

2018 Awardee



Life Time Achievement Award

Dr. Govind Krishna Garg

Born in Mathura and join this university at the tender age of 15, Prof. G. K. Garg is an eminent teacher, educationist, and scientist of international repute with major contributions in crop improvement through Biotechnology. He obtained his Ph.D in Biochemistry (1971) from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and went on to continue his Post-Doctoral research in Biochemical Genetics (1973-76) at the University of Illinois, USA. Later he obtained special training in Advanced Molecular Genetics in Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, USA in 1975. Dr. Garg joined G. B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology as Assistant Professor in 1971, and finally as Dean College of Basic Sciences & Humanities with two tenures (1995-1999 & 2003-2005). Later he was appointed as an Officer on special duty with powers of Vice-Chancellor at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Ag & Tech, Meerut (2000-02). Finally, he joined the private sector, as Director R&D & International Technology Research of Krishidhan Research Foundation Pvt. Ltd., Jalna (2006-13). During his long career, Prof. Garg contributed to the development of modern agriculture at national and international level. He pioneered a Rural Bioresource Complex, at Khanna Farm, Rudrapur, and developed the program on “Agriculture Biotechnology” to improve, Brassica, Rice and Finger Millet and was able to obtain outstanding support from Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. He also served as a member and chair of several national and international task forces and advisory committees in DST, DBT, ICAR, NABI, World Bank funded NATP and NAIP. He was the Chairman of Monitoring and Evaluation Committee and Co-Chairman of Regulatory Committee on Genetic Modification (RCGM) – primarily responsible for developing regulatory practices for GMO’s in India under GEAC, MoEF. He also established Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Ag & Tech at Meerut. He has been widely recognized for his contributions through awards and fellowships. He is reputed as Chief Architect of education, R&D and Biotechnology at Pantnagar, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University, Meerut and Krishidhan Group of Industries, Jalna. Several Countries visited to establish business and research linkages with International Institutions in China, USA, U.K, and Germany etc. Above all he is most remembered as an impactful teacher who made modern biology look so simple and elegant at conceptual level to students that enabled many of them to go on to develop careers in Biotechnology. He has more than 150 publications in reputed peer reviewed national and international journals. Also conferred with several prestigious national & international awards including Srinivasayya Memorial Award 1988, Society of Biological Chemists (India), G.B. Pant Gold Medal for outstanding research in the Faculty of Basic Sciences and Humanities 1992, Fellowship of Indian Society of Agricultural Biochemists 1995, Gadgil Memorial Lecture – Plant Tissue Culture Association 1996 etc. He is an active member of various prestigious professional societies like Elected Active Member, New York Academy of Sciences, USA; Honorary Secretary, Society of Biological Chemists (India) 1982-85; Member, Editorial Board, IJBB, 1982-85; Elected Member of Plant Tissue Culture Association of India, 1989; Elected Vice President, Society of Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology 1992-95; Elected Vice President, Society of Biological Chemists (India) 1995-97 and many more.