



Dr. P.N. Pathak Memorial Award For The Year 2026

Association of Separation Scientists and Technologists (ASSET) invites applications for the Dr P.N. Pathak Memorial Award.

ASSET instituted the prestigious Dr. P. N. Pathak Memorial Award to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of separation science and technology in India. This biennial award is presented to a distinguished Indian researcher whose work demonstrates exceptional scientific quality and practical impact in the domain. The award comprises a gold medal, a citation, and a cash prize of ₹50,000.

This award was established in the memory of Dr. Priya Nath Pathak (1970–2014), a highly respected and renowned scientist, who was internationally recognized for his pioneering work in separation science. He was a senior scientist from Radiochemistry Division of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai. He was also a professor at Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI) and a Ph.D. guide of both HBNI and Savitribai Phule Pune University. His research contributions spanned several critical areas, including actinide chemistry, actinide speciation, cloud point extraction, and supercritical fluid extraction. Dr. Pathak was known for his commitment to high-quality research and made significant advancements in the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle. Over his illustrious career, he published more than 140 peer-reviewed journal articles and contributed to five book chapters. He received numerous accolades in recognition of his scientific excellence. The Dr. P.N. Pathak Memorial Award established in his honour, aims to uphold Dr. Pathak's vision by encouraging high-impact research in separation science and technology.

Eligibility Criteria:

Nationality: The applicant must be an Indian National currently working in India.

Affiliation: The applicant must be a researcher or academician affiliated with a UGC-recognized academic institution, university, research institute, or any R&D center of industrial organizations.

Qualification: Ph.D. in Science/Engineering in a discipline relevant to Separation Science & Technology.

Age Limit: Applicants should not be more than 50 years of age as on January 1, 1975.

Supporting Documents: (i). Curriculum Vitae (CV), (ii). List of publications (iii). PDF copies of five best research publications (iv). A brief write-up (within 1000 words) outlining key research contributions, with specific emphasis on post-Ph.D. work carried out in India in the field of Separation Science and Technology.

Submission Details:

Application form available at www.asset.org.in and all required documents must be submitted via email to: [mailto:asset@gmail.com](mailto:mailtoasset@gmail.com) and hard copy should be sent by SPEED POST.

The awardee will be selected by an expert panel constituted by ASSET and its decision will be final and binding. The selected awardee will receive a travel allowance of Rs. 10,000/- or the actual expenditure incurred, whichever is less. Please note: Applications received after October 31, 2025 will not be considered.