

Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA)

Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka

Prize for Innovation/Discovery

Prof. U. R. Rao Prize for PG students/Research Scholars

Dr S. K. Shivakumar Prize for UG Students

Prof. S Ayyappan Prize for General Public and Teaching Faculty

Guidelines

Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), a Unit of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka, has been functioning since 2005, with the objectives of inculcating scientific temper across civil society through science communication, technology dissemination, fostering innovations and entrepreneurship for societal benefits, recognising talents and organising outreach programmes, capacity building and acting as STI Policy Advisory Body for the State.

KSTA has been promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship among students, teaching faculty and the general public. In this context, KSTA has been awarding 03 prizes viz., Prof. U. R. Rao Prize for best innovation by Post Graduate students/Research Scholars, Dr S. K. Shivakumar Prize for best innovation by Under Graduate Students and KSTA Prize for best innovation by General Public and Teaching Faculty. An Expert Committee of KSTA will scrutinise the entries and select 05 best entries each for Prof. U. R. Rao prize and Dr S. K. Shivakumar prize and 05 best entries for Prof. S Ayyappan Prize. Each prize carries a Cash prize of Rs 10,000/- and a Certificate.

Eligibility

- Only working models are eligible for the competition
- Applicant should be Karnataka origin (by birth or domicile) as per Govt. of Karnataka norms.
- Prof. U. R. Rao Prize : Post Graduate Students/Research Scholars in Science, Engineering and Humanities
- Dr S. K. Shivakumar Prize : Under Graduate Students in Science, Engineering and Humanities
- Prof. S Ayyappan Prize: General Public and Teaching Faculty in Science, Engineering and Humanities

How to Apply

- Access the Google Form through the link mentioned in the website
- Fill up all the fields in the application format provided in the Google Form
- Upload the necessary documents without fail (An abstract; 5 ppt slides - Title with authors details (one slide), Methodology (one slide), Innovation/discovery (two slides), conclusion(one slide); birth

or domicile certificate; ID card issued by college/department/university (if applicable); declaration (format given below)

- The deadline for applications is **WEDNESDAY, 30 DECEMBER 2025 at 23:59:59** (Indian Standard Time), and the winners will be announced in **FEBRUARY 2026** and prize will be distributed on **FEBRUARY 28, 2026** (National Science Day) or event which will be intimated later.

Rules and Regulations

1. The prize is intended to encourage and recognise exemplary innovations/discovery/solutions emanating from Science & Technology or any segment of economy that have helped transform the lives of people, particularly in rural areas or have enabled enterprises and employment.
2. Applicant should be Karnataka origin (by birth or domicile) as per Govt. of Karnataka norms.
3. Employees and staff of KSTA or any other DST organisations, as well as their family members, are not eligible to participate.
4. Applications must be submitted through ONLINE ONLY in order to be considered for the prize.
5. Applications submitted via any other channel will not be considered.
6. Applications must be in English or Kannada.
7. Finalists will be allowed for oral presentation before the Jury and showcase their working models.
8. A conceptual presentation without a working model at the time of presentation will not be taken into consideration.
9. An Expert Committee of the Academy will scrutinise the entries and select the best innovation/discovery/solution in each category.
10. The selection will be based on Novelty, Originality, Significance/positive impact, Adaptability and Replicability, Sustainability and Presentation.
11. KSTA reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of prizes and sharing of prize amount among the winners.
12. KSTA reserves the right to disqualify any applicant upon discovery of malpractice.
13. If a winner is announced but is disqualified for any reason before receiving of the prize, KSTA may, at its sole discretion, declare another winner.
14. KSTA reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations. If the rules and regulations are amended, KSTA will contact those who have already submitted applications and update them about the altered rules.
15. The winner(s) agree to have his/her/their name(s) published for promotion purposes along with a description of the winning project, and to be available for media requests, including photographs and interviews.
16. All decisions made by KSTA in relation to the competition are final, and no correspondence concerning decisions will be entered into.
17. KSTA reserves the right to cancel the prize at any time during the selection process.
18. KSTA is not liable for any damage, loss, or disappointment suffered by any person taking part or not being able to take part.
19. Entry implies acceptance of these rules, and all applicants agree to be bound by them upon applying.

20. The prize-winning working models at any competition organised previously by KSTA or any other organisations of Department of Science and Technology (KSCST, KSTePS, Science Centers, JNP, etc.) or KRVP or any other Departments under Government of Karnataka are not eligible to apply.

Declaration (to be uploaded on a separate sheet)

I/we know that plagiarism means taking and using the ideas, writings, works or inventions or discoveries of another as if they were one's own. I/we know that plagiarism not only includes verbatim copying, but also the extensive use of another person's ideas. I/we know that plagiarism covers use of material found in textual sources and other from on the Internet.

I/we declare that the innovation/research work presented here is an original work. I/we certify that where other people's work has been used (either from a printed source, internet or any other source), this has been properly acknowledged and referenced.

I/we declare that the working model has not own prize at any competition organised previously by KSTA or any other organisations of Department of Science and Technology (KSCST, KSTePS, Science Centers, JNP, etc.) or KRVP or any other Departments under Government of Karnataka

I/we am/are aware of, and, understand KSTA's policy on plagiarism and I/we am/are aware that KSTA's decision in this regard is final.

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Signature (All authors)

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