

NEWS

S.R. Sen Prize Endowment Award for the Best Book Published during the years 1995 and 1996

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics is pleased to announce that Dr. Gaurav Datt has been chosen for the first Dr. S.R. Sen Prize Award for his book "Bargaining Power, Wages and Employment: An Analysis of Agricultural Labor Markets in India", adjudged by a Jury of eminent economists as the best book on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development published during 1995 and 1996 by an Indian author below the age of forty-five. The Award of Rs. 15,000/- is funded by an endowment of Rs. One Lakh, given by Dr. Samar Ranjan Sen. Dr. Sen is distinguished for his academic writings on Indian agriculture and for his contributions as administrator, policy maker and diplomat.

The announcement of the Prize Award was made at the 59th Annual General Body Meeting of the Society held at Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) on December 3, 1999.

D.K. Desai Prize Awards for the Best Articles Published in the Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics in 1998

Under the D.K. Desai Prize Award Scheme initiated by the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, six articles published in the three regular issues of the Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics during the year 1998 were considered for prize by the Prize Awards Committee. On the recommendations of the Prize Awards Committee, the Society awarded two prizes of Rs. 1,000/- each to the following full length articles which were adjudged the best under the Agricultural Stream and General Stream.

Agricultural Stream

"Common Property and Private Prosperity: Tanks vs. Private Wells in Tamil Nadu" by K. Palanisami and R. Balasubramanian.

General Stream

"Price and Non-Price Response in Agriculture: An Ecological Model of a Region in India" by Kanchan Chopra and Gopal K. Kadekodi.

60th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics

The 60th Annual (Diamond Jubilee) Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics will be held sometime in November/December 2000 at the Institute for Studies in Population, Agriculture and Rural Change, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, West Bengal. Dr. Dayanatha Jha, Director, National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi has been elected to preside over the Conference. The following subjects have been selected for discussion at the Conference:

1. Contractual Arrangements in Land and Labour Markets in Rural Areas.
2. Forestry and Related Issues.
3. Education, Technology Adoption and Agricultural Productivity.

The Indicative Outlines of these subjects are being circulated to the members and member institutions. Research papers not exceeding 10 pages each (typed in double space on one side only) including tables, annexures, references, etc., are invited for discussion at the Conference. Three copies of the papers, along with Summaries (not exceeding 500 words) should reach the Society's office not later than July 15, 2000. In the case of papers accepted for publication in full length in the Conference Number of the Journal, the authors should e-mail a copy of their papers at: isae@bom7.vsnl.net.in or send the Floppies of their papers in Microsoft Word or Word Perfect 5.1 for quick conversion.

Mechanisation of Punjab Agriculture and Its Impact, edited by T.S. Chahal

The President of the Society, Professor A. Vaidyanathan released the seminar volume: Mechanisation of Punjab Agriculture and Its Impact, edited by Dr. T.S. Chahal, published by Khalsa College, Amritsar, at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society held at Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) on December 3, 1999. The volume includes in addition to the inaugural address and the keynote paper, 16 selected papers and summaries of 18 papers as well as the proceedings of the Seminar organised by the Society in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Economics, Khalsa College, Amritsar-143 002 (Punjab) in April 1995. It is priced at Rs. 300/- per copy and is available from the publishers, Khalsa College at the address given above.

Seminar on "New Options for Hill Agriculture"

It has been proposed to organise a Seminar on "New Options for Hill Agriculture" in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Regional Research Station, Bajaura, Kullu Manali (Himachal Pradesh) on June 16-17, 2000. Professor D.S. Thakur, Associate Director, Research & Extension, Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Regional Research Station, Bajaura, Kullu Manali-175125 (Himachal Pradesh) has undertaken the responsibility of organising the Seminar.

The Seminar will discuss the following four themes relating to hill agriculture: (i) Options for improving resource use efficiency for achieving higher productivity in traditional agriculture and commercial horticulture segments, (ii) Changing composition of labour force and its socio-economic consequences, (iii) Role of marketing as well as processing in stimulating foodgrains production, horticulture, floriculture and vegetable production, and (iv) Assessment of Agriculture Research and Development (R & D) system, its contribution, strengths and weaknesses in relation to special problems of hills and strategies for viable and sustainable development for the 21st century hill agriculture. Research papers focusing on these themes have been invited from identified paper-writers who have done research on the subject, working in universities/research institutions in the hill regions.

Workshop on "Women in Agriculture and Rural Development"

It has been proposed to organise a workshop sometime in May-June 2000 for a few selected paper-writers who contributed papers on "Women in Agriculture and Rural Development" for discussion at the 59th Annual Conference of the Society held at Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur (M.P.) in December 1999. The objective of the workshop is to have a focused and intensive discussion of the selected papers after their revision by the authors on the basis of detailed comments offered by the resource persons.