

## **About**

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra born on 20th April, 1962 at village Kharibil, Dist. Cuttack, Odisha, India and completed his B.Sc. (Agriculture) from OUAT, Bhubaneswar in 1985, M.Sc. in Genetics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in 1987 and Ph.D in Genetics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in the year 1992, is presently holding the position of Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Prior to this, he worked as the Director of the prestigious Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi (from 28.07.2015 to 21.02.2016) and the Director of National Rice Research Institute (Formerly CRRI), Cuttack, Odisha (from 13.01.2012 to 27.08.2015) and as a researcher & teacher for about 20 years at the National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, India. He has been working in the area of molecular genetics and genomics.

Dr. Mohapatra has over 145 research papers in national and international journals of repute and several book chapters. His research accomplishments include development of the first high yielding Basmati rice variety resistant to bacterial leaf blight through molecular marker assisted selection, and physical mapping and genome sequencing of rice and tomato. His contribution to science is reflected from high h-index and i10 index. He has the distinction of receiving several honours and awards in recognition of his excellent academic and research contributions including the INSA Young Scientist Award, Prof. LSS Kumar Memorial Award, NAAS-Tata Award, IARI BP Pal Award, DBT Bio-science Award and NASI-Reliance Industries Platinum Jubilee Award. He, also, got the recognition Award of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences for the biennium 2013-14 for significant contributions in Plant

Improvement and Lifetime Achievement Award of the Indian Genetics Congress in recognition of outstanding contribution in the field of Plant Genetics.

He is a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, National Academy of Sciences-India, Allahabad and the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.

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### **Specialization**

Molecular Genetics & Genomic