE

Certified that Dr. _____
was a bonafide student of this Department / Institute / University and has completed all
requirements for the Ph.D. Degree. I recommend his / her thesis to be considered for the said
award.

Dated _____

Signature _____

Designation _____

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PROFORMA

AWARD ON PRODUCTION, PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF BIOFERTILISERS / ORGANIC FERTILIZERS / CITY COMPOST – 2026

1. Name of the Company
2. Location of Plant
3. Product(s) Made: **Biofertilizers** / **Organic Fertilizers** / **City Compost**
4. Product Name:
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
5. Month and year of commencing commercial production.
6. Specify the details about the equipment, number of staff along with their name, designation, qualification, etc.
7. Production technology adopted for different kinds of biofertilisers/organic fertilisers/city compost.
8. Year-wise production of biofertilisers/organic fertilisers / city compost

Year	Productwise Production				% Capacity utilisation
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	Total	
2020-21					
2021-22					
2022-23					
2023-24					
2024-25					
2025-26					

9. Productwise and yearwise sales of biofertilisers/organic fertilisers/ city compost (2020-2021 to 2025-2026).
10. Details of quality control standards and quality checks adopted to maintain the requisite standards during production, marketing and use.
11. Mention present distribution channel. Indicate the problems experience in sales and steps taken to overcome the constraints of marketing channel.
12. Summary of year wise promotional activities (including training of farmers and dealers) undertaken from 2020-2021 to 2025-2026.
13. Details about the R&D infrastructure (Research staff & qualification) and R&D work undertaken to improve the quality of products.
14. Strength of your product(s) of plant.
15. Any other relevant information.
