

PROFILE OF PROF. SARTHAK CHOWDHURY



A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Name** : SARTHAK CHOWDHURY
2. **Designation** : Professor of Agril. Extension
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B. SUMMARY OF EXPERTISE

(I) TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Level	University	Duration
Under Graduate	Institute of Agricultural Sciences Banaras Hindu University	April 1989 to August 1997
	Institute of Agriculture Visva - Bharati	Since September 1997
Post Graduate	Institute of Agricultural Sciences Banaras Hindu University	April 1989 to August 1997
	Institute of Agriculture Visva - Bharati	Since September 1997

Total Experience : More than 26 yrs

(II) Research Experience

(a) Research Fellowship

Started Research career as a **Senior Research Fellow (SRF)** in the Ad hoc Research Project of ICAR entitled “Socio Economic Impact of Lab to Land Programme of Zone – II” in the year 1984 (Completed Ph.D. in August 1988).

(b) Supervisory Experience

So far, successfully guided 6 Ph.D. and 10 M.Sc. (Ag) students.

Presently, there are 4 registered Ph.D. candidates under my guidance.

(c) Publications

Journals	45
Books	03
Edited	01
Paper/Chapters contributed in edited books	32
Extension literatures, reports etc.	30

(d) Project

Title of Project	Sponsoring Agency	No of Project Staff	Amount	Year
Intensive Sugarcane Development Project (ISDP)	Dept. of Agriculture Govt. of West Bengal	Student Assistant-01 Job Assistant – 03 Cane Promoter– 04 Total : 08 (eight)	Rs. 4,43,550 /- Per year	2004 – 2011

(III) Extension Activities

- a. More than 30 years :** As faculty member actively involve in Transfer technology and training programme of the Institute and Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

Specific activities are :

- ▶ Providing advisory service and information to the farmers.
- ▶ Training to farmers and extension personnel of Govt. and NGO.
 - ▶ Fields days, field clinics, field visit etc.
 - ▶ Conducting demonstration on farmer's field.
 - ▶ Organizing exhibitions, Radio, T.V. Programmes etc.

- b. Coordinator** of Agril. Extension Programme (including Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra) from August 2001 to March 2004 (more than 2.5 years).

- c. Organised State Level Training – cum Workshops on 'Boro & Kharif Rice Technology'** (Three in number) for SMS and ADO of Govt. of West Bengal (sponsored by The Directorate of Rice Development, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India) in 2000 and 2001.

(IV) Administrative Experiences / Institutional Corporate Life

- a. Head Dept. of Agril. Extension, Agril. Economics and Agril. Statistics (EES)** Institute of Agriculture (Palli Siksha Bhavana), Visva – Bharati from 22.7.2000 to 21.7.2003 and again from 19.6.2006 to 30.06.2009.

- b. **Coordinator of Agril. Extension Programme**, Palli Siksha Bhavana (including Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra) from August 2001 to March 2004.
- c. **Warden of PSB Boy's Hostel** from 1st Dec. 1998 to 1st Dec. 1999 (one year).
- d. **Member, Research Board of Visva – Bharati**, December 2002 – 2005.
- e. **Member Central Admission committee of Visva – Bharati**), July 2004 - July 2007.

(V) Academic Distinction

- a. **Chairman**, National Symposium on “Development Communication in Rural Sector” held at Dept. of EES, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Feb 16 – 18 2001.
- b. **Convenor**, National Symposium on “Social Transformation in Rural Sector” held at Dept. of EES, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Feb. 01 – 03 2000 (jointly with Dr. S.D. Mukhopadhyay).
- c. **Coordinator**, Field Experience Training Programme for ICAR Trainee Scientist at Visva – Bharati, sponsored by NAARM, Hyderabad, from 04.03.2002 to 23.03.2002.
- d. **Course Director**, ‘Impact Study of Technology Transfer for KVK and ZARS’ sponsored by Zonal Co – ordination Unit for TOT Projects, Zone II, ICAR, Kolkata from April, 11 to 13, 2002
- e. **Resource Person**, Winter School on ‘Communication Support for sustainable Development (October, 2004) Dept. of Extension Education, Institute of Agril. Sciences, BHU and various state level workshops for agril.extension officials.
- f. **Chairman**, National Seminar on Agro technology transfer and adoption held at Feb – 2007.
- g. **Referee** of professional journals.

(VI) Member of Professional Bodies / Societies

- a. Indian Society of Extension Education (Life member).
- b. Society of Extension Education (Life member).

(VII) Seminar / Symposia / Conferences etc. attended

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| (a) International | 04 |
| (b) National | 30 |