

GUESTS OF HONOR

(Valedictory Session of VAP-15 induction Programme)



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Presently Dr Ravishankar is working as Director, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), under Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India. He has obtained Bachelor Degree in Fisheries Sciences; Post-graduation in Industrial Fishery Technology and Ph.D in Fish Processing Technology from University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.

His Areas of specialization include fish processing and packaging and has developed, popularized and transferred more than 67 technologies to the fish processing industries; established India's first Business Incubation Centre in the field of Fisheries and participated in the First Indian Antarctic Expedition. He has Published more than 260 International and National research articles; authored 7 books; Guided 8 students for PhD and 30 students for their post-graduation. He is Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences; Association of Food Scientists and Technologists & Society of Fisheries Technologists (India) and received 15 Awards for excellence in the field of fisheries science and entrepreneurship development.

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Dr. V.P. Sharma

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Dr. Ved Parkash Sharma did his graduation from HPKV, Palampur and post-graduation from Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni with merit. He served the University on different positions from 1990-2004 and thereafter he is serving Directorate of Mushroom Chambaghat, Solan in various capacities like Sr. Scientist, Principal Scientist and Director.

He has also developed and released four varieties of shiitake mushrooms, two varieties of milky and five varieties of button and one variety of Oyster mushroom. He has developed effective control measures against most of the diseases of button mushroom like wet bubble, yellow mould, false truffle etc. and developed a very effective bio control of mushroom nematodes by using another mushroom species *Pleurotus*. He has also developed cultivation technologies for dozens of mushrooms.

He has been awarded Yadavindra Young Scientist Award twice in 1994 and 1997. He has published 110 research papers in various national and international journals, eight books and eight technical bulletins. He has been granted one patent. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Mushroom Research Journal and now President, of Mushroom Society of India.

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Dr. B.N.S. Murthy

Horticulture Commissioner

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

Govt of India

Dr Murthy, Completed his undergraduate and post graduate degrees from University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and obtained Ph.D from University of Guelph, Canada as Commonwealth Scholar. He is the recipient of University Gold medals for his outstanding performance in all the three levels.

In his professional career developed and released 8 grape hybrids, 3 pomegranate hybrids, 1 strawberry and 2 passion fruit hybrids some of them are popular in farmer's field. He Perfected technology for Soil-less culture and verti-grow system for strawberry for peri-urban horticulture. Published over 90 research articles in peer reviewed national and international journals, over 30 popular articles, Technical bulletins, and book chapters. Guided over 20 MSc and Ph.D. students, Thought several post graduate courses and was invited / lead speaker at several national and international conferences / seminars. He himself organized several national and state conferences, farmer's interaction meetings. Organized group of farmers for to promote cultivation and export fruit crops like pomegranate, grapes and mango. Being tech savvy, introduced drone based services at the Institute and to his credit he has also developed mobile apps on crops like pomegranate and custard apple.

Recipient of Aryabhata award, Fellow of Society for Advancement of Research on Pomegranate (SARP), Solapur, Commonwealth Scholar of Canadian Commonwealth Association, Canada, over 15 different scholarships from University of Guelph including Arthur Richmond Memorial Scholarship, University of Guelph Graduate Scholarship, The Mary Edmunds Williams scholarship, Hoskins Scholarship, Mrs. Fred Ball Scholarship.

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Dr. VIKRAMADITYA PANDEY

Assistant Director General (Hort. Sci.-I)
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Dr. Pandey has over 25 years of experience in the field of research, development and upscaling of technologies in horticulture sector in India, including over 7 years at the National level for coordinating and over viewing the R&D programmes. Having leadership abilities with passion for sustainable development in the field of horticulture for livelihood and nutritional security of large masses, he was picked up for coordinating and fine-tuning the R&D initiatives on high income generating group of horticultural crops at National level. He has been instrumental in finalizing several MoUs with respect to International collaboration with several foreign countries including the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research of the United Nations Organization.

He has travelled to five countries as part of delegation on exploring cooperation in the field of agricultural research and education and presenting his research findings. He has an extra early maturing mango variety, a custard apple variety and a high yielding chilli variety to his credit. He has authored/edited seven books including one published from US/UK. He is member of several scientific societies, fellow of professional scientific society, research advisory committees, advisory committees of Universities etc. Besides research papers, he has been instrumental in shaping advisory papers on revisiting the needs on assessment of harvest and post-harvest losses, vertical gardening, eco-system services, export promotion etc.

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DR CHINDI VASUDEVAPPA

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

NIFTEM

Dr Chindi Vasudevappa is the guiding force behind the strategic, academic and scientific endeavors of NIFTEM. Steering by front he has lead the institution to heights and NIFTEM is in process of being conferred upon the status of "*Institute of National Importance*" under his mentorship.

Apart from this, he being the Former Vice Chancellor of University of Agricultural & Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga, has worked at very senior administrative and academic position in University of Agriculture Sciences, Bangalore; National Fisheries Development Board, Govt of Hyderabad. He is serving as Chairman of several international and national committees.

He has steered development of various educational programmes in fisheries, development and execution government projects for the benefit of fish farmers, developed package of practices on improved fish and prawn farming. His scientific work has been published in international and national journals of repute.

Recently, for his selfless services and contribution to science and technology, Dr Vasudevappa received Second Highest Prestigious Civilian Award of Karnataka State, the Rajyotsava Award.

HON'BLE CHIEF GUEST

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Dr. P. Chandra Shekara

Director General

National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management

(MANAGE), Hyderabad

(An Autonomous Organization of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI)

Dr Shekara holds more than 30 years of professional experience in the field of Agriculture with 30 years of experience and expertise in the areas namely Agricultural Extension Management, Agri-Entrepreneurship Development, Agricultural Marketing Management and Public-Private-Partnership. In past he has served as Director General, CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, Jaipur. AS DG he is mandate to carry out Training, Research, Consultancy, Policy Advocacy, International Programmes and Education in Agricultural Extension and Marketing in India and South East Asian Countries. During his tenure he established 10 Academic Centres, conducted 527 Training Programs, introduced Research Internship Programme, National Facilitators Development Programme and Induction Training Programmes. Strengthened Agri-Business Management Programme and reintroduced modified Kisan Business School concept.

Apart from this he has been part of MANAGE in different capacities lie Director Agriculture extension; Director, MANAGE Centre for Agricultural Extension Policy, Public Private Partnership and International Centre for Excellence in Agricultural Extension Management, **Director, Program Management Unit (PMU), Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) at MANAGE.** He is also the **Founder Director of Centre for Agri-Entrepreneurship Development (CAD),** MANAGE responsible for implementation of Central Sector Scheme of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centers,

He has organized 610 national and international level training programs funded by USAID, UNDP and Government of India and completed 15 projects on different aspects of Agricultural Extension Management.. He has travelled widely across the globe visiting more than 30 countries. He has published 87 Technical papers including 24 books, made 9 films and actively associated with several professional activities. He is recipient various national and international awards like Life time achievement award, Award of Excellence, Dr. D.K. Mishra Memorial Award-2015, etc. He is heading various National and international committees.