

## **BIODATA**

Dr.G.Soma Sekaharam was born on 1st February, 1961 to Sri (Late) Guthula Krishna Murthy and (Late) Smt. Subba Lakshmi at Angara of Kapileswarapuram mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. He did his graduation in Veterinary Science from College of Veterinary Science, Tirupathi. He pursued his Post-Graduation in Animal Reproduction & Gynecology during 1983-85 under the guidance of Prof. Anne Rama Mohan Rao,

He worked for a brief period as Veterinary Assistant Surgeon from 1985-88. Thereafter he was selected to the post of Assistant Director (AH) by APPSC during the year 1988 and posted to Kalluru of Khammam District in the United Andhra Pradesh.

Later his services were taken by the ITDA, Bhadrachalam as APO in the year 1995. Subsequently he was promoted to the cadre of Deputy Director (AH) and worked in Cuddapah & Nellore Districts. He worked for more than 8 years in Chittoor District in the Cadre of District Joint Director (AH) and he was elevated to the cadre of Additional Director (AH) in the year 2011.

He was promoted to the cadre of Director of Animal Husbandry in the year 2017 in Andhra Pradesh and in this Cadre, he has held the other portfolios such as Chief Executive Officer, APLDA, Managing Director, AP Sheep Growers Cooperative Federation, Chief Executive Officer, APCARL, Managing Director, APDDCF, Commissioner (Fisheries) and Managing Director, AFCOF and Managing Director, APDDCF before his retirement on 31.01.02021.

During his career in the Department, he has bagged (26) meritorious awards from District collectors, Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Farmers organizations and also from the State and National Organizations.

He has implemented several innovative schemes during his tenure in the Government service. He organized several Cattle camps and Cattle Shows in Chittoor District to prevent large scale migration and distress sale of cattle in Chittoor district during severe drought in the years 2003-05.

He played a key role for inclusion of fodder development and preservation activities under MGNREGS in Andhra Pradesh during the year 2010-11 in convergence with Rural Development Dept.

The other innovative initiatives implemented during his tenure as Director of Animal Husbandry are:

- 1) OORURA PASHU GRASA KSHETRALU (OPGK):  
To make the villages self sufficient in green fodder availability
- 2) MEGA PASHU GRASA KSHETRALU (MPGK):  
To propagate the concept of Silage production and preservation for Summer Management.
- 3) PROPAGATION OF THE CONCEPT OF FEEDING TOTAL MIXED RATION (TMR) TO ANIMALS: through establishment of TMR plant at Nellore first of its kind in AP.
- 4) INVOLVEMENT OF ENTREPRENEURS IN ANIMAL BREEDING ACTIVITIES through establishment of Private Semen Station to maintain Breeding Bulls of high pedigree with Govt. support of Viability Gap Funding (VGF)
- 5) MINI GOKULAM:  
Housing activity for animals to provide comfort to the animals and also to ensure hygienic conditions in places where the Cattle are housed for an ultimate objective to enhance productivity of the animals
- 6) LIVESTOCK LOSS COMPENSATION SCHEME:  
To support the dairy farmers & Shepherds with relief of up to Rs. 30000/- in case of Dairy animals and up to Rs. 6000/- in case of Small Ruminants in the event of death of the animal.

He has played a vital role in Restructuring and Re organization of Animal Husbandry Department in AP during the year 2016-17. For effective delivery of the services of Animal Husbandry Dept., decentralization of Administration was taken up during his tenure as Director in the year 2017. Similarly decentralization of Medical Indents was also implemented during his tenure for better utilization of the resources in the year 2019.

