

Ocean Society of India

DR. R R RAO YOUNG WOMAN SCIENTIST AWARD 2026 IN PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY

Announcement

The Ocean Society of India is pleased to announce the Dr. R.R. Rao Woman Scientist Award 2026 in Physical oceanography, sponsored by Dr. R.R. Rao, a distinguished physical oceanographer. This biennial award will be conferred on a woman scientist of Indian nationality under 45 who has finished her PhD and made significant contributions in the area of physical oceanography. The work should have been done in a laboratory/university/institute in India. Apart from research contributions, the candidate should have maintained a good track record of the highest research ethics and integrity standards. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.20,000/- and a citation. The selected candidate will be honoured during OSICON-27, the biennial Conference of OSI which will be held at IITM, Pune in January 2027.

Nominations in the prescribed form are invited from the Heads/Presidents/Directors of Institutes / Centres/ Science Academies/ Scientific Societies/University Science Departments, or by Rashtriya Vigyan Shri Puraskar/Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winners/ Fellows of OSI/ National Science Academies. Nomination letters should specifically highlight the novelty of research carried out by the candidate and its global/national impact. It should highlight how the research carried out by the candidate has advanced the scientific understanding in the theme of physical oceanography. It should also highlight if the candidate has demonstrated leadership through formal or informal mentoring. No self-nomination shall be entertained. A nomination shall remain active for four years or until the age limit is reached, whichever is earlier.

Nominations in the prescribed format, as given below, should be sent as a PDF file to the General Secretary, Ocean Society of India by email at osi.secretary@gmail.com. The last date for receiving nominations is July 15 , 2026. No subsequent correspondence on the nominations will be entertained by the OSI.

PROFORMA FOR NOMINATION FOR DR. R.R.RAO YOUNG WOMAN SCIENTIST AWARD 2026

(The nominations should be proposed by Heads/Presidents/Directors of Institutes / Centres/ Science Academies/ Scientific Societies/University Science Departments or by Rashtriya Vigyan Shri Puraskar / Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winners or by Fellows of OSI. No self-nomination shall be entertained)

1. Name of the Nominee:
2. Email address and Contact no.
3. Date of Birth:

4. Present Position:

5. Employment Record (chronological order):

S. No.	Period	Place of Employment	Designation

6. Academic Qualifications (Bachelor's degree onwards):

No.	Degree	Subjects	Class/CGPA	Institution	Country	Remarks, if any

7. Achievements:

- a) Significant contributions by the nominee (in about 500 words) during her entire research career
- b) Significant contributions in the area of the award by the nominee based on the work primarily done in India during the last 5 years (in about 500 words)-specific reference to be made to research papers published in the area.
- c) Summary of the most significant work of the nominee on which the recommendation is based (in 100 words).
- d) Important Journals or publications where this work has been reviewed / referred
- e) Whether functioned as a chair in any significant Scientific International Conferences/Symposia and/or delivered invited lectures in India/ abroad (give details of the most important ones)

8. Whether the achievements have already been recognized by Awards by any learned body? If so, the name of the body, award and the year of award may be given. A copy of the citation may be enclosed.

9. The following may be enclosed with the nomination:

- a) List of significant publications in peer-reviewed journals (reprints of not more than 5 best papers to be enclosed)
- b) List of important Technical Reports/Review articles/ Citations received
- c) List of most significant full papers published in proceedings of Conferences, Symposia and Seminars
- d) List of any other important publications of general interest

10. Details of books published, if any

11. Details of mentoring

12. Candidate's involvement in community outreach programs related to Physical Oceanography

13. Any additional information of relevance

Endorsement:

(The proposer shall give a brief citation of the nominee's work highlighting the novelty of research carried out by the candidate and its global/national impact. It should highlight how the research carried out by the candidate has advanced the scientific understanding in the theme of physical oceanography. The proposer shall enter his/her credentials as required below)

Signature

Name:

Designation:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Place:

Date: