



NAVS (I)-Dr. VALLABH MANDOKHOT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMAN VETERINARIAN

DESCRIPTION AND RULES

1. **Name of the Award:** NAVS (I)-Dr. Vallabh Mandokhot Memorial Award
For Outstanding Young Woman Veterinarian
2. **Sponsorship:** Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Vallabh Mandokhot, NAVS (I) Fellow and an eminent Veterinary Virologist, who retired as Professor of Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology, CCS HAU, Hisar, desires to institute an award in the loving memory of her husband **Late Dr. Vallabh Madhaorao Mandokhot**. Dr. Vallabh Mandokhot retired as Professor, Animal Nutrition, CCS HAU Hisar. Towards this, she has donated Rs. Ten Lakh to the Academy as the **Corpus Money** for the award. The interest generated out of this corpus money (Fixed Deposit) would be utilized for the cash award. Any spill over in the annual interest (total interest generated minus award money) will be ploughed back to the Corpus. Commencing calendar year for the award is planned to be 2020.
3. **Background of the Award:** Dr. Vallabh Mandokhot was a passionate teacher and good human being. He well appreciated perseverance amongst women to acquire higher education, qualification and subject experience. In fact, with his constant encouragement and positive attitude, his wife, Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Vallabh Mandokhot furthered her post-graduate studies in Veterinary Sciences and took up various subject related assignments in India and abroad. To keep her husband's cherished desire, she and her family wish to recognize a talented and outstanding young woman veterinarian, who has shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their research/field-work project(s).
4. **Objectives of the Award:** The award has been instituted to encourage young women veterinarians to 'go forth and seek' and 'keep up 'the good work done.

Hopefully, this noble step would encourage young women veterinarians to take initiative and rededicate themselves to up-lift the poor livestock-farmers through innovative and pioneering research/field-work. The applicants should have exceptional creativity based on a track record of significant contribution to research or field-work. Their expertise and work shall have the potential to facilitate its use to further:

- (a) High-quality research/field-work
- (b) Impact on field with innovative solutions in their areas of specialization
- (c) Impact on industry

5. **Nature of the Award:** The award is exclusively meant for individual young woman in Veterinary Sciences. The eligible candidates will be selected for the award out of any of the disciplines of Veterinary Sciences. It will be awarded to a young woman veterinary scientist or field-worker in alternate years. e.g., beginning with calendar year 2020 (even year), the first award calendar year, it will be awarded to a young woman veterinary scientist. In the subsequent year (odd year), a young woman veterinary field-worker will be honoured.

6. Only **one award** will be presented annually. Each award will consist of a **Citation/Scroll and Cash Prize of Rs 41,000/- (Rupees Forty One Thousand only)**. The controlling authority (NAVS (I)) will ensure that the award money does not deplete the **corpus** in the Fixed Deposit. The total award amount may be increased by a sum of Rs. 5,000/- every three years provided the total revised award amount never exceeds the interest accrued minus Rs. 5,000/-.

7. **Eligibility Criteria:** Indian women veterinarians, holding Indian citizenship, possessing following minimum mandatory qualifications are eligible for this award: -

- (a) With minimum MVSc qualification in any discipline
- (b) **Age limit** : Maximum 50 years as on 31stDecember of the year of award.
- (c) **Experience**: More than or equal to 10 years. She should be employed with Veterinary College/University, Animal Husbandry Department (Govt of India/State Govt), Pharmaceutical Industry, Organizations engaged in Field-work, etc.

- (d) **Qualifying Research/Field Work:** The research/field-work must be original and must have been conducted under an integrated, well-focused, research programme /project in India. There should be creative contributions in advancement of veterinary science concepts, development of new technology/diagnostic tools, control of livestock diseases and enhancement of productivity, profitability and sustainability of Indian livestock farmers. The research work carried out for MVSc and or PhD degree will also be considered for this award.

