

ISCAR HONOURS Dr. GUPTA WITH FELLOWSHIP

Indian Society of Coastal Agriculture Research (ISCAR) has honoured Dr. Gupta by bestowing upon its prestigious Fellowship award to Dr. S. K. Gupta, Project Coordinator AICRP on Management of Salt Affected Soils and Use of Saline Water, CSSRI, Karnal. In a communication received from the Honorary Secretary of the Society, Dr. Gupta would be awarded the Fellowship on 27.10.2010 at the Annual Convention and National Seminar being organized by the society in Goa. Dr. Gupta besides receiving the award at the convention has also been invited to present a key note paper on 'Water Management in Coastal Eco-regions'. The fellowship of the society has been conferred upon Dr. Gupta for his life time achievements and dedicated efforts of the team led by him to reclaim tsunami affected saline soils of the coastal and island ecology in the Andaman and Nicobar islands, Tamil Nadu and Maldives. The technologies generated by the team led by him during 2005-2008 are still relevant to solve the problems of the coastal regions in general and problems that follow cyclones such as *Aila* in particular. Besides, it also recognized the leadership provided by him in developing subsurface drainage technology, technology to reclaim abandoned aqua ponds through AICRP centres located at Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh and transfer of skimming technologies to skim fresh water floating on the saline water to coastal regions of Tamil Nadu through several NGOs operating in Tamil Nadu. Besides Dr. Gupta has actively participated and contributed to the success of various activities launched by the society. Earlier Dr. Gupta has been bestowed with Fellowships of a number of distinguished academies and Societies such as National Academy of Agriculture Sciences, Indian National Academy of Engineers and Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers.

