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**Awards/Recognitions**

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CMFRI won the Ganesh Sankar Vidyarthi Award of ICAR for the best Hindi publication for the year 2004-2005. Dr. E.V. Radhakrishnan, Head & Incharge, Hindi received the award on behalf of Director on 28th November in the function held at New Delhi.

Dr. Vipinkumar V.P., Scientist (SS), won the best research paper award of Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi for the presentation on “Information and Communication Techno-logy : Opportunities & Chall-enges for Revitalizing Extension System” organized at Navsari Agricultural University (NAU), Gujarat during 27th to 29th December.