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GSA-Prof. S. C. Pandeya Young Ecologist Memorial Medal 2026

Subject Categories: **Ecology and Biodiversity**

Eligibility:

Applications are invited from young Indian researchers who have published paper(s) in peer reviewed journals (international/national) and shown excellent track record in the field of Ecology, Biodiversity and Life Sciences.

The award will be given to the work largely carried out in India.

Age Limit: **Upper age limit is 45 years**
(On August 31, 2026)

Nationality: **Indian**

Last date: December 19, 2026.

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The Gujarat Science Academy (GSA), with the support of an Endowment fund from **Dr. Anjali Bahuguna and Dr. Ishmohan Bahuguna**, SAC-ISRO (Eldest Daughter and Son-in-law of Prof. S. C. Pandeya) has instituted, in the year 2020, **the GSA – Prof. S. C. Pandeya Young Ecologist Memorial Medal** to recognize and appreciate meritorious work done by any young Indian in the field of Ecology and Biodiversity. The award carries a certificate of honour and a Medal.

Prof. Satish Chandra Pandeya, born on January 1, 1929 in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, was a renowned ecologist of India. His specialization being Ecology and Environmental Science, he worked extensively in the field of dynamics of desertification, soil and desertification control, primary production, grassland and grazing land ecology, genetic resources/biological diversity and forage value, river ecology, fresh water ecosystem, agroecosystems, and optimum sustainable management of resources. With his work and efforts he significantly contributed in advancing the field of ecology globally. In 1961 he joined the Gujarat University, Ahmedabad as a Reader in Botany. Then became Professor and founder Head of the very first Integrated Department of Biosciences (in India), Saurashtra University, Rajkot on June 21, 1969. He introduced and ran a unique course of M. Sc. (Integrated Biology) for the first time in Asia. He remained the Head of the Department till his retirement in June 1989. He was instrumental in getting affiliated the M. Sc. and Ph. D. programme in Wildlife Science at the Wild Life Institute of India with the Saurashtra University. He was one of pioneering members and instrumental in the formation of the Ministry of Environment and Forests in the GoI. He guided more than 46 Ph. D. students and 100 Research Fellows. He has more than 250 Research Publications of repute and two books to his credit. He got many awards and was Fellow of many National and International Societies including INSA, GSA. He remained active doing research and guiding students till he left for his heavenly abode on January 6, 2007.

The GSA in association with the Department of Physics, Gujarat University, this year applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the **GSA – Prof. S. C. Pandeya Young Ecologist Memorial Medal 2026.**

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The competition of award will be in the broad subject categories of Ecology, Biodiversity and Life Sciences.
2. Age Bar – Upper age limit is 45 years (On August 31, 2026).
3. A young researcher means JRF/SRF/RA/young scientist/teachers.
4. First author in the paper(s). Research papers in PEER reviewed journals having highest impact factor. Multiple author papers must be accompanied by a statement on letterhead, signed by all the authors, estimating responsibility of each author for the ideas that lead to the initiation of the project, the actual research skill demonstrated and the writing of the manuscript.
5. The award will be given to the work largely carried out in India.
6. Candidate who has received this award once is not eligible for second time.

Candidate has to make oral presentation of 15-20 min. on his/her work at the Department of Physics, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, if required. The date, time and mode of presentation will be communicated later on.

The award will be given during the GSA's Annual Gujarat Science Congress. Venue, Date and Time will be communicated later on. The awardee will be presented a certificate of honour and a Medal. For receiving the award, No TA/DA will be paid.

Application must consist of:

(i) Application Form
(ii) Abstract of the outstanding research work carried out in the subject area of the award within 1000 words. (A4 size paper, 1" margin on each side, type in MS word, Times New Roman 12pt, single spacing)
(iii) Notification of the Ph.D. degree/ Ph. D. Degree Certificate.
(iv) No Objection Certificate from all co-authors stating that they have no objection on the said application by you and the work is largely carried out in India.
(v) Detailed list of publications in **SCOPUS and/or WOS indexed journals** with valid **Thomson Reuters / Clarivate Impact Factor and Citations,** if any.

Application along with the required documents must reach (as a single pdf file) to the **gujaratscienceacademy@gmail.com** with a Subject line: GSA-Prof. S. C. Pandeya Young Ecologist Memorial Medal 2026.
The last date for receipt of application is **December 19, 2026.** There is **No Registration Fee.**

The Gujarat Science Academy reserves the right to consider/reject the application, decide the date, criteria of selection, final selection of the awardee, specification of certificate and a medal for the aforesaid Award. The decision of GSA in choosing the Awardees is final and cannot be challenged in any court of law anywhere.

For any query / help, feel free to contact:
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Application Form

1. Name : _____ _____ _____ _____
   (Dr./Mr./Ms) (Surname/Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)
2. Birth-date : _____ (Date/Month/Year) (Attach Proof: Adhar Card)
3. Specific Discipline : _____
4. Present Position : _____
5. Address for Correspondence : _____
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6. Contact Nos. :(O):_____ (R):_____ (M):_____
7. email ID : _____
8. Academic Qualifications (PG onwards):

Degree (with Subject)	Year	University / Institution	Result (%, Class/Grade)
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9. Title of the Ph.D. Thesis: _____
   _____
10. Subject in which Ph.D. degree awarded: _____
11. University where enrolled for the Ph.D. degree: _____
12. Place(s) where major work has been carried out: _____
13. Outstanding Contribution in Research Work: (Maximum 1000 Words)

Applicant's Statement/Undertaking:

I, _____ hereby state that, the work which has been submitted for the said Award was largely carried out in India.

I also agree that "The Gujarat Science Academy reserves the right to consider/reject the application, decide the date, criteria of selection, final selection of the awardee, specification of certificate and a medal for the aforesaid Award. The decision of GSA in choosing the Awardees is final and cannot be challenged in any court of law anywhere."
I hereby also confirms that I will not contest or challenge the rules, regulations, or decisions made by the GSA.

Place: Date: Signature of the applicant:

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