

Dr. S.K. Chaturvedi, Director Research

Dr. S.K. Chaturvedi, born on 5th April 1963 in Ajitmal town of Auraiya District of Uttar Pradesh state, did his B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Kanpur University and Ph.D. from GBPUA&T, Pantnagar in 1988. Dr. Chaturvedi joined ICAR services on 7th August 1989 at NAARM, Hyderabad as Scientist. Later, after completing Training at NAARM including FET at Ranichauri and attachment at ICAR-Director of Oilseed Research (now IOR), he joined ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research (erstwhile Directorate of Pulses Research), Kanpur in July 1990. Since then he continued at this Institute in various capacities including Head, Crop Improvement Division and Nodal Officer (Seed & Farm). Dr Chaturvedi also served as Acting Assistant Director General (Oilseeds & Pulses) at ICAR headquarters in 2016. During his career Dr. Chaturvedi developed 20 varieties of chickpea and guided development of several varieties of other pulses. During last 34 years, he could attract a large number of externally funded R&D projects worth about INR 250 crores. He worked for the development of extra-large seeded varieties, and gave concept for insulating rabi pulses varieties against heat tolerance, post emergence herbicide tolerance, improving phosphorus acquisition efficiency and tailoring plants for amenability to machine harvesting. He has published more than 300 articles at his credit including research and review papers in high impact journals including Nature, Genetics, TAG, Biotechnology Advances, Plant Breeding, IJAS etc. Dr. Chaturvedi also served the Indian Society of Pulses Research & Development (ISPRD) as Treasurer, Secretary and currently holding position of President. He has been President of Society of Arid Legumes as well. He has been Editor and Reviewer for many scientific journals of national and international repute. He is recipient of several fellowships and awards. Dr. Chaturvedi extensively visited different parts of the country besides visiting 8 other countries.



Dr. Chaturvedi served as Dean, College of Agriculture at RLBCAU from 14th July 2018 to 13th July 2023. During this period, he secured accreditation for the College of Agriculture, B.Sc. Agriculture (Honours) and 5 Masters' programme. After completing his 5 years tenure, he was at ICAR-IIPR for about 45-50 days. Consequent upon his selection, Dr. Chaturvedi has joined as Director of Research at RLBCAU, Jhansi on 1st September 2025.

Dr. Chaturvedi has plan to motivate and encourage scientists and faculty for the development of implementable technologies, bring research projects in priority areas, develop modules like natural and organic farming, IFSR, cafeteria of crops, vegetables, fruits, flowers etc. for stakeholders learning and ensure quality seed of agriculturally important crops and planting material production. With the establishment of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, and College of Horticulture at Datia, R&D efforts will be initiated soon.