

Scheme of National Award

Aim and objective

Coconut Development Board has instituted a biennial National Award scheme to recognize and promote excellence in coconut cultivation, innovative methods in coconut farming, product development, product and quality improvement, product diversification and extension activities. The award categories are as under:

	Award Category	Cash Prize
1.	The Best Coconut Farmer (i) National Level	Rs. 50,000/-
	(ii) South West - (Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondicheri, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep) (a) Big farmers – having coconut cultivation above 1 ha (b) Small farmers – having coconut cultivation upto 1 ha	Rs. 25,000/- Rs. 25,000/-
	(iii) East & North East Region <i>(all other states which are not grouped under the South West Region)</i> (a) Big farmers – having coconut cultivation above 1 ha (b) Small farmers – having coconut cultivation upto 1 ha	Rs. 25,000/- Rs. 25,000/-
2.	The Best Coconut Processor (i) Food products/Non Food products (ii) Non-conventional coconut products	Rs. 50,000/- Rs. 50,000/-
3.	The Best Coconut Research Worker (i) Findings on coconut product (ii) Machinery / Equipment Development	Rs. 50,000/- Rs. 50,000/-
4.	The Best Master Craftsman Manufacturing Coconut Based Handicrafts (i) Master Craftsman (Large Scale Category) (ii) Master Craftsman (Small Scale Category)	Rs. 50,000/- Rs. 25,000/-
5.	The Best Coconut Extension Personnel in Coconut Development	Rs. 50,000/-
6.	The Best Co-operative Society / NGO in Coconut Development	Rs. 50,000/-
7.	The Best Palm Climber (i) Climber using traditional methods- Male (ii) Climber using traditional methods- Female (iii) Coconut climbers under FoCT scheme of CDB - Male (iv) Coconut climbers under FoCT scheme of CDB - Female (v) The Best Neera Technician –All India.	Rs. 25,000/- Rs. 25,000/- Rs. 25,000/- Rs. 25,000/- Rs. 25,000/-
8.	The Best Coconut Producer's Federation	Rs. 50,000/-
9.	The Best Coconut Processing Unit Managed by Women	Rs. 25,000/-
10.	The Best DSP Farm of CDB	Rs. 5,00,000/-

General terms and conditions for scheme of National Award

1. The nominee / applicant should be an Indian citizen and a resident of India.
2. The application form for National Awards will be available at various offices of the Board and office of the Director of Horticulture/Agriculture in coconut growing states or can be downloaded from the Board's website. The applications for the best farmer award shall be submitted to the Directors of Agriculture / Horticulture of the States concerned. The application for the best palm climber shall be forwarded after conducting competitions and selection at the state level. In the case of other categories the application can be sent directly to the Chairman, Coconut Development Board, Kochi.
3. The awardees will be selected by an Expert Committee nominated by the Chairman, Coconut Development Board.
4. The nominee/applicant shall extend all facilities for the inspection of the unit / garden by the selection committee during the selection process.
5. The Chairman, Coconut Development Board reserves the right to cancel the award in the absence of sufficient and suitable applications worthy of an award.
6. Paper cuttings, photographs, video clippings, testimonials, etc. may be submitted to support the nominee's/ applicant's experience and excellence in the line.
7. The nominee's / applicant's bio data with a passport size photograph along with the application has to be submitted.
8. The applicant / nominee should not be a defaulter of income tax / sales tax / VAT payable to the Govt.
9. The Selection Committee shall recommend Consolation Prizes in case there are entries, which demonstrate a high level of talent, entrepreneurship and innovativeness, which needs to be encouraged and recognized. The Consolation Prize shall consist of a suitable cash award and a certificate.
10. The last date for receiving nomination / application for the best coconut farmer award by the State Director of Agriculture / Horticulture is The State Department of Agriculture/Horticulture will prepare a short list of 3 farmers and send to the Coconut Development Board on or before
11. Nomination / application for all other awards may be sent to the Chairman, Coconut Development Board, Kera Bhavan, Kochi - 682 011 on or before 5 pm on 30th June 2019 in the prescribed form.

Each category is having specific and separate guidelines. (Prize money will be revised in the next National Award.)