

Short Biography

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Dr. Bandi Venkateswarlu is currently the Director of Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), a premier research institute of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), responsible for rainfed agriculture and drought management research in India. Dr. Venkateswarlu holds a Ph.D. degree in Soil microbiology from India and has served for a brief period in ICRISAT and later in different capacities as ARS Scientist at CAZRI, Jodhpur and CRIDA, Hyderabad. Dr. Venkateswarlu published over 170 research papers, 15 books, 100 conference papers and two patents. He is the Fellow of National Agricultural Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) of India; received Vasanth Rao Naik Award of ICAR for Outstanding Research in Dryland Agriculture Research in 2009. He is serving as member/chair of several committees of the Government of India and Planning Commission related to dryland agriculture, climate change and rainfed farming. He also served as the Member of the Sub Group of the Planning Commission on Natural Resource Management for XII Plan. Currently, he is coordinating the national research programme in India on rainfed agriculture and climate change.