

**Subject: Kerala Ayurveda Research Awards – Gaveshakaratna and Acharyaratna**

Kerala Ayurveda Limited had instituted its research awards and awarding them from 2007 annually. The awards were instituted to promote academic research in Ayurveda. As part of the research awards Gaveshakaratna and Acharya ratna awards were presented. The Gaveshakaratna award is for the scholar who has submitted best post-graduate thesis in the award year. Acharyaratna award is presented to the guide of the scholar who bagged the Gaveshakaratna award.

The Gaveshakaratna award carries a prize money of Rupees two lakhs and the Acharyaratna award carries a prize money of Rupees fifty thousand. There are appreciation prizes too for the finalist scholars and guides carrying Rs. 25,000/- and Rs.10,000/- respectively.

While planning the institution of the awards, Kerala Ayurveda Ltd., expected that there will be at least one hundred candidates for the award annually. Unfortunately the total number of candidates registering for the award is very low. The number of Colleges presenting candidates for the awards is also low. Since the prize money is the highest in comparison with similar awards and endowments, it is felt that the award should be presented only after a more tight competition so that the awards and appreciation prizes should go to the most worthy hands. Hence to include more competitors, Kerala Ayurveda has decided to award the prizes only once in two years. This may generate a doubling of competitors and present tougher competition.

Hence those who have submitted thesis to the universities in the academic year 2008-2009 may submit their theses to Kerala Ayurveda Research awards only next year i.e. 2010, along with those who are submitting thesis in the academic year 2009-2010. The last date for submitting thesis to Kerala Ayurveda Ltd. will be notified promptly in 2010.