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P.V.K. Sasidhar is Professor, School of Extension and Development Studies, IGNOU, New Delhi. He attained his PhD in Veterinary Extension (2002) from Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad. He was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at NAARM, Hyderabad (2002-03), Norman Borlaug Fellow of USDA at Tuskegee University, USA (2008) and USAID Fellow at Michigan State University, USA (2015).

During 2003-09, he served in Agricultural Research Service of ICAR at CARI, Izatnagar with Research, Teaching, Extension & Training assignments. In ICAR his primary research accomplishments as team leader were 'Micro-Level Priority Setting for Poultry Sector in India', 'Poultry Science Education & Manpower Planning for Poultry Sector' and 'Backyard Poultry for Livelihood Security'. He has organized two National Seminars under these projects in 2006 and 2009. These projects and seminars are the most important policy works concerning poultry research, education and extension in India. As faculty member of IVRI during 2003-09, he taught to PG and PhD students and served on 11 students' advisory committees. He visited various universities and research laboratories in Australia, USA, Bangladesh, UAE and Cambodia.

His research interests centers primarily on Evaluation of Extension Advisory Services, Veterinary Service Delivery and Improving Veterinary Education. He serves on the editorial boards of Journal of Agricultural Extension Management, Indian Journal of Poultry Science, and review for a number of other National and International journals. He has more than 200 publications to his credit which includes research articles, invited papers, abstracts, book chapters, self learning material, outreach articles and edited books.

He received R&D grants from various National and International organizations and won awards like JRF, SRF, 4 Young Scientist Awards and Norman Borlaug International Agricultural Science & Technology Fellows Award of USDA. He served as member in Sub-Group on 'HRD, Training and Accreditation' of Planning Commission for the XII Five Year Plan.

The most recent research works completed by him are two USAID funded collaborative projects with Michigan State University - Integrated Contract Broiler Farming – An Evaluation Case Study in India (2015) and Assessment of Core Competencies of Livestock Extension Professionals in India (2016). He participated in OIE PVS Follow-up Evaluation of the Veterinary Services of Cambodia in 2018.

In IGNOU, he organized two DFID funded policy workshops, prepared 50 units of SLM for various ODL programmes and supervised six PhD students. He is coordinating MA in Development Studies, PG Diploma in Development Studies and PG Diploma in Urban Planning and Development. Currently he is developing a PG Diploma in Animal Welfare (In collaboration with University of Edinburgh) & PG Diploma in Corporate Social Responsibility. He can be contacted at: pvksasidhar@ignou.ac.in / 9910050413.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Major-Veterinary Extension; Minor - Livestock Production and Management)

A.N.G.R Agricultural University, Hyderabad, India (1999-2002). OGPA:9.07/10.00 (University first)

Master of Veterinary Science (Major - Veterinary Extension; Minor- Poultry Science)

A.N.G.R Agricultural University, Hyderabad, India (1996-1998). OGPA:8.76/10.00 (University first)

Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry

A.N.G.R Agricultural University, Hyderabad, India (1991-1996). OGPA: 8.04 / 10.00

Diploma in Human Resource Management

Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India (2004). 'A' Grade

PG Diploma in Distance Education

Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India (2011). 'A' Grade

Experience

Director - School of Extension and Development Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi-110068 (India) – June 2016 to June 2019.

Professor - School of Extension and Development Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi-110068 (India) – March 2015 to Till Date.

Associate Professor - School of Extension and Development Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi-110068 (India) – March 2009 to March 2015.

Scientist - Central Avian Research Institute, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Izatnagar, Bareilly 243 122 (India) - April 2003 to March 2009.

Post Doctoral Research Fellow - National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad (India) – June 2002 to April 2003.

Visiting Scientist – Norman Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Programme of USDA, Tuskegee University, Alabama (USA) – October to November 2008.

Visiting Fellow – USAID Fellow, Michigan State University (USA) - May to June 2015.

OIE PVS Follow-up Evaluation of the Veterinary Services of Cambodia - May 2018.

Research Projects Completed (PI/ Co-PI/ PDF)

- Assessment of Core Competencies of Livestock Extension Professionals in India (Funded by USAID - In collaboration with Michigan State University) (Principal Investigator)
- Integrated Contract Broiler Farming: An Evaluation Case Study in India (Funded by USAID - In collaboration with Michigan State University) (Principal Investigator)
- Micro Level Prioritization of Production Constraints and Researchable Areas in Poultry Sector (Principal Investigator) (Project funded by ICAR & National Seminar under project funded by DST).
- Poultry Science Education and Human Resource Planning for Poultry Sector in India: A Forecasting Study (Project funded by ICAR & National Seminar under project funded by DST & VCI).
- Assessing Comparative Adoption Livelihood Security and Performance of Backyard Poultry Varieties in India (Principal Investigator, Funded by ICAR).
- Evaluation of Backyard Poultry Farm School on All India Radio (Principal Investigator, Funded by IDRC).
- Supply Response Analysis of Maize and Soybean as Major Agro-Ingredients of Poultry Feed in India (Co-Investigator, Funded by ICAR)
- Studies on Reproductive System Remodeling, Stress Responses and Amelioration Strategies During Forced Moulting in White Leghorn Hens (Co-Investigator, Funded by ICAR).
- Prioritization of Production Constraints in Fisheries Sector (PDF, NAARM, Hyderabad under a NATP Project).
- Improving Veterinary Education through Learning and Sharing of Experiences (Norman Borlaug Programme of USDA at Tuskegee University, USA).
- Economics of Mastitis (Young Scientist award winning project) (Leader of the Project funded by Department of Animal Husbandry, Andhra Pradesh).

