

## A Brief Profile of DR. U. S. GAUTAM

Dr U S Gautam is Director, ICAR - Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Rawatpur, Kanpur, (UP). Born on January 23, 1963 in village Mirzamurad, Varanasi district Uttar Pradesh, Dr. U.S. Gautam completed schooling while helping family farming, graduate and post graduate from Institute of Agricultural Science B.H.U., Varanasi in 1986, with specialization in Extension Education and earned Ph.D with ICAR fellowship in Dairy Extension from NDRI, Karnal in November, 1989 with specialization of Decision Making Component of Dairy Farmers for Better Adoption of Dairy Practices.



Began his Professional Career as Assistant Extension Specialist (Agriculture Extension) in KVK,RRS, Bajoura, Kullu, from Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwa Vidhyalaya, in November, 1989, and he was selected as Senior Scientist in (1998), Principal Scientist & then Head, Socio Economic and Extension Research Programme (2001 to 2004) at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, Bihar. He completed one tenure as Zonal Project Director, ZPD, Zone VII, ICAR, JNKVV Campus, Adhartal Jabalpur, (MP) from 30-6-2006 to 03-03-2012, ZPD, Zone VII is comprises of three States i.e. MP, Chhattisgarh and Orissa for monitoring and coordinating with 100 KVKs of biggest Zone in Country. The charge resume as Director ,ICAR-ATARI on 24th February,2015,Which is comprises of two States i.e. Uttar Pradesh(UP) & Uttrakhand (UK) for monitoring and coordinating of 81 KVKs in Country. Dr. Gautam guided two Ph.D students and ten M.Sc Students thesis evaluated.

Dr. Gautam was recipient of several National/International Awards; among them some of important are “Swamy Sahajanand Saraswati Extension Scientist Award and ICAR Award for Outstanding Multidisciplinary Team Research in Agricultural and Allied Science” as a team leader. He was associated and nominated with numbers of scientific society and committees, who evolved for professional and agricultural development in the country. Indian Society of Extension Education, New Delhi & Society of Extension Education, Agra, felicitated him by “Fellow Award” in 2005-06 & 2008-09. Society of Extension Education awarded him by “Best Extension Professional Award-2007” and Indian Society of Extension Education, conferred “Dr. K. N. Singh Memorial Award, 2009” for his outstanding work in the field of Extension Teaching and Research. Recently he has been awarded ICAR Award “Fakruddin Ali Ahmed award for outstanding Research in Tribal Farming systems 2010”. Apart from those two KVKs under Zone VII awarded best KVKs at national level named KVK Satna (MP) and KVK, Bastar (CG) during 2006-07 to 2010-11, Ministry of Agriculture GOI awarded for outstanding Services regarding the Agro-biodiversity and conservation and implementation of PPV&FR on 7th July 2015, Indo-Dubai Achiever’s Pacific Awards from Global Society for health and education growth at Dubai, UAE on 20th November,2015, Dr. V. K. Vidhyarthi Memorial Award in 2015 for outstanding contribution in farm information, communication & extension services by Indian Society of Extension Education, New Delhi.

Dr. Gautam visited University of Reading, University of East Anglia, Norwich and IACR, Rothamsted for training and other professional assignment. He was nominated twice as a member of Traveling Workshop organized by CIMMYT comprises representatives from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan and China. Dr. Gautam visited International Food Policy research Institute, Washington, DC, (USA,) & also Completed “Strengthening Agriculture Research, Extension and Input Market in South Asia: Evidence from Regional and Global Practice on June 3 to 10,2015,at Washigton, DC,USA.

He has published Eight books on Participatory Irrigation Management, Decision Making of Dairy Beneficiaries, Technological Modules for Farm Women of Madhya Pradesh, Location Specific Farm Modules for Bihar (A Filed Experience), Technological empowerment farm women of Orissa, Empowerment of tribal farm women (agricultural technologies for Chhattisgarh), and edited two books Technological Inventory of Chhattisgarh & Agricultural Technological Modules for Orissa. He was written Four Book Chapters, Nine Research Bulletins, 22 Extension Bulletins and more than 50 Research Paper in National and International Journals. He has handled several National and International Multi-disciplinary Projects focusing on Improvement of livelihood of the farmers and alternative livelihood support system for marginal and women. He prepared two video documentary films on focusing of “livelihood improvement for marginal & landless women” and “Enhancing agricultural production in low productivity areas of Eastern region”. His works were appreciated by His Excellency President, Govt. of India, Bharat Ratna, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.



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