

Announcing the fourth **DR. S JONES MEMORIAL PRIZE**

The Marine Biological Association of India invites applications from Indian Scientists, Researchers who have made substantial contributions in Marine Biology/ Marine Fisheries for the fourth Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize. This triennial award will carry a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- a medallion and a Citation.

Further details are given in the Guidelines and on the website www.mbai.org.in

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GUIDELINES

DR. S JONES MEMORIAL PRIZE

1. The prize will be known as Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize.
2. **Description**
This triennial award is instituted by the Marine Biological Association of India to honour a Scientist who has made outstanding contributions to Marine Biology.
3. **Prize**
The prize will carry a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a medallion and a Citation.
4. **Eligibility**
Any Indian National who has made outstanding contribution in Marine Biology/ Marine Fisheries is eligible for this prize.
5. **Method of Selection**
The Society will announce the award once in three years and will invite nominations for consideration. This announcement will be given maximum publicity among all individuals /institutions/ organizations interested in marine biology and fisheries. Any interested individual can propose his own name or the name of any other individual who, he thinks has made outstanding contributions in any field directly related to marine biology and fisheries for consideration for the prize.
6. **How to apply**
Applications should be accompanied by a brief bio-data of the nominee and a short lucid write up describing the essential details of the award-worthy contribution made by the individual. The biodata and the facts mentioned in the write up should be authenticated with proper documents. Recognition of the contribution, by reputed international organization /professional societies/scientific journals etc. will be given due consideration. The biodata should give all relevant particulars about his career, achievements, list of publications including bulletins, books etc. Impact of research work in supporting the livelihoods of fishers should be highlighted. This information can be given in any proforma designed by the sponsor himself, but should give all relevant points clearly and unambiguously and should be accompanied by all necessary supporting documents.

7. **Prize Selection/ Search Committee**

This committee will consist of 5 members. The President, or his nominee, one of the Vice Presidents, the Secretary (or his nominee) of the MBAI will be ex-officio Committee members. The other non official members will be selected by the Executive Committee.

8. The members of the prize/Search Committee shall not be eligible for the prize for the period for which they serve as members of the Committee.
9. The Committee shall give a report to the Executive Committee giving the essential details of all candidates whose nominations were considered and the candidate recommended for the prize. The report may highlight the reasons why the particular person was selected for the prize and may suggest the wordings to be included in the citation to be presented along with the prize. The Committee on its own can also search for eminent researchers in the field, request their application and further consider them for the prize.
10. The committee may recommend one or two alternative names also for the consideration of the Executive Committee.
11. The Executive Committee of the MBAI will make the final decision on the prize to be given for each period.
12. The prize shall be presented to the awardee at the General Body Meeting to be arranged at a suitable time and venue fixed by the Executive Committee of the MBAI. The awardee has to deliver a talk on his/her work on the same day.
13. TA/DA for the person nominated for the prize shall be borne by the MBAI. Mode of journey accommodation etc. shall be decided by the Executive Committee and communicated along with the offer of prize.
14. No member (other than the officio members) shall serve in the committee for more than two consecutive terms.
15. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final on any matters concerning this prize, which are not covered by the above regulations.

(Rekha J. Nair)
Secretary, MBAI

Last date for receiving the application is 02nd October, 2025