8. **Process of Award**

(a) **Application Format**

- (i) **Part - I:** Declaration by the candidate, general information and specific information along with supporting Annexure(s).
- (ii) **Part - II:** Score assessment sections including score card and an essay by the candidate.

Note: *Score-card for Outstanding Young Woman Veterinarian (Scientist) is placed at Annexure I. Annexure II - Score-cards for Outstanding Young Woman Veterinarian (Field-worker) is under formulation and will be issued post finalization by 31 Dec 2020.*

- (b) **Judging Committee.** The President, NAVS (I), in consultation with Vice-President and Secretary General will appoint a committee to evaluate eligibility and merit of the applicants based on attached score card. The Judging Committee will have total of five members. The composition will be as follows: -

- (i) Including the Chairperson, three members from the NAVS(I) Governing Council.
- (ii) One eminent scientist (NAVS Fellow), who is not a GC member with high credibility and good spoken reputation, to be appointed by the President NAVS(I).
- (iii) Dr.(Mrs.)Usha Vallabh Mandokhot or her representative.

(c) **Actions by**

- (i) **The Applicants.** Applications for the award will be invited during the month of July of the award year. Prospective candidates for the award may apply on their own with appropriate recommendations by two

NAVS(I) Fellows. The applications are to be made in 'hard copy' in the prescribed '**Application form**', obtained from the office of NAVS(I), New Delhi or downloaded from its website (<http://www.navsindia.org/>). Applications will be accepted up to the end of August or specified date, mentioned in the advertisement for the award.

Note: *For the first year of award, the applications can be accepted up to the date decided by NAVS (I) awards.*

(ii) **The Judging Committee.** The committee will screen the applications, identify outstanding entries, prepare merit list with scores obtained by each applicant and submit the same to Secretary General. On receipt of merit list and evaluated applications, the Secretary General will make it sure that proper procedure has been followed and submit the list to the President who will be the final authority for approval of the award.

Note: *If none of the candidate scores the minimum stipulated 60% marks, the President will take a call in consultation with Vice-President, Secretary General and Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Vallabh Mandokhot as to if the award would be given during that year **or not.***

9. Presentation

(a) **Declaration of Award:** The recipient of the award will be intimated in advance (through e-mail and mobile) so that she can plan her journey accordingly. The details of the Awardee will also be uploaded on the Academy website (<http://www.navsindia.org/>). Intimation of the selected candidate will also be sent to Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Vallabh Mandokhot by e-mail on ushamandokhot@gmail.com.

(b) **Presentation by Awardee:** The recipient may be invited to present the research/field-work and her journey that led to the award during one of the technical sessions. She may also be given an opportunity to write an article in the annual NAVS (I) magazine/journal/news letter.

Note: *This activity is proposed as an encouragement to the awardee (and other women veterinarians) as an opportunity to present their data in an appropriate forum amongst the well qualified delegates.*

(c) Presentation Ceremony: The presentation of award will be made during NAVS (I) annual convocation. Before presentation of this award, a brief (~ 3 minutes) about late Dr. Vallabh Mandokhot will be read. This will be followed by a short brief (~ 2 minutes) on the accomplishments of the Awardee. It shall be jointly presented by the Chief Guest/President of the Academy and Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Vallabh Mandokhot. In absence/inability of Dr. Usha Vallabh Mandokhot to present herself, it shall be presented by the sitting President of NAVS(I) or the Chief Guest of the function as may be deemed appropriate.

10. Award & Accommodation:

(a) Award: A candidate with highest score (**not less than 70% marks**) will be presented a Citation/Scroll along with the Cash Prize out of interest generated from the exclusive Fixed Deposit opened from the money donated by Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Vallabh Mandokhot (as discussed under point 6 above)..

(b) Accommodation: On request of the recipient, arrangements for boarding, lodging and local transport during the convocation can be clubbed with the arrangements for the attending delegates of convocation. The boarding, lodging and local transport for the awardee will be hosted by NAVS (I)/Organizers.
