ANNOUNCEMENT · CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

AVIAN Trust Awards 2026

Honoring excellence in Agriculture, Life Sciences, Biosciences, Environment, Education, Startup Industry

AWARDS CEREMONY
13 December 2026
Sunday

VENUE
Centre of Excellence for FPOs, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot (UHS-B), Bengaluru campus
GKVK Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru – 560065

APPLY BY
20 November 2026
Applications open 15 October

AVIAN Trust (Abraham Verghese Insect and Nature Trust), founded by a group of dedicated naturalists and environmentalists, is committed to strengthening human resource capacity in agriculture, nature conservation, education and ecofriendly pest management practices. A key objective of the Trust is to recognise and reward outstanding contributors across diverse profiles.

Over the past four years (2022–2025), AVIAN Trust has honoured deserving individuals with awards and certificates, fostering a deeper commitment to the biological sciences among students, researchers, educators and professionals.

We are delighted to announce that the **next AVIAN Trust Awards Ceremony** will be held on **13th December 2026** at the **Centre of Excellence for Farmer Producer Organizations, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot (UHS-B), Bengaluru campus GKVK Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560065**. Join us in celebrating the changemakers shaping a sustainable and innovative future. The awards will be presented during a special seminar focused on a theme relevant to trust objectives.

AWARD CATEGORIES, ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION FEES

#	AWARD	ELIGIBILITY	REG FEES
1	**Green Innovation Startup Excellence Award** For emerging startups with outstanding innovation in sustainable science and environmental solutions, including Agriculture, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Renewable Energy, Environmental Sciences, Climate Resilience, Waste Management and related fields.	Incorporated for more than 3 years; profit-making and financially sustainable.	₹10,000
2	**Star Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching** Honouring exceptional educators in Agriculture, Biosciences and allied fields across universities, colleges and schools.	Minimum 5 years of teaching / mentoring experience. Founders of educational institutions are also eligible.	₹5,000
3	**Excellence in Environmental Research Award** For impactful research in Agriculture, Biosciences, Environmental Science and allied fields. Open to govt/private researchers, scientists, environmental conservationists, naturalists, foresters, commercial farmers and popular science writers (in any language).	Applicant aged 40 years or above.	₹5,000
4	**Young Environmentalist Award** For early-career researchers, scientists, naturalists and innovators demonstrating leadership in environmental awareness, conservation and sustainable action. Open to those engaged in research, fieldwork or innovation in biosciences, life sciences, sustainability and commercial farming; YPs, JRFs, SRFs, RAs and young farmers are eligible from Govt, NGO, Pvt sectors.	Below 40 years of age, with at least 2 years' experience.	₹3,500
5	**Best Environmental Student Award** For graduate and postgraduate students with outstanding academic or field contributions in Agriculture, Pharmacy, Animal Health, Life Sciences, Microbiology, the Medical sciences and allied sectors.	Graduate and postgraduate students only. Diploma, pre-university and school students are not eligible.	₹2,000

IMPORTANT DATES

15 Oct 2026	20 Nov 2026	25 Nov 2026	13 Dec 2026
Applications open	Application deadline	Intimation of results	Awards ceremony, Bengaluru

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Only **Indian citizens with a valid mailing address in India** are eligible to apply.
- Incomplete applications will be rejected, late applications will not be considered
- Awards will be decided by a jury of highly qualified experts. Canvassing in any form will lead to disqualification.
- **Registration fees will be refunded to applicants found ineligible**.
- Awards may be received in absentia also.

> **Note:** Proceeds from registration fees are used by AVIAN Trust for environmental conservation activities and for its annual support to rural schools, including books for children and essential office materials such as computers, printers and stationery as per requirement. We also give regular fee consultation and training to horticulture farmers.

Apply now and be recognized for your excellence!

For details and to apply, visit **www.insectenvironment.com**
Apply online through the AVIAN Trust Awards 2026
Google Form: https://forms.gle/NdP4g5xZaJ5poMtr7

GLIMPSES OF PAST CEREMONIES



AVIAN Trust Awards 2022

Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Bengaluru, 17 December 2022. Chief Guests: Dr. J.P. Singh (Plant Protection Advisor, Government of India) and Dr. Sushil S.N. (Director, ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources).



AVIAN Trust Awards 2023

Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Bengaluru, 16 December 2023. Chief Guests: Dr. S.V. Suresha (Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK) and Dr. D.K. Nagaraju (Joint Director, Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Bengaluru).



AVIAN Trust Awards 2024

Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Bengaluru, 21 December 2024. Chief Guests: Dr. K. Gopal (Vice Chancellor, Dr. Y.S.R. Horticultural University) and Dr. K.C. Narayanaswamy (Registrar, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru).



AVIAN Trust Awards 2025

Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Bengaluru, 14 December 2025. Chief Guest: Dr. J.P. Singh (Plant Protection Adviser, Government of India). Guests of Honour: Dr. C.A. Viraktamath and Mr. H. Manjunath, IPS (Deputy Inspector General, CISF Bengaluru).

GLIMPSES OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS (2023-2026)



















