


Bhatnagar Award for B'lore scientists

Five Bangaloreans are among 11 scientists who have been selected for this year's Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award instituted by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, reports **DHNS** from New Delhi. In biological sciences, the prize has gone to two Bangalore-based researchers Upinder Singh Bhalla, National Centre for Biological Sciences, and Narayana-swamy Srinivasan, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Rama Govindarajan, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, and Pundi Nara-simhan Rangarajan, IISc, bagged the award for engineering and medical sciences, respectively. In mathematical sciences, the award has gone to B V Rajarama Bhat, Indian Statistical Institute. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh.

AWARD

Encouragement

BANGALORE, DHNS: Reacting to the announcement of Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award, Dr Narayanaswamy Srinivasan of IISc, Bangalore called it a "tremendous encouragement" from the CSIR.

"The award is for the work my group and myself have been doing for the past few years at Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISc. We employ computational biology techniques to address questions on evolution of protein structures, functions and interactions and the molecular basis of cellular signal transduction," Dr Srinivasan said.