

## Brief Biodata

**Dr. A.U. Bhikane**, presently working as **Director of Extension Education**, MAFSU, Nagpur, has served University for 33 years in different capacities viz. Associate Dean, University Head, Medicine, Head of the Clinics, Head of the Extension Dept. and Member, Academic council, MAFSU, Nagpur. He did his Post-graduation in Veterinary Medicine in 1989 from M.A.U., Parbhani and got a certificate of merit for securing highest marks in MVSc. Later, he completed his PhD. from MAFSU, Nagpur in 2001. He has undergone 9 trainings and actively participated in 56 conferences/workshop/seminars.

He is recipient of 42 national/state level awards, international recognitions, scholarships and several honours including 'Ganti A Sastry Gold Medal-2002', 'Rashtriya Vikas Ratan Gold Award-2006', 'D.C Blood Gold medal-2008', 'Sri Matunga Jain Gowrakshak Mandali Gold Medal-2014', 'MAFSU Best Teacher Award-2008', 'MAFSU Best Research Scholar Award-2009' and 'MAFSU Best Teacher Award (Extension). He is working as Founder President of VIPM and has worked as Vice president of Society for Veterinary Science and Biotechnology, Member, Academic Council cum Convener, Board of studies in Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Maharashtra State, Pune for 16 years.

He has authored 9 books, compiled 5 lecture notes, 9 practical manuals, 9 question banks and edited 23 booklets /training manuals/souvenirs/compendium. His 10 UG-PG students bagged Best Clinical case Paper presentation awards and 10 UG students were awarded VA Sapre Gold medal for securing highest marks in Veterinary Clinical Medicine at University level. Being Founder Chairman, Training and Placement cell, arranged 8 campus interviews, 8 trainings on Personality & Entrepreneurship Development and 23 seminars for students. He has guided 15 PG students as Major Advisor and 40+ PG-PhD students as member of advisory committee.

He has published 237 Research/ clinical articles, 67 Review/technical articles, 26 Lead papers and 110 Research abstracts, handled 6 externally funded projects as PI/COPI/ implementing officer, 14 private agency schemes and has 15 research recommendations to his credit. He has developed diagnostic and treatment protocols for snake bite, PPH, osteomalacia, leucoderma, babesiosis, black quarter, hepatic jaundice, colostrums induced indigestion and whole blood transfusion as an adjunct therapy in haemolytic anemia bovines.

He has 192 popular articles, 12 folders, one book for farmers and 2 monographs to his credit. He has established Deoni cattle museum at COVAS Udgir, organized 479 animal health camps, 357 on field demonstrations, 36 farmer trainings, 14 International/National/State level trainings for professionals, 49 seminars/webinars, 6 dog shows and 20 exhibition stalls, participated in 59 livestock shows, delivered 33 radio talks, 22 T.V. talks, 521 lectures in farmer rallies /trainings, 140 lectures in training programs /seminars for professionals, Coordinated visits and participated in activities conducted in 35 animal shelters from drought hit Marathwada and conducted Farmers awareness campaign at 145 places covering 362 villages and 17645 farmers from Marathwada during 2015-2016 as Nodal officer.

Being Head of the office at PGIVAS, Akola, took COVID pandemic situation as a challenge built up team, and organized 43 online international/National/State level programs of 115 days duration, wherein more than 12,228 academicians, field vets, students and farmers were educated. He has organized massive awareness campaigns for the stakeholders during the menace of lumpy skin disease, bird flu and Crimean congo disease. His initiative to collaborate with NHAJ led to the creation of 2 farm ponds and with Forest department led to tree plantation over 104 hectares of barren land and fencing of 128 hectares.

As Director Extension Education, he initiated the use of m-Kisan portal to provide mobile advisories, the establishment of Micro Training Centres in collaboration with NDDDB, the establishment of University Museum and creation of Mural. He created the mafsu.in domain in order to facilitate collaboration and outreach across university and also implemented MAITRI training project under NLM wherein 220 unemployed youth were given 3 months training. He also acted as member of state level LSD task force team and as a nodal officer he also led the University team in this inter-departmental collaboration for management of LSD outbreak.