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Dr. Tolety Janakiram born on 30th August 1962 is an eminent horticulturist and presently serving as Assistant Director General (Hort.Sci), ICAR. He completed B.Sc. (Ag) from erstwhile APAU and M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Horticulture from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. He has outstandingly contributed to Horticulture Research and Development in his career spanning 28 years with his distinguished academic record.

Dr. Janakiram started his career as a scientist at the Indian Institute of Horticultural research, Bangalore in 1989 and served as the Head, Division of Floriculture and Landscaping at IARI, New Delhi during 2009-2014. As an accomplished plant breeder at IIHR, Bangalore and IARI, New Delhi, Dr. Janakiram was responsible for the development and release of 6 China aster, 15 Chrysanthemum, 15 Gladiolus varieties and 5 hybrids of Tuberose. China aster varieties need special mention for their popularity gained in Andhra Pradesh with the support of the Netherlands assisted project APWELL. He has served as nodal officer DUS testing in ornamental crops at IIHR, Bangalore. He is responsible for the establishment of exclusive laboratory on Value Addition of Ornamentals at IARI and initiating Turf research. He is closely associated with the activities of Rose Society of India, Delhi Agri Horticulture Society, Indian Society of Ornamental Horticulture. He is the Registrar of International Registration Authority of Bougainvillea, IARI. He is Vice President of Indian Society of Ornamental Horticulture, Rose Society of India, New Delhi. He is Chief Editor of Journal of Ornamental Horticulture and member of several professional societies. He is one of the members of Institute Management Committee, Research Advisory Committees in many ICAR institutes/directorates. He had his advanced training in floriculture in Germany and Israel.

He is recipient of many awards and fellowships including **PNASF Gold medal Award, 2008, HSI Gold Medal 2009, ISOH Lotus Puraskar, 2010, Dr. B. H. Jain Award for excellence, 2013, Distinguished Scientist Award 2012** Hi-Tech Horticultural Society, **Best Scientist award 2013** by Young Farmer Association, Punjab and Life Time Achievement award- 2014 by Hi-Tech Horticultural Society and **AIKGA Gold Medal**. He is also **ISOH Fellow**, Indian Society of Ornamental Horticulture, New Delhi. **ISHR&D Fellow**, Indian Society of Horticultural Research and Development, Uttarakhand, **CHAI Fellow**.

He is widely travelled in India and has visited Germany, The Netherlands, Turkey, Israel, Malaysia, Pakistan, China, Thailand, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal for advanced training/presentation of research findings. As the Head of the Division of Floriculture and Landscaping, IARI, he has provided dynamic leadership in teaching, research and extension and guided PG students. He has authored 12 books, 15 bulletins and published 90 research papers in national and international journals.