



Dr. Ashok Kumar Sharma

Senior Scientist

(Ag. Extension)

- 1 Date of birth : 20-01-1970
- 2 Educational Qualification : Ph.D. (Agriculture Extension) (1999); M.Sc (Agriculture Extension), RAU, Bikaner (1995)
- 3 Joining Date in ICAR : 22-12-1999
- 4 Joining Date in DMR : 22-12-1999
- 5 Discipline /Specialization : Agriculture Extension
- 6 Research Experience : 15 years
- 7 Training/advance exposure in the area of work : Nil
- 8 Contribution to the Scientific advancement
 - Transformed adopted village *Unchagaon of Bharatpur district* in Rajasthan through *Technology Interventions* of mustard and convergence of different stakeholders. Brings Prosperity to Paharshar village in Bharatpur through Technology Dissemination.
 - Studied farmers' preferences of mustard varieties through Participatory Varietal Selection and Evaluation (PVSE) programme
 - Popularization of newly released mustard varieties through organizing number of extension programme. Conducted FLDs on rapeseed-mustard to show the impact of new technology to the farmers.
 - Organized successfully 'Sarson School on AIR' programmes for 6 years for dissemination of latest technological knowledge of rapeseed-mustard production technology.
- 9 Future planning of research
 - Study technology adoption, constraints analysis and technological perceptions of rapeseed-mustard farmers.
 - Undertake technology intervention for sustainable development of mustard based production system.
 - Participatory extension methodology through farmers/ commodity interest groups, field schools, kisan club, demonstrations, mobile advisory services, data base management, expert system developed, decision support system, exhibitions, mela, mass media, trainings, field days, etc for dissemination of rapeseed-mustard technology.

10 Awards/Recognitions

- Young Scientist Award (2005) by Society of Extension Education, Agra
- Lohagarh Gaurav Award (2007) by Mitra Mandali Tarun Samaj Samiti, Bharatpur
- Shrest Krishi Lekhan award (2007) By Haldhar Times, Jaipur
- Awarded by District Administration, Bharatpur, Govt. of Rajasthan on Independence Day celebration (15-8-2013) for significant contribution in transfer of technology of rapeseed-mustard among the farmers.
- Best Scientist award (2013-14) by DRMR, Bharatpur
- Best Extension Professional Award (2014) by Society of Extension Education, Agra

11 Publications (best five)

- **Sharma, A. K.**, Jha, S.K.. and Kumar, Vinod, Sachan, R. C. and Kumar arvind (2009). Assessment of mustard cultivars on different performance parameters. *Indian Res. J. Ext. Edu.* **9** (2): 35-38
- **Sharma, A. K.**, Kumar, V., Jha, S.K., Sachan, R.C. (2011). Frontline Demonstrations on Indian Mustard: An Impact Assessment. *Indian Res. J. Ext. Edu.* **11** (3): 25-31, September, 2011
- **Sharma, A. K.**, Jha, S.K., Kumar, V., and Sachan, R.C. (2012). Impact of newspaper on farmers' knowledge and adoption of agricultural technology. *Journal of Communication Studies.* **XXX** (2) : 55-63
- **Sharma, A. K.**, Chauhan, J. and Kumar, Vinod. (2013). Perception Dynamics of Farmers Affecting Sustainability of Mustard Production: An Analytical Study. *Indian Res. J. Ext. Edu.* **13** (3): 25-29
- **Sharma, A. K.** and Thomas, L. (2013). Technology Inputs and its Impact on Farm Profits : A Case Study of Rapeseed-Mustard. *Indian Res. J. Ext. Edu.* **13** (3): 9-14

12. Professional membership

- Indian Society of Extension Education, IARI, New Delhi
- Society of Rapeseed-Mustard Research, DRMR, Bharatpur
- Indian Society of Oilseed Research, DOR, Hyderabad
- Society of Extension Education, Agra
- Rajasthan Society of Extension Education, RCA, Udaipur