

ABOUT THE CHAIRPERSON



Prof. Sarvareddy Venku Reddy M.Sc (Ag), Ph.D., (IARI) is an Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Specialist with over five decades of experience in teaching research, training and extension work connected with Agricultural and Rural Development. He has hands on experience in extension management, sustainable agriculture, institutional development, Agri business, evaluation studies and capacity building programmes. He worked in several capacities in India and Abroad as Professor, Advisor and Consultant to different National and international Institutions including the World Bank, FAO.

As an Agricultural Extension Services Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Uganda, he guided in designing methodologies for implementation of pilot interventions such as Unified Extension Services, Village Level Participatory Approach, decentralization, cost – sharing and out sourcing of extension and research services. He also assisted the Ministry in coordinating the projects, consultants, NGOs, media resource centers and other organizations. As a Consultant to World Bank, he participated in appraisal and supervision of IDA funded projects on Agricultural Extension, Research and Irrigation in several districts of India and Africa with Bank Missions.

As Professor and Head of Extension Education Institute, ANGR Agriculture University, Hyderabad he was engaged in teaching and guiding number of post graduate students and organizing number of training programmes for middle and national level functionaries engaged in development. He has at least 50 Scientific publications, 4 manuals and 4 Books to his credit and widely travelled in different countries of the World.

As a President and Executive Director of Participatory Rural Development Initiatives Society (PRDIS) a professional NGO guided and monitored implementation of development programmes in agriculture and rural development sectors. Besides, he was also associated with training programmes, workshops, monitoring, evaluation and studies conducted by PRDIS. Recently organized a National and International Conferences on Agricultural Extension & SDGs in India and Sri Lanka respectively.

He had unique opportunity to receive **Gold Medal** at Ph.D level from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi and several honours including **Presidential Award** for sustainable agriculture development from HE Former President of India APJ Abdul Kalam, Indira Gandhi Unity Award and **Life Time Achievement Award** for contribution to agricultural extension which was received from Dr. Daniel Gustafson, DDG, FAO, on behalf of Society of Extension Professionals in the presence of DDG, ICAR, India. He also has **Honorary Doctorate** to his credit, besides associating with **Late Dr. Norman Borlaug, Nobel Laureate and Dr. Daniel Benor**, Senior Advisor, World Bank.

Professor Reddy at present is holding the position of Chairman of Network NGO organization – PARENT. Director of J.N. Agri Tech International Limited, Uganda, Advisor Neha International, Ethiopia, Founder Trustee and Chairman of Sarvareddy Venku Reddy Foundation for Development (SVFD) and Honorary Advisor on Agricultural Extension Services to Government of Uganda. Besides recently elected and appointed as **Member of BCI Council, Geneva** representing civil society organizations.

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