

Three Selected for Kerala State Young Scientist Awards

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Three young scientists have been selected for the Kerala State Young Scientist Awards instituted by the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

The awardees are Ravi Shankar L, scientist at the Agroprocessing and Natural Products Division, NIIST; Mahesh Hariharan, assistant professor, School of Chemistry, IISER here and Vineeth Chandrasekharan Nair, Scientist SD, Space Physics Laboratory, VSSC, ISRO here.

The award comprises a grant of Rs 50,000, a start-up research grant and travel support for presenting the research work at a conference outside the country.

Mahesh Hariharan had made significant contributions in several areas of photo sciences.

Ravi Shankar was noted for his studies on the isolation and structure of natural products. He had also attempted synthesis of biologically relevant molecules.

Vineeth Chandrasekharan Nair's studies had contributed significantly to the development of a weather forecasting model for the Indian region.

The awards would be presented by Chief Minister Oommen Chandy on January 28, during the inaugural session of the 26th Kerala Science Congress.

The scientists would present their work during the plenary session of the Science Congress.