

Brief Biodata



Dr. U. B. Hole, Associate Dean, Govt. College of Agriculture, Nandurbar

Dr. Uttam B. Hole is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Entomology, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar (MS, India). He received his *Masters* degree and *PhD* at MPKV, Rahuri and joined as faculty at MPKV, Rahuri, where he is teaching since 1993. He was Associate Professor at MPKV, Rahuri from 2006 to 17. He was Head of the Department of Agricultural Entomology, MPKV, Rahuri from 2017 to 2018.

He was *Associate Director of Research, Zonal Agricultural Research Station, Kolhapur*, from September 2020 to August 2022. In this capacity, he coordinated with MPKV's various Research Stations, Departments, Project and Schemes for creating, revising, operationalizing and supervising Research programmes.

He was *Associate Dean & Principal*, Rajashee Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj College of Agriculture, Kolhapur June 2021 to August 2022. In this capacity, he coordinated various Academic departments for creating, revising, operationalizing and supervising MPKV's academic programmes.

He has been appointed in August 2022 as *Associate Dean & Principal*, Govt. College of Agriculture, Nandurbar in which role he coordinates with the College for Innovation and Entrepreneurship hosted by MPKV, Rahuri and Tribal Development Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai to encourage and actively facilitate faculty and students to convert intellectual property developed by them into business ventures.

His main research interests are in the areas of *Pest Management in protected cultivation, Biological control and Economic Entomology*. He has published widely in international journals and conferences. He has focused in the last few years on the research issues in Cotton and pests *viz*, nematodes, white grubs and termites. He has participated in many conferences in the capacity of PC member, invited speaker, etc. He was the Programme Committee Co-chair of WCR 2012, a premier international World Cotton Research Conference, which was held in Mumbai. He is also on the editorial board of a few international journals. Recently, he was Programme Chair for the **Society for Plant Protection and Environment** October, 2018 and Association for Advancement for Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems (AAPMHE), July 2019 attended by over 160 professionals in the Plant Protection area.

He is closely associated with many companies and government institutions as a *consultant*, offering advice in planning, selection, implementation and evaluation of

information technology solutions. He has been associated with Research projects of AICRP, AINP and other leading financial organizations. He is on the Board of Studies, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri.

Experiences: Research Experience: 30 years in Research, including 15 Years at International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics ii) Teaching Experience: 15 years in Graduate and Post-graduate courses.

Awarded merit scholarship during UG and PG studies. Received Certificate of Appreciation from the Hon. Vice Chancellor and Dean and Director of Instructions, MPKV, Rahuri for my excellent services during the crises of covid 19 online teaching and conduct of examination.

Invited speaker in XIX International Congress of Entomology at Beijing, China in 1992. Invited speaker and **Resource person** in Society for Plant Protection and Environment October, 2018 and Association for Advancement for Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems (AAPMHE).

Life Member, Society for Plant Protection and Environment. • Life Member, Advancement for Pest Management in Horticultural Ecosystems • Life Member, Cotton Research and Development Association (CRDA). • Life Member of Journal of Maharashtra Agricultural Universities. • Life Member of Nematological Society of India.

Principal Investigator (Entomology) of AICRP on Sugarcane, Cotton, Nematology and Soil arthropod Pests from November 1998 to August 2022.

President of Student Council of RCSM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur and Govt. College of Agriculture, Nandurbar. Reviewer of projects of ICAR, DST and DBT. Ph.D. thesis examiner of JNAU, Jabalpur, Dr. B. R. Marathwada University, Aurangabad.

Collaborated with ICAR for Biopesticides **production** at Farmers level.

Development of forecasting model of Cotton pests. Validation and Promotion of IPM Technology in Cotton in Western Maharashtra.

Operated a National Agricultural Technology Mission Mode Project (NATP) on “Validation and Promotion of IPM Technology Project”. Developed IPM Technology have been validated on more than 100 ha land in farmers field in Western Maharashtra. **Organized training** programmes on IPM in Cotton and Integrated Nematode Management. Organized and Participated in various workshops, conferences, trainings and Kisan Gosthis since October 1997.

Established well equipped Bio-Control and Insect Biotechnology laboratory at Kolhapur.

Worked as **Monitor, Rector, NSS programme officer, Estate Manager, Farm manger** since September 1993.

Guided more than 20 M. Sc. and 5 Ph.D. students. Published 75 Scientific papers and more than 100 popular articles with 15 book chapters.