

Fellow Award to Prof. H.R. Sharma for Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture and Rural Development

Professor H R Sharma, Pro Vice Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh has been conferred with a Fellow of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE) award for his life time outstanding contribution to the field of agricultural economics and rural development. The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, established in 1933 and headed by Sir Malcolm Darling in 1939-40, is one of the oldest and premier Professional Societies in the country making valuable contribution towards policy formulation for agricultural and rural development in the country. The ISAE Fellow Award was awarded in the award ceremony held at the Inaugural function of the 78th Annual Conference of the Society at New Delhi on 1st November, 2018. The award citation mentions Professor Sharma's outstanding contribution in the areas of agrarian relations, rural non-farm employment, agricultural and rural diversification, agricultural wages, micro finance and agricultural cooperatives. The citation says that the findings of Professor Sharma's research on land distribution and tenancy are widely acknowledged both in India and abroad and have been cited in leading International Journals on Economics. It further says that Dr. Sharma's contribution to the future of mountain agriculture tribal economy and diversification of agriculture with particular focus on Himachal Pradesh is noteworthy and that he has excelled through his contribution to literature by producing a number of reports and research articles. The District Agricultural Plans prepared for eleven districts and for state of Himachal Pradesh under Professor Sharma's leadership were hugely appreciated both by academicians and policy makers.

Professor Sharma has been a member different expert committees like sub-group on land issues constituted by the Planning Commission, Government of India for eleventh five year plan, member of sub-group on indebtedness for Northern Region constituted by the Expert Group on Indebtedness, Government of India. Before joining Central University of Himachal Pradesh in 2011 he was teaching in the Department of Food Resource and Environmental Economics, College of Natural Sciences, KONKUK University, South Korea as Full Time Foreign Professor.