

Profile of
PROF. M.C. VARSHNEYA
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He was born on 1st July 1945 at Mathura in U.P. Prof. Varshneya had a brilliant academic carrier in school and college education. He is M.Sc. from Agra University and got Ph.D. training in Agril. Meteorology from University of Nebraska, Lincoln, USA. He has at his credit 52 years of experience in teaching, research, extension education and university administration. He is an internationally recognized authority in crop modeling.

Under his guidance 75 M.Sc.(Agri.); 2 M.Tech. (Agril. Engg.) and 6 B.Tech. (Agril. Engg.) Students completed their studies and evaluated 3 Ph.D. (Agril.) thesis. He has at his credit 13 books, 87 Research Papers, 48 Book Chapters, 16 General Articles besides 43 reports and 45 papers presented in Seminars.

He started his carrier as Lecturer, Hindu Inter College, Kiratpur, Bijnor from 1964 onwards and held positions like Professor of Physics, Professor In Charge, Centre of Advanced Studies in Agricultural Meteorology(CASAM), College of Agriculture, Pune, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pune and Head Department of Agricultural Meteorology, MPKV, Rahuri, Maharashtra.

Honorary Degree of **Doctor of Science D,Sc**, was bestowed on him by Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur in 2019.

Honorary degree of **Fellow of Association of Agro-Meteorologist, (FAAM) 2017**, was accorded by Association of Agro- Meteorologist in its annual meeting held at CCS Haryana Agricultural University Hissar from 12-14 October 2017.

He has been elected as President of the Association of Agrometeorologists, Anand for the period of 2009-11 by the General Body of the Association.

He was honoured by Association of Agrometeorologist for his contribution as excellent teacher, who has guided number of M.Sc. and Ph.D. Scholars and his research contributions especially in the field of Crop Modeling, Micrometeorological studies and Climate Change in International Symposium on Agrometeorology and Food Security held during 18-21 February 2008 at Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad.

Presently He is working as:

Member (Governor's nominee) on Maharashtra Agricultural Universities Recruitment Board, MCAER, Pune, MS

Chairman, Zonal Monitoring Committee of Western zone of National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture, (NICRA) projects of KVKs of ICAR, New Delhi,

Chairman, Research Advisory Council (RAC), of Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute (MGIFRI), Motihari, ICAR, New Delhi.

Chairman, Research Advisory Council, Of National Institute of Spices Research, Kozikode, Kerala ICAR, New Delhi.

Chairman, Peer Review Committee for accreditation of Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, appointed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi

Chairman, Advisory Council, Uttan Krishi Sanshodhan Sanstha, Mumbai,

Chairman, Institute of Rural Development and Education, Pune

He has worked as

1, Vice Chancellor, (2014- 2017) Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar,

2. Vice-Chancellor,(2004-2010),Anand Agricultural University, Anand.

3. President, Indian Agricultural Universities Association,(IAUA), New Delhi.

4. Member (Representing India) on Asian Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutes (APAARI), Bangkok, Thailand

5. Member (representing India) on Global Confederation of Higher Education and Research institutes in Agriculture (GCHERA), Johannesburg, South Africa.

**6 Member, Governing Council and General Body,
Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi**

7 Director, Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd (AFCL), Mumbai.

8 Member, Academic Council, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, Gujarat.

9. Convenor/ **Chairman, Search Committee,**

(a) Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANVASU),
Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

(b) Vice Chancellor, Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindhia University of Agricultural Sciences, Gwalior, M P

(c) Vice Chancellor, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad

(d) Vice Chancellor, M S University, Vadodara

10. Member, Peer Review Team (PRT), for Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi appointed by Ministry of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi.

11. Member, Selection Committee for Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, Anand appointed by Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Government of India, New Delhi.

12. Member of High Level Committee constituted by the Government of Maharashtra under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan to prepare an Action Plan for Agriculture for Maharashtra for coming 25 years.

13. Member of Committee on Higher Education constituted by the Governor of Gujarat, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.

14. Member of committee constituted by the Govt. of Gujarat "To Evaluate the Safety Aspects of Endosulfan". under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.K.Goyal, Vice Chancellor, M. S. University, Vadodara

He was awarded –

Bronze Medal, in 2009, for e-krishi kiran program by Ministry of Administrative Reforms and Ministry of Information Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Sipani Krishi Anusandhan Farm Award, 2009, for Best research paper Conferred by Asian Agri-History Foundation Secunderabad (India) for the paper entitled "Forecasting and Validation of Rainfall for Barshi in Maharashtra Based on Astro-meteorological Principle of Rainfall Conception".

Best research article awarded, in 2006, by Journal of Maharashtra Agricultural Universities, Pune.

Best presentation award, in 2001, on "Impact Analysis of Agro-advisory" by National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi.

Certificate of Appreciation as Director, CAS in Agricultural Meteorology in 1999 by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research New Delhi.

FAO Fellowship, 1988, Food and Agricultural Organization, Rome.

Agra University Merit Scholarship 1962-63.

Agra University Books Grants (Scholarship) 1961-62.

He has Delivered Lectures

1. Delivered Inaugural address in “MAGOPA 2018 ” (Looking back in the achievements and transfer of Technology to Farmers by Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri in 2017-18).
2. Delivered Inaugural address in the “Joint AGRESCO 2017” of all the four Agricultural universities of Maharashtra held at Dr BSKKV, Dapoli.
- 3. Delivered Dr L A Ramdas Memorial Lecture on “Soil, Plant and Animal Management under Changing Environment ” during National Seminar “AGMET 2017” on “Agrometeorology for Sustainable Development with special emphasis on Agrometeorological Practices for Climate Resilient Farming and Food Security” held at CCSHAU, Hissar.**
4. Delivered Convocation Address, in 2016, in the Convocation of Dr BSKKV, Dapoli .
5. Presented paper in Indian Science Congress 2000 on "Future Needs of Crop Weather Data Base for Sustainable Agriculture and Challenges Ahead " during 3-7 January, 2000.
6. Presented paper in International Conferences ' 2000 ASA, CSSA, SSSA meeting ', held at Minneapolis, MN, Indiana from 5-9 November, 2000.
7. Presented paper in " Nowlin Chair' Crop Modeling International Symposium ", held at Detroit, U. S. A. on 9-10 November 2000.