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Eight bag Young Scientist Award

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As many as eight young scientists from different branches of science have been selected for the Young Scientist Award instituted by the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology, and Environment (KSCSTE) for the year 2014.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs.50,000, a startup research grant, and travel support for a trip abroad to present the research work at a conference.

The awardees include Utpal Manna, School of Mathematics, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Thiruvananthapuram; Rajeev N. Kini, School of Physics, IISER; Reji Varghese, School of Chemistry, IISER; K.N. Uma, Space Physics Laboratory, VSSC; N. Selvaraju, Department of Chemical Engineering, National Institute of Technology, Calicut; Santhoshkumar K.S., Polymers and Special Chemicals Division, VSSC; Binod Parameswaran, Biotechnology Division, CSIR- NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram; and Vandana Sankar, Agro-processing and Natural Products Division, CSIR-NIIST.

The awards are given to young researchers of Indian origin with Ph.D working in Kerala for the last three years. A press note issued by the KSCSTE said the awardees for the year 2014 were shortlisted by a committee of experts after scrutiny of nominations.

CM to present awards

Chief Minister Oommen Chandy is scheduled to give away the awards at the inaugural session of the 27th Kerala Science Congress to be held in Alappuzha on January 27. The awardees will make a presentation of their work at the plenary session of the congress.