

Prof. Siba Prasad Adhikary(M.Sc. in Botany; Ph.D.; D.Sc.), Born at Surada in Ganjam District, Graduation from Khallikote college (1970-1974), Post-Graduate (Gold medalist) and Ph.D. in Botany from Berhampur University (1974-1980); worked as Lecturer & Reader in Botany (1987-2002) and Professor from 2002 - 2009 at Utkal University, Vani Vihar; and Professor & Head of Biotechnology from July 2009 to 2014 at Visva-Bharati Central University, West Bengal before joining as Vice-Chancellor of Fakir Mohan University, Balasore in May 2014.

His principal research interest is on biofertilizers and organic fertilizers from marine algae for various crops including extension of the technology for benefit of farmers in rural areas of eastern India. Besides worked on biodeterioration of stone monuments of India and their conservation and Biodiversity of algae of Eastern and North-eastern region of India for which conferred with the Dr. B.P. Pal National Environmental Fellowship Award on Biodiversity in 2012 by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India.

Till date 27 students obtained Ph.D. under his guidance, published 160 research papers in peer reviewed International and National journals, 62 chapters in different edited books and authored 5 books/monographs. Worked as a Post doc as well as visiting scientist in Germany (1982-1983, 1996, 2001, 2006), Japan (1987, 1991-1992), Czech Republic (2005), Italy (2008, 2009, 2011), Slovak Republic (2008) and Hungary (2011, 2014).

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