

Brief Resume of Dr. Vinayak Nikam

Dr. Vinayak Ramesh Nikam (born on 17th June 1985) is presently working as scientist (Agricultural Extension) at National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP), New Delhi. He has been graduated from MPKV Rahuri, Maharashtra and completed post graduation and PhD from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. He belongs to 2010 batch of ARS and joined ICAR on 1st Jan 2013 (97th FOCARS). He joined the NIAP on 18th Nov 2015 and before that he worked as scientist (Agricultural Extension) at ICAR-CSSRI RRS Bharuch, Gujarat (August 2013 to Nov 2015). He also holds faculty membership in PG faculty in the discipline of Agricultural Extension of Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi. Currently he is working on the impact assessment.



Awards / fellowships / distinctions

- ICAR JRF AIR 4 in social science and ICAR fellowship for MSc
- Secured Second rank in All India Combined Examination for Admission in Ph.D in IARI and awarded IARI Fellowship for PhD during 2009 to 2013
- Cleared National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by ICAR.
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Research Experience

Research projects handled:

PI of project “ Prospects of cultivating desi cotton genotypes and salt tolerant wheat varieties in saline Vertisols. sponsored by ICAR CSSRI Karnal.

Co-PI of the project” Social Science Network project on impact assessment of Agricultural research and development” sponsored by ICAR

Publications

Published research papers

- a) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, Premlata Singh And V P Chahal (2015). Attitude of farmers towards grape cultivation and export. Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences 85 (4):136-139.
- b) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, Premlata Singh, Shiv Kumar, Vijayaragavan (2014). Determinants of success of Mahagrapes as perceived by members. International Journal of Extension Education.10:111-114.

- c) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, Premlata Singh, Shiv Kumar and Rakesh E S(2014). Constraints Analysis of Mahagrapes Farmers.Indian Journal of Extension Education. 50:32-35
- d) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, Premlata Singh (2014) Mahagrapes Farmers: Socioeconomic and Psychological profile. Indian Research Journal of Extension Education. 16 (2):19-24.
- e) Vinayak Nikam, Premlata Singh, Satyapriya, D K Sharma (2016) Nature and effectiveness of extension services provided by producers organization. Annals of Agricultural Research. 37(2):215-217.
- f) Vinayak Ramesh Nikam, R. K .Singh, and Anil Chinchmalatpure (2016) Salt tolerant varieties: A biological intervention to sustainably manage saline and sodic environment and sustain livelihoods. Indian Journal of Soil Salinity and Water Quality. 8(1): 37-44.
- g) Rakesh K, Premlata Singh, Vinayak R. Nikam and J.P.Sharma (2015) Analysis of Personal, Social and Behavioural Traits Facilitating the Success of Innovative Farmers. Journal of Community Mobilization and Sustainable Development. 10(1)117-124.
- h) Rakesh K, Premlata Singh, Vinayak R. Nikam and J.P.Sharma (2016). Farmer-led innovations: Best practices and lessons learnt in livestock rearing. Indian Journal of Animal Sciences. 86 (7): 816–82.
- i) Indivar Prasad, G. Gururaja Rao, Anil R. Chinchmalatpure, ShrvanKumar, Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, Chandrakant Singh & D.K. Sharma (2016): Morpho-Physiological Traits Imparting Salinity Tolerance in Maize (Zea Mays L.) Hybrids under Saline Water Irrigation in Vertisols. Communications in Soil Science and Plant Analysis, DOI:10.1080/00103624.2016.1208758.

Conference/ Seminar paper

- i) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, R. K. Singh, Indivar Prasad, Shrvan Kumar, D. K. Sharma . (2015). Dynamics of Varietal Performance and Replacement by Farmers, Technological Gap in Saline and Sodic Environment. In The second international conference on bio-resource and stress management, held at PJTSAU, Hyderabad during 7-10 Jan 2015.
- ii) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, R. K. Singh, Indivar Prasad, Shrvan Kumar, and Anil Chinchmalatpure (2014). Salt Tolerant Varieties : Performance and Replacement by

Farmers in Saline and Sodic Environment of Haryana. In 4th National Seminar on Innovative Saline Agriculture Changing Environment held at Gwalior during 12-14 Dec 2014.

Book Chapters

- i) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, Premlata singh, Manohar Dhadwad and Sapna Panwar (2014) Strategies to link small and marginal farmers to market. Extension Education: A Handbook. Eds. Premlata singh, R R Burman, Kumbhare V and Sujit Sarkar. Published by PG School IARI, New Delhi. P: 540-546.
- ii) Vinayak Nikam, Premlata Singh (2015) Women Farmers Producers Organisation: Challenges and Opportunities. Training compendium, on Gender analysis and mainstreaming in agriculture. Division of Agricultural Extension, IARI, New Delhi.

Popular article

- a) Nikam, V. R. (2015). Innovative Extension strategies for upliftment of small and marginal farmers. Readers Shelf, 12(1): 51-53
- b) Nikam Vinayak Ramesh, G. Gururaja Rao, Anil Chinchmalatpure, Sharma D.K. (2016) Desi cotton: Sustaining and securing livelihood of farmers in dryland saline areas of Gujarat. Indian farming. Volume 66. April 2016.

Online article

- i) Can mobile revolution supplement the second green revolution in agriculture? (2016) in The Dialogue: Online policy discourse dated 12th July 2016. Available at: <http://www.thedialogue.co/can-mobile-revolution-supplement-second-green-revolution-agriculture/>.

Specialized trainings attended

- i) Training on forecast modeling analytics in crops at IASRI, New Delhi, From 30 May to 19th June 2014.
- ii) Training on Science technology and emerging trends in governance at IIPA, New Delhi from 23-27 Feb 2015.
- iii) Training on analytical techniques of decision making in agriculture at NIAP, New Delhi from 16th July to 5th August 2015.
- iv) Training on Communication for policy research and impact at Dhaka Bangladesh from 29-31st March 2016.

Foreign Exposure

- i) Dhaka, Bangladesh during 28-31st March 2016 to attend Training workshop on Communication for policy research and impact, organized by IFPRI.

Membership of scientific societies / associations:

- a. Life member of International society of Extension Education, Nagpur, Maharashtra
- b. Life member of Indian society of Extension Education, New Delhi
- c. Life member of Society of extension education Agra
- d. Life member of Indian society of soil salinity and water quality, Karnal
- e. Life member of Society for mobilization for sustainable development, New Delhi
- f. Life member of Indian society of agricultural sciences, New Delhi.

Teaching

- a) Taught Entrepreneurship Development course at College of Agriculture, Bharuch, NAU Gujarat.
- b) Taught Fundamentals of management in extension (AG EXT 555) and Advanced Management Techniques (AG EXT 604) at Division of Agricultural Extension, IARI, New Delhi.

Extension and other activities

- a) Organised Kisan Divas on 1st Nov 2014 at CSSRI RRS Bharuch to create awareness about salt tolerant wheat varieties and transfer the same to farmer's field.
- b) Organised Kisan Divas on 23-10-2015 at CSSRI RRS Bharuch to create awareness about salt tolerant wheat varieties and salt tolerant desi cotton accessions and transfer the same to farmer's field
- c) Developed video film (Documentary) showing various activities and achievements of the CSSRI RRS Bharuch station.
- d) Demonstration of salt tolerant wheat varieties (38 farmers from Bharuch district of Gujarat) and desi cotton (20 farmers from Bharuch district and 10 from Bhavnagar district of Gujarat)
- e) Result demonstrations of salt tolerant varieties of wheat (KRL 210 and KRL 19) at Tanchha village of Bharuch district of Gujarat.

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