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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### BORLAUG AWARD

Dr N. S. Subba Rao, Head of the Division of Microbiology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi has been chosen for the prestigious Borlaug award for 1982 for his outstanding contributions on the application of biological nitrogen fixation and biofertiliser technologies for improving agricultural production. Dr Rao has evolved efficient strains of nodule bacteria (rhizobium) for diverse leguminous crops. He has recently developed a new azospirillum

biofertiliser for sorghum and millets. He has carried out fundamental and applied work on soil microbiological research and on soil microbiological problems related to plant growth.

The award, instituted by the Coromandal Fertilisers Limited in honour of the Nobel Laureate, Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, is given to eminent Indian Agricultural Scientists. It carries a gold medal, a citation and a cash award for Rs. 10,000/-.

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### INDIAN SOCIETY OF DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGISTS

The Indian Society of Developmental Biologists with the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India is organising a Developmental Biology Training Course for University and College teachers to familiarise them with the embryonic and postembryonic developmental stages of various animals, and to teach techniques for manipulating the same.

The course will be of one week duration and held at Allahabad in mid-March 1984. The number of par-

ticipants will be restricted to a maximum of 20 only. The participants or their sponsoring institutions will have to bear the expenses for travel of participants but expenses incurred on laboratory materials and food will be borne by the organisers.

All intending participants are requested to write at their earliest and giving their biodata, to the Secretary Indian Society of Developmental Biologists, Dr. Suresh C. Goel, Zoology Department, University of Poona, Poona 411 007.

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