

PROFILE

Dr. R. C. Jagadeesha, born on July 18, 1962, hails from Melina Hanasavadi village in Shivamogga Taluk, Karnataka, India. Educationally, Bachelor's degree in Agriculture followed by Master's in Genetics and Plant Breeding, from University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. Pursued his Ph.D. in Genetics and Plant Breeding from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, and continued his expertise with a Plant Variety Protection course from Wageningen Agriculture University in the Netherlands in 2017.

Dr. Jagadeesha has a prolific career spanning various roles in agricultural research, teaching, and administration. Notably, served as a Breeder for Soybean, Small Millets, Chilli, and Vegetables for about two decades before assuming leadership position as University Head of Genetics & Plant Breeding Department. Administratively, discharged the duties and responsibilities of Librarian, Special Officer Seeds, and Administrative Officer, contributing significantly to the University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot. As a further step, assumed the Dean of prominent agricultural institutions like College of Horticulture in Bangalore and the College of Agriculture in Shivamogga.

Throughout his career, actively engaged with professional bodies both at the national and state levels, contributing to policy-making and academia. Received recognitions for his contributions to agricultural research and development nationally and internationally. The research interests primarily lie in plant breeding and genetics, where he has developed several plant varieties and tissue culture protocols. Additionally, organized and co-organized numerous workshops, seminars, and conferences, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange in the agricultural community.

As an academician, mentored numerous Ph.D. and master's students, served on advisory committees, and contributed significantly to the academic and research community through publications and outreach programs. His vision revolves around ensuring good governance, enhancing academics and research, and fostering public-private partnerships for the welfare of the university and its stakeholders. The multifaceted experience and expertise made him a valuable asset to the agricultural and horticultural community in India.