

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Eminent Indian Scientist Dr. S.Ayyappan receives Gujar Mal Modi Award for Innovative Science & Technology 2014**

August 11, 2014, New Delhi: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Late Rai Bahadur Gujar Mal Modi, the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of India, Mr. Radha Mohan Singh today awarded the 'Gujar Mal Modi Award for Innovative Science & Technology 2014' to **Dr. Ayyappan** as one of the most outstanding scientists in the field of Fisheries, Freshwater Aquaculture and Aquatic Microbiology. Dr. Ayyappan is credited with bringing Indian Fisheries to a level of excellence in basic science and fish commercialization unmatched in the world. The award was announced during a ceremony held today at Chinmaya Mission, 89, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The scientist received a cash prize of Rupees two lakh and one thousand, a scroll of honour and a silver shield.

Mr. Radha Mohan Singh on this special occasion congratulated the Gujar Mal Modi Science Foundation for identifying and honoring the talented scientists. "I appreciate the efforts of Gujar Mal Modi Foundation in recognizing the dedication and hard work of scientists. It gives me great pleasure in congratulating Dr. Ayyappan on receiving this award and for his achievements in the field of Fisheries, Freshwater Aquaculture and Aquatic Microbiology."

Dr. Ayyappan, prior to his present assignment as the Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, DARE & Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR, has also served as the Deputy Director General (Fisheries); Director, CIFE; Director, CIFA, Bhubaneswar; Scientist, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore; and as Principal Scientist, in the ICAR system. He is the Founder Chief Executive of the National Fisheries Development Board.

He has been advising the international community, FAO, and other UN agencies on various aspects of fish production and commercialization. He has successfully demonstrated wealth generation through sustainable fish production and shown the path to fight hunger and protein deficiency in the poor and neglected communities.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. S.K. Modi, President of the G.M. Modi Foundation, was full of admiration for the eminent scientist. "Under leadership of Dr. S.Ayyappan the agricultural research and education programmes in our country have received a new direction. His specific areas of research in Fisheries, Freshwater Aquaculture and Aquatic Microbiology are a source of inspiration to the entire young generation of scientists. We, at The Gujar Mal Modi Science Foundation feel honored to recognize such invaluable research of our distinguished scientists and will be committed to carrying forward our efforts and dedication on bringing to light such achievements."

**About the Award:**

*The Gujar Mal Modi Innovative Science and Technology Award is among the highest cash awards in the country in the field of Science and Technology. The award was instituted in 1988 in the memory of one of the great industrialists of India, late Rai Bahadur Gujar Mal Modi. It is given each year to a person who has demonstrated the qualities of excellence and innovation through outstanding research and providing leadership in the development and promotion of Science and Technology in India.*

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