

## NEWS

### Awards/Honours

- Dr. B.K. Kikani, Plant Pathologist has taken over as Vice Chancellor of newly established Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh (Gujarat).
- Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, Professor, Deptt. of Botany, University of North Bengal, Siliguri has taken over as Dean, Faculty of Sciences from December 12, 2005.
- Dr. Jamaluddin, Scientist-G and Head, Forest Pathology and Group Coordinator (Research), TFRI, Jabalpur has been awarded "Vishist Vygyanik Puraskar" by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of Forest Pathology and has also been awarded "ICFRE Award of Excellence" by Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun for researches on tree diseases.
- Dr. V. B. Hosagoudar has been appointed as Head, Microbiology Division, Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Palode, Kerala.
- Dr. Shamarao Jahagirdar, Scientist (Plant Pathology) ARS, Nipani, Karnataka has been awarded "Crop Research Award-2004" by Gaurav Society of Agricultural Research Information Center, Hisar and "NESA Junior Scientist Award-2004" by National Environmental Science Academy, New Delhi.
- Dr. (Mrs.) S.K. Prashanthi Asstt. Professor (Plant Pathology), UAS, Dharwad has been awarded "Smt. Guman Devi Verma Memorial Woman Scientist Award" for presenting the paper on "The Mycolflora of eupatorium (*Chromolaena odorata* K & R) Weed and their Mycoherbicidal Potentiality for management of eupatorium weed" in Global Conference-II on "Plant Health : Global Wealth" organized by Indian Society of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Udaipur w.e.f. November 25-29, 2005.

### Foreign visits

- Dr. P. Sreerama Kumar, Senior Scientist, Project Directorate of Biological Control, Bangalore, presented a poster entitled "*Puccinia spegazzinii* for the classical biological control of *Mikania micrantha* in India" at the "International Conference: Pathways out of Poverty" held at the Homerton College, Cambridge, United Kingdom (UK), from 22-23 September 2005 organized by the Association of Applied Biologists in conjunction with the UK Department for International Development. He also visited CABI Bioscience, UK Centre (Ascot), Ascot, Berkshire, UK for discussions on collaborative projects on biological control of weeds with pathogens".
- Dr. Shamarao Jahagirdar, Scientist (Plant Pathology) ARS, Nipani, Karnataka visited Israel under MASHAV fellowship programme and undergone International Training Programme on Research & Development - New Concepts in Integrated Pest Management held at Bet Dagan, Israel from 14.06.05 to 07.07.05 and also visited six experimtnal research stations of Israel and interacted with scientists and growers on aspects of IPM-biological control.

### Necrology

- Prof. O.P. Mall, Botany Department, Science College, Vikram University, Ujjain (M.P.) passed away for his heavenly abode on October 11, 2005.
- Dr. M. R. Sharma, former Professor of Botany, DAV College, Dehradun passed away for his heavenly abode on October 21, 2005.

### Book Published

"Diseases of fruits and plantation crops and their management : A modern perspective" by Drs. Shamarao Jahagirdar, M.R. Ravikumar and Srikant Kulkarni published by International Book Distributors, Dehradun (2005).

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**Errata**

Typographical/printing errors is regretted in "Tribute to founder member ....." Vol. 58 (3): 2005.