

The members of the Forum usually nominate those who have significantly contributed in fisheries, aquaculture and allied subjects and honour them with K. Chidambaram memorial Award. The award in the form of a memento and certificate, is presented to the winners annually since 1999.

Year	Area of excellence	Awardees
1999	Commercial production of freshwater ornamental fishes	M/s Seed fish India, Poondi, Tamil Nadu
2000	Development of new fast growing fish through genetical manipulation studies for enhancing fish culture production	Dr. P.V.G. Reddy & Team, Scientists, Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
2000	Pioneering commercial production freshwater food fish seeds	Mr. R. Kathiresan, M/s R.K. Fish farm, Orathanadu, Thanjavur dt., Tamil Nadu
2001	Significant contribution for enhanced fish production through R & D programmes	1) Dr. V.V. Sugunan, Principal Scientist, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, West Bengal (Inland capture fisheries) 2) Dr. E. Vivekanandan, Principal Scientist, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, Kerala (Marine capture fisheries)
2002	Innovative approaches in seed production of freshwater fish and prawn seeds	Mr. C.D. Sebastian, M/s Rosen Fisheries, Thirissur, Kerala
2003	Women entrepreneurship in shrimp hatchery	Mrs. R. Usha, M/s Pavithra hatcheries, Marakkanam, Tamil Nadu
2004	Best doctoral thesis in fisheries	Dr. E. Ekambaram, Loyola College, Chennai
2005	Development of ready to consume fishery products	1) Dr. T.K. Srinivasa Gopal, 2) Dr. C.N. Ravisankar & 3) Mrs. J. Bindu, Scientists, Central Institute of Fishery Technology, Kochi, Kerala
2006	Small-scale ornamental fish production	Mr. J. Ashok, Ornamental fish breeder, Kolathur, Chennai
2007	Biotechnological approaches in fisheries	1) Dr. A. Uma, Professor, TANUVAS, Chennai 2) Ms. Bala Subashini, Research Scholar, Dept. of Chemistry, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu
2008	Brackishwater Fisheries Extension	1) Dr. V.S. Chandrasekaran, 2) Dr. M. Kumaran, 3) Dr. K. Ponnusamy & 4) Dr. (Mrs.) B. Shanthi, Principal Scientists, Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai
2009	Women's role in brackishwater fisheries	Dr. D. Deboral Vimala, Principal Scientist, Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai

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2009	Significant contribution in marine ornamental fish seed production	Dr. T.T. Ajith Kumar, Asst. Professor, Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology, Parangipettai, Tamil nadu
2009	1) Short term culture of vanammei in freshwater ponds specifically for local marketing & 2) Eco-friendly tiger shrimp farming on a co-operative basis	1) Mr. J. Sivagnanam, Progressive shrimp farmer from Kattur, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu & 2) Mr. N. Chellappa, Progressive shrimp farmer from Therukkukadu, Thiruvarur district, Tamil Nadu
2014	Pioneering contributors in freshwater and brackishwater culture fisheries	1) Mr. N.S. Kumar, former Asst. director of fisheries, Tamil Nadu-responsible for suitable farm design and lay-out; 2) Mr. R. Suresh Raja, M/s Himalayan Aquafarm, Thittai, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu; 3) Mr. M. Selvam, M/s Tamil Nadu Fish Farm, Palliagraharam, Thanjavur District Tamil Nadu; 4) Mr. S. Pugalendhi, M/s Chola fish farm, Vaduvor, Thiruvarur District Tamil Nadu
2015	Development of Value-Added Fisheries Products	1) Dr. Suseela Mathew, Principal Scientist, 2) Dr. R. Anandan, Principal Scientist, 3) Dr. A.A. Zynudheen, Principal Scientist, 4) Dr. George Ninan, Principal Scientist, 5) Dr. K.K. Asha, Senior Scientist & 6) Dr. Niladri. S. Chatterjee, Scientist, Central Institute of Fishery Technology, Kochi, Kerala
2015	Development of Technology for Broodstock Development, Seed Production, Nursery Rearing and Grow-out Culture of Asian Sea Bass (<i>Lates calcarifer</i> Bloch)	1) Dr. M. Kailasam, Principal Scientist, 2) Dr. Gouranga Biswas, Senior Scientist, 3) Dr. Krishna Sukumaran, Scientist, 4) Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist, 5) Dr. R. Subburaj, Technical Officer, 6) Mr. G. Thiagarajan, Technical Assistant & 7) Mr. Mr. K. Karaiyan, Technical Assistant, Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai
2016	Innovative Fish/shrimp farming	1) Mr. R. Ravichandran, M/s Aravindh Fish Farm, Thirumenierie, Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu, 2) Mr. M. Sivakumar, Pallavarayankudikadu, Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu & 3) Mr. Mr. S. Ali Hussain, M/s Bismi Prawn Farms Pvt Ltd., Bismi Hatchery, Bismi Feeds Pvt Ltd., & Bismi Fisheries Pvt. Ltd. in Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu

