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Brief Bio

Dr Sreenath Dixit joined ICRISAT Patancheru, India in January 2018 and took over the position of Head, ICRISAT Development Center (IDC) in July 2018. He is currently leading a 20-member strong multidisciplinary team of scientists at IDC under the Research Program-Asia that is working on scaling up of impacts of science-backed agricultural technologies. Besides, he is also mentoring the team to undertake research on issues of technology delivery to create large-scale impact; contribute to science and policy of technology delivery/dissemination aimed at improving the livelihoods of the poor.

With a doctorate in Agricultural Extension from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, India (1993), he works on capacity building strategies to implement multi-disciplinary, multi-institute consortium projects on ground with focus on scaling up across large areas. He belongs to the 1990 batch of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). His efforts have led to many ICAR awards, such as Vasantrya Naik Award for Dryland Agriculture and Fakhrudin Ali Ahmed Award for Tribal Agriculture improvement besides the Young Scientist award of the Indian Society of Extension Education early in his career.

In his career span of nearly 28 years with the National Agricultural Research System (NARS), he has served in different capacities with National Research Centre for Cashew, Puttur (1992-99) and Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad (1999-2014). He headed the Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Bengaluru as its Director (2014-18) before moving in to ICRISAT. As the Director of ATARI, he coordinated the activities of over 80 Krishi Vigyan Kendras spread across Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Goa Pudukherry and Lakshadweep. He has also served ICRISAT earlier in his career in two different projects between 2002 and 2006.

He has published over 50 research papers both in national and international journals; written nearly 30 book chapters and several project reports and policy papers. He has also published over 100 popular articles on a wide range of subjects including agriculture, education, environment, rural development etc.

Expertise in: Participatory natural resource management, innovative institutional mechanisms for promoting sustainable rural livelihoods in fragile ecosystems, technology testing and frontline extension strategies, location-specific adaptations to climate change and ICTs in agricultural extension.