Research Supervisor (Ph.D / M.V.Sc Scholars)

- Dynamics of Livestock Development in Andhra Pradesh: A Multi-Stakeholder Analysis (PhD Supervisor).
- Evaluation of Integrated Contract Broiler Farming System in Karnataka (PhD Supervisor).
- Adaptation to Climate Change in Agriculture – A Critical Analysis in Andhra Pradesh (PhD Supervisor).
- Impact Assessment of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kachchh among the Datepalm Growers (PhD Supervisor).
- A Study on the Impact of Acharya Ranga Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Transfer of Agricultural Technology in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh (PhD Supervisor).
- A Study on Knowledge and Perception of Farmers on Crop Insurance Scheme in the Cauvery Delta Zone (PhD Supervisor).
- Extension Advisory and Transfer of Technology Services through Krishi Vigyan Kendra: An Evaluation Study in Assam (PhD Supervisor).
- A Study on Entrepreneurial Behaviour of Organic Farmers of South Karnataka (PhD Co- Supervisor).
- Adoption Behavior, Household Food Security and Gender Issues Involved in Giriaja Backyard Poultry

- Variety: A Diagnostic Study (M.V.Sc. Supervisor).
- Effectiveness of Livestock Service Delivery by Different Agencies in Karnataka (M.V.Sc. Supervisor).
- Rural Livelihood Security through Vanaraja Backyard Poultry Farming in North- Eastern Region. (M.V.Sc. Supervisor).
- Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Organic Livestock Farmers in Uttaranchal State of India- An Explorative Study (PhD Co-supervisor).
- Organized and Unorganized Sectors of Poultry Production in Uttar Pradesh – A Comparative Study (M.V.Sc. Co-supervisor)
- Disaster Management Strategy of Animal Husbandry Department in Orissa State- An Evaluative Study (M.V.Sc. Co-supervisor)
- Livestock Services Delivery by Private Agencies: A Case Study from Tamil Nadu (M.V.Sc. Co-supervisor).
- Effectiveness of Special Livestock Protection Scheme in Erode District of Tamil Nadu (M.V.Sc. Co-supervisor).

Seminars / Workshops Organized

- Regional Workshop on ‘Effective Delivery of Livestock Services’ November 4-5, 2011 at RAGACOVAS, Puducherry (DFID funded Policy Workshop organized in collaboration with ILRI, Kenya).
- National Workshop on ‘Reclaiming Research in Livestock Development through Policy Interventions’, April 26-27, 2011 at IGNOU, New Delhi (DFID funded Policy Workshop organized in collaboration with ILRI, Kenya)
- International Workshop on ‘Training Tools for Knowledge Dissemination among Women Self Help Groups’, November 20-21, 2009 at IGNOU, New Delhi (Funded by DFID).
- National Seminar on ‘Poultry Science Education and Human Resource Planning for Poultry Sector in India’, January 21-22, 2009, CARI, Izatnagar (Funded by ICAR, DST & VCI).
- National Seminar on ‘Poultry Research Priorities to 2020’ November 2-3, 2006, CARI, Izatnagar (Funded by DST).

Awards

- Short Term Visiting Fellow Grant- USAID- Michigan State University- 2015
- Norman E Borlaug International Agricultural Science & Technology Fellow Award of United States Department of Agriculture – 2008
- Young Scientist Award from Indian Association for Animal Production -2008
- Young Scientist Award from Indian Society of Extension Education – 2007
- Young Scientist Award from National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) – 2004
- Young Scientist Award from Indian Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine in 2000
- ICAR-Senior Research Fellowship & Junior Research Fellowship

Peer Recognition

- Member in Planning Commission’s Sub-Group on ‘HRD, Training and Accreditation’ for the 12th Plan
- Editorial board member – Indian Journal of Poultry Science, Journal of Agricultural Extension Management & Indian Journal of Open Learning
- Paper setting and Moderation of Agricultural Research Service of ASRB
- External examiner for many State Agriculture / Veterinary Universities

Publications

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| • Book | 1 |
| • Books edited | 8 |
| • Manual | 1 |
| • Research Papers in Referred Journals | 65 |
| • Self Learning Units for Open Distance Learning | 50 |
| • Invited presentations in Seminars/Conferences/Workshops | 100+ |
| • Technical Bulletins | 4 |
| • Outreach Articles in English | 22 |
| • Outreach Articles in Telugu | 80 |

Programme Coordinator

- Master of Arts – Development Studies (MADVS) – On offer
- PG Diploma in Development Studies (PGDDVS) – On offer
- PG Diploma in Urban Planning and Development (PGDUPDL) – On offer
- PG Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW) - Under Development in Collaboration with University of Edinburgh
- PG Diploma in Corporate Social Responsibility (PGDCSR) – Under Development

Personal Details

Date of Birth : 15.06.1973 (Ongole, Andhra Pradesh)
Gender : Male
Marital Status : Married to Dr. Shruti Sethi, Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi.
Citizenship : Indian
Languages Known : Telugu (Mother Tongue), English, and Hindi