

**Himalayan Phytopathological Society,  
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Forestry, Nauni, Solan – 173230 (H.P.)**

**Dr R.L. MUNJAL BEST THESIS AWARD**

Himalayan Phytopathological Society formed in 2016, is engaged in organizing various activities like Workshops, brain storming sessions, guest lectures, field visits for farmer-scientist interaction, excursion visits, publication of News Letter etc. to further the science and technology output out of plant pathology. The Society is jubilant with the successful organization of a National Workshop on the theme of '**Advances in Disease management Technologies in Horticultural Crops**' last year on December 7 and 8, 2016 in the University campus at Nauni. The Society in its inaugural year had taken another major initiative by starting an annual Dr R.L. Munjal Memorial Best Ph.D. Thesis Research Award which has been instituted by Dr B.C. Suman- our former Professor and Head and alumnus of this department for salient Ph.D. research work which has promising effect for uplifting the economy of the farmers in the hilly States of the country. The award is in the name of Dr R.L. Munjal- our former Head of the Department and scientist of international repute who contributed immensely with his scientific acumen for laying a sound foundation of this Department. In the second year of its inception, applications are invited for this award and the broad guidelines of the award are as follows:

- The name of the award is Dr R.L. Munjal Memorial Best Ph.D. Thesis Research Award.
- The award is annual with initial amount of Rs. 10,000/-, citation, shawl and cap to be given by the Himalayan Phytopathological Society.
- The award is open to all the Ph.D. theses submitted during the last 3 years in the field of Mycology and Plant Pathology.
- The work of the Ph.D. thesis should related to or have imminent impact on the economy of the farmers in the hilly States of the country.
- Applicants should submit the hard copy/ soft copy of the thesis along with copy of the research papers out of the thesis and academic career of the applicant. In addition, the applicant should justify his work in approximately 500 words, in the context of the objectives of the award.
- Applications for the award will be evaluated by a committee comprising of three eminent scientists of Plant Pathology to be headed by a scientist from outside the Department to be nominated by the executive of the Society.
- The main criterion for the selection will be the quality of the contents in relation to objectives of the award, quality of publications and academic career of the applicant.
- Applications should reach us by 10.10.2017 through post addressed to the undersigned or through e-mail at [hrg\\_mpp@yahoo.com](mailto:hrg_mpp@yahoo.com). The selected awardee will be informed through telephone and e-mail and the award will be presented on 27.10.2017 during the inaugural ceremony of National Symposium being organized by this Department on October 27-28, 2017 at the main campus of the University.

Secretary,  
Himalayan Phytopathological Society