## 2019 Awardee



## **Outstanding Alumnus Award of College of Fisheries**

## Dr. Harendra Prasad

Dr. Harendra Prasad is currently the Assistant Director Fisheries in Department of Fisheries, Government of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow. He has had a distinguished career for more than a decade having served on the District Fisheries Officer at Pilibhit (2006-2007), Chief Executive Officer, Meerut (2007-2013) and Assistant Director Planning, Fisheries Directorate, Lucknow (2013-present). Dr. Prasad is a highly regarded scholar in the areas of fisheries science, inland aquaculture, fish genetics and biotechnology. He received his bachelor's degree in fisheries science with vice chancellors gold medal from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar in 1999, and Master's and Ph.D. degree from Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai in 2001 and 2005 respectively. Since last 07 years, he has been extensively involved in the planning of fisheries sector, drafting fisheries policies and in the execution of various fisheries development schemes in a strong coordination with central government, allied departments and various research institutes.

Dr. Prasad is an acknowledged planner recognized nationwide for his outstanding scholarly contributions in various facets of fisheries and aquaculture. He has shown an unusual ability to adapt research findings into fast evolving technological trends. He enjoys wide visibility and reputation in the innovations of fisheries technologies including re-circulatory aquaculture systems (RAS), biofloc, aquaponics, cage culture, mobile fish parlour and aquaculture biotechnology as a result of his vast span of research and technological exposure of both national and international. Dr. Prasad has made outstanding contributions in developing and successfully implementing the projects like mobile fish parlours/outlets, fingerling seed production in 10% of pond area and low cost re-circulatory aquaculture system (RAS) in the Uttar Pradesh that has set an example for other states to adopt such projects for employment generation, doubling farmers income and entrepreneurship development.

Dr. Prasad has contributed extensively in preparing 10 years "Sate Vision and Perspective Plan for the Development of Fisheries" and also submitted useful draft paper on "Sustainable Development of Fisheries for Nutritional Security and Doubling Farmers Income" to Government of Uttar Pradesh.