

Dr. R.K. Mittal

Vice-Chancellor



Dr. R.K. Mittal, is a renowned Researcher, Educationist, Manager, Administrator. He has about 40 years experience of teaching, research, extension and administration. He has been appointed as the 6th Vice-Chancellor of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. R.K. Mittal also has an excellent academic record to his credit.

Research, education and management/administration experience of about 40 years.

National

(i) **Officer on Special Duty (International Relations), ICAR, New Delhi** (17 Nov 2015 to 30 Sep 2017); also worked as **Head, BRICS Agricultural Research Platform, ICAR, New Delhi** (15 Feb 2017 to 30 Sep 2017); developed for signing of 8 new MoUs/MoAs, two letters of Intent, one amendment to the existing MoA, and 22 Work Plans; finalized 24 other Work Plans; permission to 16 agricultural universities for foreign collaboration, and provided technical input in BRICS, CGIAR, ASEAN, SAARC, BIMSTEC, FAO, IFAD, India-Africa Forum Summit and other programmes. First ever book compiled on 'ICAR-CGIAR Agricultural Cooperation'.

(ii) **Vice Chancellor, Rajendra Agricultural University (now Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University), Pusa, Bihar** (14 May 2012 to 13 Nov 2015); three national ICAR awards to the University, accreditation of the University, linking University to farmers and society, introduced the Innovative Farmer award, Best Performing KVK award of University, Farmer Professor, Adjunct Faculty, Best Teacher Award, PG education and research in Horticulture, private manufacturers and the ICAR institutions for collaboration in teaching and research, seed companies for seed production, and pursued expeditiously the conversion to Central Agricultural University. University was approved as a centre of AICRP- Forage Crops of ICAR, 20 new projects including foreign projects approved, 10 new crop varieties and several production technologies recommended, new projects developed and submitted and several scientific seminars/brain storming sessions organized.

(iii) **Assistant Director General (Education Quality Assurance & Reforms) at ICAR, New Delhi** (01 Aug 2007 to 12 May 2012); also worked as **ADG (Education Planning & Development) and ADG (Technical Coordination) as additional charge**; Course curricula revision (UG, PG and doctoral) including the Experiential Learning course, National Policy for Higher Agricultural Education, ICAR Model Act revision, draft document of National Agricultural Education Project, policy for establishment of new Central Agricultural Universities, evaluation and affiliation of private agricultural colleges, accreditation of agricultural universities, ICAR International Fellowships, India-Africa and India-Afghanistan Fellowships.

(iv) **Research Fellow & Scientist/Senior Scientist/Principal Scientist** (Dec 1976 to July 2007 at BSI, Kolkata; VPKAS, Almora & ICAR, New Delhi); contributed in the development of four improved crop varieties (VL Masoor 4, VL Masoor 103, VL Soya 21 and VL Soya 47) for UP/NW hills, identification of several new diseases/pathogens and their management, and published books, book chapters, technical bulletins and several articles in the reputed national and international journals.

International

DANIDA Visiting Scientist at DGISP, Copenhagen, Denmark (Oct 1997 to Nov 1998); NSERC Visiting Fellow at PNFI, Petwawa, Canada (Dec 1984 to July 1987); travelled to 14 countries as leader/member of different delegations.

Awards and Recognitions

National Education Award 2015 for Outstanding Contribution to Education by the ABP News; Prof. H.K. Barua Memorial Lecture Award (2006) by the IMS, Kolkata; DANIDA Visiting Scientist in Denmark (1997-98); Visiting Fellowship of NSERC, Canada (1984-87); Past President of the IMS, Kolkata and ISMPP, Udaipur; Fellow of four scientific societies (IPS, ISMPP, IMS, ISST); Member of the ISTA Forest Tree Seed and Shrub Committee, and ISTA Tree Seed Pathology Working Group, Switzerland and American Phytopathological Society, USA; Chairman/Member/Member Secretary of several academic and administrative committees of ICAR, agricultural universities and other agencies.

Academics and Personal

Brilliant (First Division/Grade) academic record throughout; B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Meerut University, Ph.D. from HNBG Central University, Srinagar; post- doctoral research at F.R.I. & Colleges, Dehradun. Born on September 19, 1955 in Muzaffarnagar, UP; E-mail: rakumittal@gmail.com.

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