

Dr. MP Thakur Elected as President-elect (2018) of the Indian Phytopathological Society



Personal details: Borne on 24th June, 1961 at Nainpur (Mandla) in MP, graduated and post gradated (Plant Pathology) in Agriculture with Honours and doctorate from JNKVV, Jabalpur. Joined as Jr. Scientist at RARS, JNKVV, Harda in 1998. Moved to IGKV, Raipur in 1988 as Asstt. Professor, then elevated as Assoc. Professor in 1995, Professor in 2003, Professor and Head (Plant Pathology), IGKV, Raipur in 2012-13 and 2006. Became Dean, SKS CARS, Rajnandgaon in 2013-14, SK CARS, Kawardha in 2007-12. Joined as Director, Extension Services at IGKV, Raipur in May, 2014 and continuing till date.

Contribution to Society: As Zonal President of IPS, New Delhi in 2013, serving as Sectional Editor of "Fungal Pathology" of *Indian Phytopath.*; served as Editor of *Indian Phytopath.*. Organised 66th Annual Meeting and National Conference of IPS at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur in 2014 as Co-Organising Secretary, Zonal Meet (Central Zone) of IPS and National Conference at IGKV, Raipur as Organising Secretary in 2014. Life Member of IPS, New Delhi. Invited as Convener "Extension plant pathology : challenges to implement" during 6th International Conference of IPS in 2016. Organizing Committee of 6th International Conference of IPS invited me as Chairman of "Session 19: Mushroom fungi: friend of human being"; adjudged me as Chairman, Poster Evaluation Committee; Served as MEMBER, Advisory Committee of 6th International Conference. Served as MEMBER in the International Advisory Committee of 14th International *Trichoderma* and *Gliocladium* Workshop in 2016. Motivated many members to become Life Member of IPS from Central Zone. Invited by the society to deliver Key Note Addresses during several International/National Conferences. Invited to write Review Article, published several

research papers in *Indian Phytopath*, write Book Chapters in the publication of the society. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award (2018) by IPS.

Recipient of Merit Scholarship; ICAR-Junior & Senior Research Fellowship, ICAR, New Delhi, Visiting Fellowship of Shanghai Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Shanghai (China); Visiting Fellow of ICRISAT at Patancheru (A.P.); Fellowship for Training of In Service Young Scientist in 1991 from MPCOST, Bhopal (M.P.) to work at IARI, New Delhi; As Member, RAC of ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan (H.P.) from 2013-16; “Best Worker Award” of IGKV, Raipur in 2001; Life Time Achievement Award during 3rd International Conference at Management Development Institute of Singapore in 2017; Best Poster Award during International Conference on Biodiversity, Bioresources and Biotechnology in 2014 at Mysore; Brij Gopal Sharma Memorial All India Best Agriculture Extension Worker Award–2016 by SADHNA, Solan (H.P.); “Distinguished Scientist Award” by Society for Scientific Development in Agriculture and Technology, Meerut (U.P.) in 2016; “Krushi Mauli Award – 2017” under the category of “Best Agriculture Education and Study” during Global Agriculture Exhibition - 2017 at Nasik (MS); Award of “Krishi Shree” by Education Minister in 2007; As Zonal Councilor of West Zone of Indian Society of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Udaipur (Raj.); As Editor in Chief of *Journal of Agricultural Issues* published by IGKV, Raipur; As Editors of Scientific Journals like *Mushroom Research*, *Journal of Mycology and Plant Pathology*, *Journal of Agricultural Issues*; As “Fellow” of two prestigious societies, Indian Society of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Udaipur (Raj.) and Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development, Kanpur (U.P.).

Institutional Awards: Under my leadership as DES, the university bagged two National Awards, Best KVK National Award to KVK, Dantewada in 2016; Mahindra Agri India Award (Winner) to KVK, Kanker in 2017 and 04 ICAR Best Zonal Awards to KVK, Dantewada, Ambikapur, Kanker and Korea in 2017. Awarded “Certificate of Appreciation” at the National level for submission of maximum number of farmers varieties for registration under PPV & FRA, New Delhi.

Four Books, 102 Research Papers, 4 Review Articles, 10 book chapters, 27 Bulletins, 80 Popular Articles, guided 38 PG/Ph.D. Thesis, presented a research paper in International Conference at Mexico & Singapore; 70 research papers as Key Note Speaker/Guest Lecture and 148 as Oral speakers/Posters in National/International Seminars; Chaired/Co-chaired dozens of International/Asian/National Seminars; handled 30 Ad-hoc Research projects; organized 18 Kisan Mela/Zonal Conference/Western Region Fair/Exhibitions; 127 National/State Level Trainings for the entrepreneurs on Mushroom and benefitted >6500 rural youths/women/farmers/ landless labourers and provided them self employment for income generation, attended 12 International/National Training.