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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RAMESHWARDAS BIRLA SMARAK KOSH NATIONAL AWARD

The Second Rameshwardas Birla Smarak Kosh National Award of Rupees one lakh awarded to an Indian Working in India for outstanding research in medical or related fields has been given to Prof. G. P. Talwar, Director of the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.

Prof. Talwar has been deeply involved with two major national health problems, fertility and leprosy. He pioneered a new concept of mobilising the body's immune system to counteract important hormones and protein for control of fertility. In leprosy, the work of Prof. Talwar has brought out the basic defect in the immune system of lepromatous leprosy patients.

The first award was given to Prof. V. Ramalingaswami, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

### AWARDS UNDER ISCA YOUNG SCIENTISTS PROGRAMME

Indian Science Congress Association introduced the programme for the benefit of young scientists from the 68th Session of the Science Congress held in January, 1981. The programme enables the young scientists to present their proposed research work with opportunities to exchange ideas in the relevant scientific problems with their counterparts and specialists. The details of the programme are as follows: (i) Only ISCA members are eligible for consideration for the Award; (ii) The upper age limit for the Award is 30 years as on 1st January of the session; (iii) The eligible members desiring to be considered under the programme are required to furnish attested copy of the certificate indicating their age. This certificate could be sent while forwarding papers/abstracts for presentation at the Annual Session of the Science Congress. Full name, designation and address, along with the date of birth and age on the top of the first page of the full paper and on the top of all the three copies of the abstracts, will have to be given; (iv) The papers/abstracts will be screened by the Sectional Presidents and Recorders concerned, with the help of three members of the concerned Sectional Committee (specialists) after their presentation during the session. The concerned Screening Committee will then recommend not more than three names of young scientists in order of preference, along with citations pertaining to the merits of each paper. Final selection will be made by a Committee specially constituted by the General President; (v) The Awards will be announced by the General President at the meeting of the General Committee when the Certificate of Merit and the Cash Award (Rs. 500/-) will be handed over to the recipient with the citation. A further amount of Rs. 2,500/- towards incidentals, etc. will be sent to the Awardees later from the headquarters of the Association. The total number of Awards are twenty; and (vi) The Awardees will be provided with the admissible travelling and daily allowances by the ISCA (second class concessional bothways rail fare + daily allowance of Rs. 20/- for eight days from 2nd to 9th January).

### SOVIET ACADEMY HONOUR FOR SCIENTIST

Dr. O. P. Gautam, Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has been elected a foreign member of the V. I. Lenin All Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences of the Soviet Union. Dr. Gautam is the third Indian Agricultural scientist to have been honoured by the Academy. Dr. B. P. Pal and Dr. M. S. Swaminathan were the other two Indian Scientists.