

## **Brief Biodata of Dr. B.S. Dwivedi, Director, ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur**

Dr. B.S. Dwivedi did his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry from CS Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur. After joining Agricultural Research Service of the ICAR in 1986, he served at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Shillong (now at Umiam), ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (erstwhile PSCSR), Modipuram, and ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in different capacities including Head, Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, ICAR-IARI during 2011-2020.

During his professional career of over 34 years, Dr. Dwivedi made original research contributions mainly in the areas of diagnostics, restoration and improvement of soil health under different agro-ecologies. He published over 150 research papers in reputed journals, besides a number of review papers, bulletins, books and book chapters, and popular articles. As Faculty of PG School, ICAR-IARI for the period 2004-2020, Dr. Dwivedi taught and guided several Ph.D. and M.Sc. students in the discipline of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry. He worked closely with Government of India, fertilizer industry, ICAR institutions, AUs, and international institutions.

Dr. Dwivedi possesses an illustrious academic record, with several awards and recognitions for his outstanding contributions. Important of them are: Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award of ICAR, Hari Krishna Shastri Memorial Award of IARI, S.S. Ranade Lifetime Achievement Award, ISSS- Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Award, ISSS-Dr. J.S.P. Yadav Memorial Award, FAI-Golden Jubilee Award, IPNI-FAI Award, and TSI-FAI Award.

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