

Brief Bio Data
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Brief Bio-sketch

Prof. Sikka is PhD in Agriculture Economics and was former Dean, College of Agribusiness Management, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar. He also served as Director Amity Institute of Horticulture Studies & Research, AMITY University, NOIDA and Member of number of University bodies, State and Central government Organizations. Have more than four decades of experience in teaching, research and extension in agri-business marketing, agri-business, value chain/supply chain management, international marketing, and farm management and has vast international exposure.

In addition, he had served the commercial organizations as Managing Director-cum-Chairman. Having a vast experience in agriculture marketing, **National Consultant FAO (Marketing and Farm Management) for Apple Production Improvement Project** for India for 2 years, handled number of projects sponsored by USAID, International Potato Centre, Lima, Peru, World Bank, ICIMOD, Nepal, Indo-German Projects, FAO and Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. Also acted as **Coordinator for India-US Agricultural Knowledge Initiative (HRD component) and contributing to its implementation in partnership mode.**

Also served as member of Sub-Group–III: Marketing Information Services, Information Technology and Human Resources Development in Agricultural Marketing Under the Working Group on Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure and Policy required for Internal and External Trade for the **Eleventh Five Year Plan and** member of Sub-Group on Institutional Linkages and Commercialization of Technologies, **Twelfth Five Year Plan for Agriculture and Education (Constituted by the Planning Commission, Government of India)**. Member of the **National Level Task Force for Cold Chain Development**, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation (Agriculture Marketing Division), Government of India. Jointly completed the project on **Internationalizing Agricultural Programme and Promoting Indian Trade in Value Added Products** in collaboration with Tennessee State University, USA- Funded by USDA. He was also Member Secretary for Agro Climate Planning Team for Zonel. Also served as **Course Coordinator to Cornell University, Ithaca(USA)** for Student's Exchange Programme under International Agriculture Development Course – 402/602 (INTAG) jointly delivered by the Cornell University, TNAU Coimbatore, ANGRAU Hyderabad, AUS, Dharwar, GBPUAT, Pantnagar and Sathguru, Hyderabad.

Supervised number of students in Masters and Ph. D level courses. **In addition to this, authored more than 100 research papers & research reports and published eight books individually or jointly.** He has also accomplished number of consultancy projects in India, Afghanistan, Oman, Africa, Nepal, USA with international agencies. Prepared Video Graphic Material for Agricultural Marketing Extension Techniques for apples, banana, mango, citrus, potato, tomato, cotton, groundnut sponsored by Directorate of Marketing, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI, New Delhi. Handled number of consultancy projects in agricultural marketing, horticultural supply chain management, global competitiveness.

Dr Sikka got gold medal in masters programme and was also honoured with Himachal Rattan Awarded by Indian Society of Intellectuals on July 27, 2010 at Shimla, Bharat Jyoti Award and Certificate of excellence by International Friendship Society,2010, International Intellectual Award during the Indo-Thai Friendship Summit in Bangkok (Thailand) on Dec.30,2010 and Rashtriya Vidya Saraswati Puruskar by International Institute of Education and Management on 23rd Feb. 2011.