



PSI-Prabhakar Vishwanath Dehadrai Medal

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Preamble

The Award was instituted by the family of the **Late Mr. Prabhakar Vishwanath Dehadrai**, who was born on 23 March 1923 and was an accomplished oil and gas exploration geologist. He received his university education at the Banaras Hindu University, where he qualified in geology as his main subject. After completing his studies, he briefly served the Sagar University, now known as Dr. Hari Singh Gaur University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. He attended the University of Cardiff in Wales, UK. On his return, he joined the Oil and Natural Gas Commission as a geologist and remained with ONGC until his retirement as Director. After superannuation, he relocated to New Delhi and remained there until the end. To perpetuate his memory and contributions to the Indian energy and power sector, his family has instituted the Shri Prabhakar Vishwanath Dehadrai Memorial Gold Medal at the Department of Geology, BHU. The family desires to establish another Medal in the name of the Late Shri Prabhakar Vishwanath Dehadrai and chose the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow, to confer this medal annually.

The award shall be named the PSI-Prabhakar Vishwanath Dehadrai Medal for energy and power sector research contributions. Shri Anant Prabhakar Dehadrai, his son, has donated an amount of ₹2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs only) to the Palaeontological Society of India, Lucknow, as the corpus for the Medal. **The Medal shall be bestowed upon an accomplished Indian researcher in recognition of his/her outstanding contributions in oil palynology/coal petrology/maturation studies/oil field biostratigraphy/Oil Shale studies on Indian material during each calendar year.**

Regulations

The Award shall be known as the **PSI-Prabhakar Vishwanath Dehadrai Medal**. It will carry a Medal and a citation. It will be bestowed **every alternate year** to an Indian Researcher, not exceeding **45 years of age (as on 31st March of the year of award)**, who has made outstanding contributions in the **fields of oil palynology/coal petrology/maturation studies/oil field biostratigraphy/Oil Shale studies on Indian material as reflected by publications of papers in only SCI journals in field of specialization of the award**. Any year, if there is a 'no award' decision (i.e., no qualified candidate), the award may be deferred.

The announcement calling for nominations will be published in the December issue of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India, posted on the Society's website, and widely circulated. The last date for receipt of nominations is 31st May of the award year.

Scientists, academicians, and researchers with substantial publications in reputable scientific journals can be nominated. Fellows of the Palaeontological Society of



India and Heads of institutions or organisations involved in the research can also make nominations.

The procedure for selection of the awardee (only one per year and not to be shared) shall be governed by following:

- i. The Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India will take decisions on the award. If required, will form an Advisory Committee of three (3) experts to recommend a selected nominee for the award to the Executive Council of the Society.
- ii. The suitability of nominees will be evaluated based on the impact of their published work in journals of international repute over the last five (5) years.
- iii. The recipient's name shall be made public by the Secretary of the PSI.
- iv. The President of the PSI shall present the Gold Medal award to the awardee at the formal presentation ceremony during the Annual General Body Meeting of the PSI. At the ceremony, a citation of the awardee's works will also be read out.
- v. Once nominated, a candidate may be eligible for renomination for the award next time as well if found suitable. However, such a candidate must resubmit a revised resume with associated details, as required.
- vi. In the case of multi-authored research work, only the applicant will be bestowed with the Medal.
- vii. If no candidate is found suitable or available for the award in a particular year, the award will be deferred to the following alternate year.

The Palaeontological Society of India shall have the power to alter the conditions in the above guidelines except changing the award's name, scrapping it in totality, constitution of the selection committee or merging with any other award. Similarly, specialisation in oil palynology, coal petrology, maturation studies, oil field biostratigraphy, and oil Shale studies is not negotiable.