

# Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya Pundibari, Cooch Behar

## Notice for Farmers: Application for Plant Genome Saviour Awards

We are pleased to invite applications for the prestigious **Plant Genome Saviour Awards** from farmers and farmer communities for the year 2024. This award aims to recognize and honor farmers who have made significant contributions to the conservation and promotion of plant genetic resources.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Applicant Type:**
  - The applicant must be an **individual farmer, group of farmers, or a farmer community** actively involved in the conservation of local plant genetic resources (germplasm).
- 2. Residency:**
  - Applicants must be residents of India and should be actively farming within the state of West Bengal.
- 3. Conservation Efforts:**
  - The applicant should have significantly contributed to the **identification, conservation, improvement, or promotion** of unique or endangered plant germplasm (local landraces, traditional varieties, or wild relatives of cultivated plants).
- 4. Unique Contribution:**
  - Applicants must demonstrate their **unique role** in the conservation and development of plant materials. This can include preservation of rare or endangered species or enhancement of biodiversity through traditional farming practices.
- 5. Availability of Germplasm:**
  - Applicants should have **physical possession of the plant germplasm/materials** they wish to submit for the award.
- 6. Submission of Germplasm:**
  - After being selected for the award, the applicant must agree to submit their conserved **germplasm/plant materials** to UBKV for further research and development purposes.

### Guidelines for Application:

- 1. Application Form:**
  - The application must be submitted in the **prescribed format** available on the official website of UBKV. All sections of the form should be completed in full.
- 2. Supporting Documents:**
  - The following documents must be submitted along with the application form:
    - **Proof of Identity:** A copy of Aadhaar Card, Voter ID, or other valid government-issued identification.
    - **Land Ownership/Lease Document:** Proof of ownership or leasing of the agricultural land where the germplasm is being conserved.

- **Germplasm Details:** Comprehensive documentation (description, photos, or scientific data) on the specific plant germplasm the applicant has conserved.
  - **Photographs:** A recent photograph of the applicant(s) and clear images of the plant materials or germplasm being conserved.
  - **Conservation History:** A detailed narrative or report explaining the efforts taken to conserve and promote the plant genetic resources, including methods used, community involvement, and the impact of conservation.
3. **Submission Deadline:**
- All applications must be **submitted by 10th November 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted.
4. **Submission Mode:**
- Completed application forms along with the required documents should be submitted to the Dr.RupsanatanMandal, Member Secretary, **Genome Club, RKVY, UBKV, Pundibari, Cooch Behar 736165, West Bengal** either **in person** or by **registered post** to the address mentioned in the official notice.
5. **Germplasm Submission (Post Selection):**
- Selected awardees are required to submit their conserved germplasm/plant materials to **UBKV** for scientific research, documentation, and conservation purposes after receiving the award.
6. **Evaluation Process:**
- Applications will be evaluated by a panel of experts based on:
    - Uniqueness and significance of the germplasm conserved
    - Impact on local biodiversity
    - Efforts undertaken for the conservation and propagation of the germplasm
    - Potential for future research and agricultural improvement
7. **Award Disbursement:**
- The award, consisting of ₹10,000/- in cash, will be disbursed during a formal award ceremony. Details of the event will be communicated to the selected recipients.

### **Important Notes:**

- Incomplete applications or applications lacking proper documentation will not be considered.
- The decision of the award selection committee will be final, and no disputes will be entertained.
- By applying, applicants consent to sharing their germplasm and associated information with UBKV for research and conservation efforts.

**Best regards,**  
Genome Club, RKVY  
Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya (UBKV)