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2017	Development of technology in captive breeding and seed production of the Exotic Fish Nile Tilapia for increased commercial fish production	Mr. S. Vaitheeswaran & Mr. S. Alagu Ravi, M/s Svava Biotechnovations, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
2017	Development of technology and its transfer to the end-users through the training and consultancy	Dr. P. Elancheran, M/s Allwin Aquatech Shrimp Hatchery, Marakkanam, Tamil Nadu
2018	Production of probiotics, immunostimulants and feed attractants for eco-friendly shrimp farming	Dr. S. Ramakrishnan & Dr. R. Singaravel, Directors, M/s Aquacare Biologicals Pvt. Ltd., Chennai
2018	Role-model and entrepreneurship in popularizing fresh tuna products	Mrs. M. Anitha Muthuvel and Mr. Muthuvel, M/s. Aurofish, Puducherry
2019	Development of Biotechnological viable commercial products, especially for detection and prevention of viral diseases in the cultured shrimps and prawns in India and other parts of the world	Dr. A. Sait Sahul Hameed, D.Sc., Former Associate Professor of Zoology, C. Abdul Hakeem College, Melvisharam - 632 509, Ranipet District, Tamil Nadu & Coordinator, Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory (NABL Accredited) & OIE Reference Laboratory
2019	Outstanding contribution of Biotechnological Approaches in Aquaculture.	Dr. K. Karal Marx, Former Professor, Directorate of Incubation and Vocational Training in Aquaculture, Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalitha Fisheries University, Tamil Nadu
2019	Outstanding contribution in Plant Microbiology.	Dr. N. Thajuddin, M.Sc., Ph.D., Professor, Department of Microbiology & Chair, School of Life Sciences, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
2020	innovative and productive technologies in breeding, hatchery seed and grow-out of snakehead fish - murrels	Dr. A. Senthilkumar, M.B.B.S., Director, Dr. Senthil Advanced Science (OPC) Pvt. Ltd., Kanjamanathan Pettai, Kurinjipadi Taluk, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu
2020	Major role in enhancement of livelihood options and socio-economics of coastal rural fisherfolks of India	Dr. S. Velvizhi, M.Sc., Ph.D. Principal Scientist, Fish for All Research and Training Centre, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Poombuhar, Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu
2020	Innovative designing of indigenous fishing gears for enhanced marine fish harvest	Dr. N. Neethiselvan, M.F.Sc., Ph.D. Director, Directorate of Incubation and Vocational Training in Fisheries, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu
2020	Developing technology in organic shrimp production and demonstration of native penaeid shrimp for higher production in different ecological and climatological conditions of Indian coastal areas	Dr. Akshaya Panigrahi, M.Sc., Ph.D. Principal Scientist, ICAR-Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai

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2021	Significant contribution in Administrative Management of Inland and Marine Fisheries of Tamil Nadu and World Bank Assisted Projects on Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water-Bodies Restoration and Management (IAMWARM) and Fisheries Management for Sustainable Livelihoods (FIMSUL)	Dr. S. Noorjehan Beevi, M.F.Sc., Ph.D., Additional Director of Fisheries, Commissionerate of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
2021	Significant service in Sustainable Shrimp farming in India/abroad and providing employment opportunities to students graduated in aquaculture in Indian Brackishwater Culture System	Dr. N. Inayathullah, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., M.B.A., M/s Shrimp Care Solutions, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu
2021	Commendable contribution to Freshwater and Brackishwater fish broodstock development, hatchery seed production and sustainable aquaculture through genetic improvement & biotechnology applications	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Sundaray, M. Sc., Ph.D., Principal Scientist & Former Director, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Kausalyaganga, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
2021	Innovative Mangrove integrated tide-fed race-way aquaculture system for Asian Seabass (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>) enhanced production	Mr. K. Ilanchellian, M.Sc., M.Phil., M/s S.S.S. Marine Fish Farms, Puliyanthurai of Sirkali Taluk, Mayiladuthurai District, Tamil Nadu
2022	Establishing a large scale sustainable shrimp farming through best management practices, for uplifting the economy of coastal rural population of Gujarat during the last three decades	Dr. Manoj M. Sharma, M.F. Sc., Ph.D., Director, Mayank Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd, Surat, Gujarat
2022	Commendable contribution as a faculty of Fisheries Education, especially in Fish Nutrition and Finfish & Shellfish Aquaculture	Dr. N. Felix, M.F. Sc., Ph.D., Director, Directorate of Incubation and Vocational Training in Aquaculture & Registrar, Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu
2022	Commendable contribution in Research & Development Programmes of Marine Plankton	Dr. P. Santhanam, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu

Remarks

Category-wise:

Fish/Shrimp farmers:	24
Fish processors:	2
Fisheries administrators:	1
Fisheries Scientists:	30
Fisheries technical officers:	3
Professors:	7
Postgraduate students:	2
Ladies among the awardees:	11

This award has helped and elevated many awardees in their career and life: some to Director of national fisheries institutions, Director General of an autonomous body and many got promotion and few in foreign assignment. Thus, the objective of the Award of the Forum has been full-filled in recognizing the talented Indian fisheries personnel.