

Given at the hands of Dr. H.P. Singh, Dy. Director General (Horti.), ICAR. Received by Bhavarlal H. Jain



Association for the Improvement in Production and Utilization of Banana

'Lifetime Achievement Award'

Citation

Dr. Bhavarlal Hiralal Jain was born in 1937 in a farmer's family at Wakod, near Jalgaon in Maharashtra. He started his career as an enterprising businessman, with a vision to provide direction for the welfare

of farmers. Entering the business of papain production with modem techniques, he envisioned the need for conserving water and energy. Accordingly, he adopted the business of micro irrigation. In tissue culture of banana, he has shown how in-vitro propagated banana plants coupled with fertigation can change the production system and benefit the farmers. Shri Jain also pioneered in creating modem processing facilities for vegetable dehydration and fruit pulp extraction. And the company under his visionary leadership has got appreciation across the globe. His work has not only enhanced the production and productivity of horticultural crops, but also helped the country to get the numero uno position in processed products. He is an accomplished and enlightened entrepreneur who takes every idea to its logical conclusion. Conservation of natural resources and service to the mankind has remained his ideals. For him, creation of wealth and surplus is only an effective means of contribution to human progress and not an end in itself. For him, work is the central value. He wants to reach mankind through his work.

Shri Jain has been conferred with many awards and honours including honorary D.Sc. from Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Maharashtra; Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur,

Rajasthan; Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore and honorary D. Litt. from North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra. His innovative contribution to agriculture was recognized by a grateful nation which conferred on him the 'Padma Shri' award in 2008.

The "Association for the Improvement in Production and Utilization of Banana" is honoured to confer the 'Life Time Achievement Award' to Dr. Bhavarlal Hiralal Jain for his outstanding contribution and visionary leadership to agriculture in general and banana cultivation in particular on this 3rd day of October, 2009 at Jalgaon, India.

Dr. P. Sundar Raju, Gen. Secretary

Dr. H. P. Singh,
President