

Brief Biography of Dr. Souvik Ghosh

Dr. Souvik Ghosh is presently Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and Honorary Director of the Agro-Economic Research Centre (MoA&FW), Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. He joined the post of Professor on 27th June 2013 and served as Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension from 4th November 2016 to 3rd November 2019. He was positioned as Visiting Scientist at Department of Economics, College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, South Dakota State University, USA during August to October 2016. Dr. Ghosh is a Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi, West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology (WAST), Kolkata, Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi and Society for Community Mobilization for Sustainable Development (MOBILIZATION), New Delhi.



Earlier Dr. Ghosh worked as Scientist and Senior Scientist at ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar during 2000-09 and 2009-13, respectively. He graduated as Gold Medalist in B.Sc. (Agril.) Hons. from Visva-Bharati in the year 1995 and passed M.Sc. (Dairying) in Dairy Extension Education with Director's Gold Medal at ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal in 1997. After completion of Ph.D. (Agricultural Extension) from ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi with distinction of Significant Post-Graduate Research in 2000, Dr. Ghosh joined Agricultural Research Service of ICAR on 10th July 2000.

Dr. Ghosh has completed eight projects as PI and 22 projects as Co-PI; presently implementing one ICAR-NASF project as cooperating centre PI. He has guided 10 Ph.D. Thesis and 24 M.Sc. Thesis works, while five Ph.D. and three M.Sc. Scholars' Theses work are in progress. A total of more than 350 publications of Dr. Ghosh includes 154 research papers (43 papers in the journals with NAAS score > 6.0 having Impact Factor of Clarivate Analytics) and 60 technical/ popular article in national and international journals and 11 books. For his book on "वैश्वीकरण और भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा"- Globalisation and Indian Food Security (ISBN-978-81-910947-0-1), Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Puraskar (First Prize) of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India conferred by His Excellency President of India at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 14th September 2012. His outstanding work done in the field of Agricultural Extension research has brought many laurels including Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Scientist Award 2011 of ICAR, ICAR Outstanding Team Research Award 2006, BKJF-INCSW Sookshma Sinchai Puraskar 2018 of INCSW, Central Water Commission, Govt. of India, Dr. O.P. Dahama Memorial Award 2022-23 of Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), Prof. Y.P. Singh Memorial Award 2018 of ISEE, Dr. K.N. Singh Memorial Award 2017 of ISEE, Best Scientist Award of ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management 2008, Institution Award 2006 of Institution of Engineers (India)- Orissa State Centre, ISEE Young Scientist Award 2005, etc.

Notable contributions of Dr. Ghosh include development of methodologies for integrated assessment of recommended agricultural water management technologies from multi-layer multi stakeholders' perspectives, formulation of impact assessment framework for participatory irrigation management (PIM) reforms, evaluation of an irrigation system from the farmers' perspectives following fuzzy logic, construction of water user group dynamics index, assessment of irrigation-agriculture-livelihood-poverty links in eastern Indian states, mapping of

vulnerability on the basis of livelihood sensitivity, resilience and adaptation of farm households to climate change through climate smart agriculture, studies on various issues of agricultural extension management, communication, diversified farming and rural livelihoods.

Dr. Ghosh coordinated many National level trainers' trainings sponsored by Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India for states' line departments, irrigation departments, NGOs officials of different states as well as 10 farmers' trainings each of seven days duration on scaling-up of water productivity at different locations in which more than thousand farmers were trained. He delivered more than hundred invited lectures in farmers' and trainers' training programmes. His presence as invited/guest speakers in different forums and events organized by ICAR institutes, Central and State Agricultural Universities, Central and State Government organizations as well as international organizations show his recognition as an expert in the discipline of Agricultural Extension. He has also been involved in many other assignments like external expert in selection committees, editors in editorial committees of professional society's journals, reviewer in the national and international journals, etc. He has made significant contributions for advancing the cause of Agricultural Extension Education and Research.

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