Brief Biography of Dr. Souvik Ghosh

Dr. Souvik Ghosh is a Professor (Agricultural Extension) and former Head, Department of Agricultural Extension, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal; formerly Senior Scientist at ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar; positioned as Visiting Scientist at Department of Economics, College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, South Dakota State University, USA during 2016. He is the Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology (WAST), Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), and Society for Community Mobilization for Sustainable Development (MOBILIZATION). His publications include 135 research papers (35 in the high IF journals) and 55



technical articles in national and international journals, 10 books, 17 research/extension bulletins, 10 training manuals, 22 book chapters, 28 chapters in training manuals, 13 technical/extension folders/brochures and 25 full-length papers in proceedings of international and national conferences, seminars, etc. His outstanding work done in the field of Agricultural Extension Education and Research has brought many national level awards and recognitions. The significant contributions include development of climate smart extension model to promote climate resilient innovations, frameworks for assessment of farmers collectives and rural livelihoods, innovative extension methodology for assessment and refinement of agricultural water management technologies from stakeholders' perspectives, extension techniques to scaling-up water productivity in agriculture through demonstrative units, and training of farmers and extension functionaries, innovative extension concepts of water users group dynamics and links between irrigation, agriculture and farm livelihood to promote suitable water use efficient technologies through targeted extension advisory services, methods to assess the effect of participatory irrigation management reform in India. He has completed eight projects as PI and 22 projects as Co-PI. He has guided 08 and 21 Ph.D. and M.Sc. scholars' thesis till date.

Awards and Honours: Amitabha Mukhopadhyay Memorial Gold Medal Award 1995 of Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati University; Gold Medal (Director's Medal) 1996-97, National Dairy Research Institute; ICAR Award for Team Research 2003-04; Young Scientist Award 2005 of Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE); Institution Award 2006 of Institution of Engineers (India)- Orissa State Centre, Bhubaneswar; Proficiency Award 2008 of Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar; Indira Gandhi Rajbhasha Puraskar 2010-11 (First Prize) of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India; Young Scientist Award 2011 of Society of Extension Education, Agra, Uttar Pradesh; Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Young Scientist Award 2011 of ICAR; Presidential Appreciation Award 2017 of Society for Community Mobilization for Sustainable Development; Dr. K.N. Singh Memorial Award 2017 of ISEE; BKJF-INCSW Sookshma Sinchai Puraskar 2018, Central Water Commission, Govt. of India; Prof. Y.P. Singh Memorial Award 2018 of ISEE; Professional Recognition Award 2023, Department of Extension Education, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University; Dr. O.P. Dahama Memorial Award 2022-23 of ISEE.

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