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Born on 1st July, 1960 at village Nuashasan, Post/P.S.-Barchana, District-Jajpur, Odisha, Dr. Hara Prasad Misra had a brilliant academic career. After completion of schooling from M. V. Vidyayan, Barchana, Odisha he had undergone Intermediate in Science studies at Bhadrak College, Bhadrak, Odisha. Then, he joined B. Sc. (Ag.) in Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) during 1977 and passed out securing 3.77 in 4.00 scale. He secured 1st position in 1st class in M.Sc. (Ag.) in Entomology discipline with gold medal from OUAT in during 1984 and has been awarded with gold medal for his brilliant academic career during his Ph.D. studies in Entomology at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Dr. Misra topped in the All-India entrance test held for Ph. D. studies at IARI, New Delhi. He is the recipient of ICAR Junior Research Fellowship from 1982-84 for Post-Graduation studies and ICAR Senior Research Fellowship from 1992-95 for Ph. D. studies. He was awarded with “Farmers’ Friend Award - 2015” by Odisha Krushak Mancha, Odisha.

Dr. Misra has specialization in Agricultural Entomology in general and Insecticide Toxicology in particular. He started his career as a Junior Scientist (Entomology) from 25.04.1985 (A.N.) at National Agricultural Research Project, Mahisapat, Dhenkanal, Odisha and worked as an Associate Professor (Entomology) in the College of Agriculture, OUAT, Bhubaneswar from 1999. He became Professor (Entomology) in 2007 and assumed the charge of Head of the Department, Entomology from 8th March, 2019 till superannuation on 30th June, 2020. During this period, he has guided 15 Post Graduate students and 03 Ph.D. students.

He has 107 research publication in journals of National and International repute. Besides, he has published more than 100 popular articles in local and national dailies, extension bulletins in local and English language. For popularization of science, he had given many radio and TV talks, attended farmers-scientist interaction meetings for solving important problems of farmers in Plant Protection.

Dr. Misra is Life Member of several Professional Bodies and evaluated thesis of number of Post Graduate and Ph.D. students of several Universities outside Odisha. He is a question setter for many other Universities too. During his 35 years of academic and research pursuit he has attended 33 National and International Symposia/Seminar/Workshop and handled 15 externally funded projects. He had 15 years of research experience, 16 years of teaching experience and 4 years of experience in Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation activities.

Presently, Dr. Misra is serving as a Professor at School of Agriculture, Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology University (GIETU), Gunupur, Dist:- Rayagada, Odisha.