

2019 Awardee



Outstanding Alumnus of University Award

Dr. Bangali Baboo

Graduated in 1974, Dr Bangali Baboo continued his education at GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar for M. Tech. (Agri. Engg.) as ICAR Jr. Research Fellow. Before completing M. Tech. he qualified all India ARS exam and selected as scientist. During education he received college merit certificate and ICAR first prize for skills in agricultural engineering. Later, during his service he did Ph. D (Mech. Engg.).

Started his career in 1976 as Scientist (Farm Machinery & Power) joining ICAR and retired as National Director of World Bank funded National Agricultural Innovation Project with ICAR, New Delhi. During the intervening period he held several research management positions as Director, Project Coordinator, Network Coordinator and Head of Division besides scientific positions at all levels.

He handled several multi-disciplinary projects centered around post harvest technology in 23 crops and commodities funded from different Ministries of Govt. of India and also Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He served in five states of India viz. Kerala, U.P., Punjab, Jharkhand and Delhi through three Divisions of ICAR i.e. Engineering, Crop Science and Horticulture besides ICAR HQ.

Fellow of several professional societies and an academy he received Gold Medal of Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers and Eminent Agricultural Engineer from The Institution of Engineers (India), besides many other recognitions.

Among several initiatives three are most significant ones. These are i) Upgrading and expanding Indian Lac Research Institute to Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums; Network Project on Harvesting, Processing and Value Addition of Natural Resins and Gums and All India Coordinated Research Project on Processing, Handling and Storage of Jaggery of which a cooperating center still continues at GBPUAT, Pantnagar.

Among several contributions to profession, three significant ones are: i) Jaggery moulding frame to produce the product in uniform shape and size, ii) Small scale seed lac processing unit for rural areas, and ii) Pioneered development of e-courses for undergraduate students in agriculture and allied subjects.

Presently he is associated with a couple of national level committees related to higher agriculture education. Besides being Consultant to NABARD and Chhattisgarh Minor Forest Produce Federation, he is President, Agri-Innovation Foundation.