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Dr Keshav Kranthi works as Chief Scientist at the International Cotton Advisory Committee, Washington, DC. Dr Kranthi has 30 years of experience in cotton research, extension and administration. He worked as the Director of the ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research in Nagpur for nine years until 2017 when he joined the ICAC.

Dr Kranthi is a Gold medallist in PhD at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi. He won two international awards as Researcher of the Year 2009 by ICAC Washington and International Research Award 2000 by the DFID, United Kingdom. He won 12 prestigious awards in India which include the Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Fellow of the Indian Society of Cotton Improvement, Leader of Outstanding Team Research Award in 2006 and Vasant Rao Naik Smriti Pratishthan Award in 2004. Dr Kranthi has four international patents and six Indian patent applications. He published more than 60 research papers in international journals and has delivered lectures in 24 cotton growing countries.