

Profile



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PROFILE SUMMARY

Ms. Perala. Nikitha is an Assistant Professor of Agriculture Extension under the Department of Basic and Social Sciences at Forest College & Research Institute, Mulugu, Siddipet district. She has completed her M.Sc. in Agriculture Extension at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Rajendranagar. Currently pursuing Ph D. in Agriculture Extension at PJTSAU, Hyderabad. She is specialized in Instructional Technology and has contributed in the development of learning style inventory for the farmers based on the suitability of extension teaching methods used by extension personnel which is of first of its kind. She has also qualified ICAR ARS- NET in Agricultural Extension. She is the topper in post graduation and the recipient of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) from Govt. of India during her PhD studies. She has published several research papers in various National and International Journals and has attended various conferences, workshops, trainings and published several research abstracts and poster presentations at National & International level. She has also participated in various agricultural programmes like Chenu Kaburlu, Mana Telangana Mana Vyavasayam, Agricultural Exhibitions, Jai Kisan Jai Vigyan Diwas etc. She is a life member in Society of Extension Education, Research Gate and International Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology. Her field of interest is in the areas of Climate smart Extension, Community based Extension, Farmer Innovations and Participatory Extension Methodologies. She is represented as an NCC Cadet and received token of Appreciation and recognition as best social service volunteer by Lions Club International, Youth Outreach & National Cadet Corps (A.P Police Academy).

Educational Qualifications

2017

Ph.D (Agriculture Extension) – pursuing (doing my research work) at PJTSAU, Hyderabad

2015

M.Sc. (Agriculture Extension), Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad

2011

B.Sc. (Commercial Agriculture & Business Management), Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) , Rajendranagar, Hyderabad

Teaching Interests:

Participatory Extension Methodologies, Rural Sociology & Community based extension, Entrepreneurial development and communication skills

Research Areas

Instructional Technology, Indigenous Technical Knowledge systems, Farmer Innovations, Climate smart extension

Extension Interests:

Dissemination of need based technologies through various extension methodologies, Participatory Rural Appraisal

Courses Taught

Delivered lectures on farmer led extension, rural leadership and extension methodologies for undergraduate students at PJTSAU

Conducted practical sessions to the B Sc (Ag) and M Sc (Ag) students on Participatory rural appraisal, adoption and diffusion of innovations, Agrobiodiversity, SWOT analysis that focused on rural issues like farm mechanization, migration issues etc.

Fellowships/Awards:

2017

Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship to carry out my PhD studies at PJTSAU

Scholarly Activity

Journal Publications/ Abstracts

- 1) P Nikitha, V Sudha Rani, G Samuel and A Madhavalata A study on extent of suitability of extension teaching methods in relation to learning styles of farmers of Telangana state. *Journal of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry* 2018; 7(5): 3216-3218
- 2) P. Nikitha, V. Sudha Rani, G. Samuel and A. Madhavalata. Relationship between Profile Characteristics of Farmers and Their Perception about Suitability of Extension Teaching Methods in Telangana State. *International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences*. ISSN: 2319-7706 Volume 7 Number 09 (2018) Journal homepage: <http://www.ijcmas.com>
- 3) P. Nikitha, V. Sudha Rani, G. Samuel And A. Madhavalata. Perception of farmers about suitability of extension teaching methods used by extension personnel in relation to the learning styles. *Multilogic in Science* ISSN 2277-7601 VOL. VIII, ISSUE XXVIII, JAN 2019
- 4) P. Nikitha, V. Sudha Rani, G. Samuel And A. Madhavalata. Identification Of Preferred Learning Styles Of Farmers Using Learning Style Inventory *Bulletin of Environment, Pharmacology and Life Sciences*, Vol 6 Special issue [3] 2017: 262-266 ©2017 Academy for Environment and Life Sciences, India Online ISSN 2277-1808
- 5) P. Nikitha, V. Sudha Rani. Description of preferred learning styles using learning style inventory. A conceptual paper and Abstract. *National Conference on Technological Challenges in Social, Environmental and Agricultural Reforms (TECHSEAR-2017)*, IIRR.
- 6) P. Nikitha 2018. Abstract on Future Agricultural Extension strategies for enhancing farm income. *International Journal of Agricultural Extension*. ISSN: 2311-6110. ESCI Journals. www.cabi.org.

Membership in professional bodies:

Society of Extension Education

Research Gate

International Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology

Workshops/Conferences/Symposiums

Attended National Conference on Technological Challenges in Social, Environmental and Agricultural Reforms (TECHSEAR 2017) held on 9th&10thSeptember, 2017 at Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR)

Poster Presentation titled "Constraints faced by farmers in learning towards different extension teaching methods used by extension personnel" on 10th September, 2017 at IIRR.

Participated the workshop on “Positive Attitude – A Gate Way to Success” held at School of Agribusiness Management, PJTSAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad on 11th March 2016.

Attended Two day training program on “Agri Commodity Futures Markets” sponsored by Forward Markets Commission, Govt. of India on 23rd and 24th September 2014.

Participated in Awareness program on social service (Swach Bharath and fundamental rights) organized by Lions Club International, Youth Outreach on 28th & 29th August 2013 at A.P Police Academy.

Participated and presented a paper on successful farming models to address income inequalities in agriculture at National Symposium on the choice of farming models for income security: Towards equity and sustainability on 24th and 25th April 2019 organized by NABARD at ANGRAU, Bapatla.

Attended Induction Training programme on Forest Research and Education Management at National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad from 8th - 17th May 2019.