

Dr. Navin Khanna, ICGEB New Delhi got the Padma Shri, country's fourth highest civilian award



Dr. Navin Khanna, Group Leader, Recombinant Gene Products at ICGEB, New Delhi
(Courtesy: ICGEB New Delhi)

Dr. Navin Khanna, an eminent scientist from DBT's autonomous institute International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi has been conferred with the Padma Shri for his scientific achievements and services to public on 26th January 2020.

Dr Khanna has developed a cost-effective Dengue Day 1 diagnostic test, and the world's first botanical drug against dengue. He and his team have developed 26 diagnostic kits in past few years of his of research.

Upon receiving the award, Dr Khanna expressed his sincere gratitude to the esteemed Padma Awards Committee, Government of India, for choosing him for the prestigious national honour. While receiving the award, he thanked his team and ICGEB for all the support and help he has got.

Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India congratulated Dr Khanna on this big feat and said, "This truly recognises your unstinting dedication and passion for applied and translational sciences".

Among several other prominent awards received by Dr Khanna, Anjani Mashelkar innovation award 2017, Fellow of Indian National Science Academy 2017, Fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences 2016,

Fellow of National Academy of Sciences 2015, Organization of Pharmaceutical Producers of India, Scientist Award 2015 needs a special mention. So far he has published over 132 research publications in most reputed journals such as *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, *Scientific Reports*, *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases* etc. across the globe. He has also received seven patents for vaccine- and other recombinant gene product and process development.

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