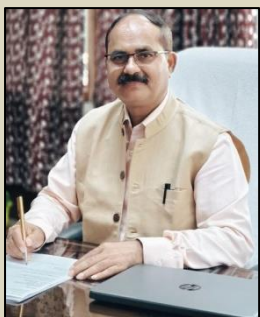




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## A Global Honor for Indian Soil Science and BCKV



*In a moment of immense pride for India and the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ashok K. Patra has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Soil Researchers in the World by Rogitex. This prestigious honor places him in a league of global agricultural visionaries, including World Food Prize Laureate Dr. Rattan Lal and regenerative agriculture pioneer Dr. Boris Boincean. Rogitex, a recognised institution dedicated to sustainable agriculture, celebrates leaders who are actively building a more sustainable future—a future where we honor the principle that "we do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."*

*Dr. Patra's pioneering research is a testament to this principle. He highlights the disease-suppressive capacity of soils, driven by complex soil microbial diversity and their interactions that naturally combat plant diseases and support healthy plant growth. This emphasises the need for judicious use of chemical inputs, providing a crucial pathway toward a more sustainable and resilient food system. His research offers real-world solutions for some of our planet's most pressing challenges, including climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and the creation of sustainable food systems.*

*This recent accolade is the latest in a series of global recognitions. Dr. Patra was the recipient of the UN FAO Glinka World Soil Prize in 2022—one of the highest international honors in soil science for his work on sustainable soil management. Furthermore, Food Tank, a leading global platform, previously recognized him as one of 13 soil scientists to watch globally.*

*These achievements collectively mark a proud moment for BCKV, ICAR-IISS and for India, firmly establishing our nation's leadership in the vital field of soil science. Dr. Patra's work is not just a scientific achievement; it's a powerful statement about our commitment to a healthier, more sustainable planet for generations to come.*

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