

UNDP Award received by ICAR-IIOR

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad received the prestigious UNDP award as runner up under the category "Successful Mechanisms/Models for Access and Benefit Sharing" at the "India Biodiversity Awards 2016" function held at Yashwant Rao Chavan Auditorium, Mumbai on 22 May, 2016 in connection with the national level celebrations of the "International Day for Biological Diversity 2016". Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. CH. Vidyasagar Rao was the Chief Guest and Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change presided over the event. The function was organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, through the National Biodiversity Authority with support from the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board, in partnership with United Nations Development Programme. The award is given for efforts resulting in equitable sharing of benefits (monetary and/ or nonmonetary) arising from the utilisation of bioresources and associated traditional knowledge and practices.

ICAR-IIOR has been selected for the award for its pro-active initiative in following guidelines as per Biodiversity act in accessing biological resources, obtaining prior approvals before filing patents or licensing of technologies developed out of bio resources and to share part of the license fee with village level Biodiversity Management Committees through State Biodiversity Boards (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (BT-1), *Trichoderma viride* B-16, *Trichoderma harzianum*, Th4d technologies with the Biodiversity Management Committees of Kothakota, Mahabubnagar district, Kothagudem, Nalgonda district of Telangana and Gurajala, Guntur district of A.P respectively from where the strains were isolated. The award application process is being facilitated by the Telangana State Biodiversity Board.

Information posted on UNDP-India website for IIOR:

Runner up

Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research

Developing ecofriendly and nontoxic biopesticides that only attacks its target insect, pest or disease without harming any other biological specie. These biopesticides are also available at an affordable price



