

BIO IN BRIEF

Dr. V. V. SADAMATE (DOB, 1st June, 1953), is an Eminent Agricultural Extension Specialist & Former Adviser Agriculture, Planning Commission, GOI. Graduated from Pune Agriculture College (1973) and did Masters / PhD in Agricultural Extension from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi in 1975 & 1979 respectively. Pursued Post -Doc from Michigan State University, USA as a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar. Obtained higher Extension Management training at Wisconsin, Cornell Universities and Royal Institute of Public Administration (RIPA) London, UK. Worked with ICAR as Junior Scientist (1978-1982) & with the Ministry of Agriculture (1982-2005) in various capacities including Director and Additional Commissioner (Extension) before joining Planning Commission as Adviser Agriculture (2006-2013). Handled formulation and implementation of National and State Plans for Agriculture and Allied Sectors. Superannuated from Ministry of Agriculture in May, 2013. Worked as Principal Consultant with Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO), New Delhi and developed their Country Programme Framework Document (2013). Was associated with DOLR's World Bank assisted Watershed Management project -Neeranchal as Agricultural Convergence Expert (2013-15) & with IWMI (2013), studied their climate smart village programme for up scaling.

Keen student of Agricultural Extension over last four decades, had contributed significantly in developing and operating extension reforms. Equally strong on theoretical aspects and practical applications of extension systems. He is a member of over a dozen national and international extension networks. Worked as Adjunct Faculty, Extension Division of IARI, New Delhi 2013-14 to 18-19. Published over 100 research papers in national / international journals & guided MSc/ Ph.D. Scholars of various institutes in agricultural extension. Attended International Climate Change Conferences viz, COP-19 at Warsaw, Poland, COP-21 at Paris, France, COP-22 at Marrakech, Morocco, GACSA2018 at FAO Rome, COP-24, Katowice, Poland & is actively involved in follow up actions by the member countries. Conducted national and international dialogues on Agricultural Extension, including one Chaired at Sri Lanka in May, 2018 on Agricultural Extension in the Context of SDGs. Membered, Extension Group, Doubling Farmer Income Committee and Core Group that trained officers of All India Services on development of District Irrigation Plans (DIPs). Presently working as Independent Consultant on (i) Agricultural Extension Reforms, Policy Advocacy, Agricultural HRD, Convergence, piloting extension innovations, etc, (ii) adviser to selected NGOs & corporates, (iii) and Member, Expert Committee, NASF, ICAR