



Brief Profile of Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director (Agril.Extn.), MANAGE, Hyderabad

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- ❖ Professional in the field of Agriculture with 27 years of experience and expertise in the areas namely Agricultural Extension Management, Agri-Entrepreneurship Development and Public-Private-Partnership.
- ❖ Key Qualifications:
 - 1999 - Doctor of Philosophy (Agricultural Extension), University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (Completed on deputation). Cumulative Grade Point Average of 9.57 /10.00 with following Three Gold Medals.
 - Recipient of University of Agricultural Sciences Gold Medal for Securing Highest Grade Point.
 - Recipient of Dr. K.A. Jalihal Gold Medal for Best PhD. Student in Agricultural Extension.
 - Recipient of Dr. R. Dwarakinath, Former Vice-Chancellor Gold Medal for Best PhD. Student in Agricultural Extension.
 - The Doctoral Research Thesis contributed an “Agricultural Extension Strategy for the Management of Coffee Industry”.
 - 1989 - Post Graduate Degree: M.Sc. in Agricultural Extension, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. Cumulative Grade Point average of 3.96/4.00 and topped 1987-89 batch.
 - Post Graduate Research thesis focused on “Developing a Tool for Measuring the Effectiveness of Functioning of Rural Youth Clubs”.
 - 1987 – B.Sc. (Agriculture), University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.17/4.00. Bachelor degree in Agricultural Sciences covering full range of courses on Horticulture, Sericulture, Forestry, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture Marketing and Agriculture Extension.
- ❖ Director (Agricultural Extension) is mainly responsible for carrying out Training, Research, Consultancy, Documentation and Dissemination in the field of Agricultural Extension Management. Director (Agricultural Extension) is also heading three other following centers in MANAGE.
- ❖ MANAGE Centre for Agricultural Extension Policy, Public Private Partnership and International Centre for Excellence in Agricultural Extension.
- ❖ Director, Program Management Unit (PMU) of USAID Funded Feed the Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT)
- ❖ Founder Director of Centre for Agri-Entrepreneurship Development (CAD), MANAGE responsible for implementation of Central Sector Scheme of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (www.agriclinics.net). The scheme aims at transforming qualified Agricultural Professionals in to Agripreneurs who intern setup Agri-ventures in rural areas to provide value added extension services to farmers. Training and Handholding support is provided to

Agripreneurs across the country through network of 77 partner institutions. Trained 51,000 Agricultural professionals and established 21,000 Agri-ventures in different parts of the country under the scheme.

- ❖ Programme Director of US-India-Africa Triangular International Programme funded by USAID, India, in which 129 Agriculture Extension Professionals from Kenya, Liberia and Malawi were trained in Agricultural Extension Management during 2013-15.
- ❖ Director, PMU implementing USAID funded Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) covering 17 African and Asian Countries, around 1,400 executives through 44 In-country and Third Country programs on various aspects of Agricultural Development.
- ❖ Organized more than 300 national and international level training programs on different aspects of Agricultural Extension Management.
- ❖ Published more than 66 Technical papers including 15 books, made 9 films and actively associated with several professional activities.
- ❖ Executive Editor of MANAGE Journal of Agricultural Extension Management and Editor of monthly MANAGE International e-Bulletin.
- ❖ Recognizing the contribution, Indian Society of Extension Education presented “Young Scientist Award-2007”. Received “Magnum National Honour Award -2011” by Magnum Foundation, Nagpur, Maharashtra, “Special Appreciation Award” by International Society of Extension Education and Dr. Mishra Memorial Award of ISEE, 2015.
- ❖ Served as member of Working Group on Agricultural Extension during 12th Plan Agricultural Extension Approach Paper preparation by Planning Commission.
- ❖ Team Leader of Sub-group on Agricultural Extension constituted by GoI under “Doubling of Farmers Income”.
- ❖ Member of India-Indonesia Joint Working Group on Agriculture.
- ❖ Member, Governing Board of Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESAs)