

2020 Awardee



Outstanding Alumnus of University Award

Dr. V.P.S. ARORA

Dr. V.P.S. Arora is a 1967 batch graduate who earned B Sc (Hons) Ag & A H degree in 1970, MSc (1972) and PhD (1976) in Agricultural Economics from this University. He served the University on various positions. He was the founder Dean of College of Agribusiness Management and its flagship Program of MBA (Agribusiness), first of its kind under the ICAR-SAUs system of the country. Dr. Arora made significant contribution to the University Administration too as Nodal Officer of Agribusiness, Chief Personnel Officer and Registrar besides other positions. Having recognised as a passionate teacher, researcher, and consultant, the role played by him as Chairman of Committees on Admissions and Education Policy. He successfully undertook international consulting projects of IRRI (Philippines), OECD (France), APO (Japan), and FAO (Rome).

After having served the University for almost 33 years, Dr Arora joined Kumaun University as its Vice Chancellor and created number of milestones therein including creation of Directorates of Placement and Counselling, Research and Extension, Information and Communication Technology, and Quality Assurance; introduced semester system at post graduate level. During his tenure of three years Kumaun University made all-round progress. He had been Pro-Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of Shri Venkateshwara University Uttar Pradesh, Pro-Chancellor of Venkateshwara Open University, Itanagar, Mentor/ President, Centre for Education Growth and Research, Director, Nainital Bank Limited, Director, Jasmine Mega Structures Private Limited and Dean Academics, Amity University, Noida. He was Vice Chancellor designate of Supertech University Uttarakhand. Dr Arora served Alemaya/ Haramaya University, Ethiopia for a period of four years (2000-02, and 2017-19). He is presently Distinguished Professor (Business Studies), Sharda University, Greater Noida.

Prof Arora has honour of addressing UN University, Tokyo on Agricultural Policies in South Asia, and OECD Member Countries on India's Agricultural Policies (at OECD, Paris). Dr Arora successfully conducted 13 Research Projects and 7 Consulting Projects, supervised 19 PhD Scholars, authored/ edited/ reviewed 10 Books, 21 chapters in Books, and 89 research papers. Professor Arora has been honoured with numerous awards and honours including Dr Rajendra Prasad Award for best original book in Hindi, Life Time Achievement Award, Uttarakhand Ratan Award, Higher Education Leadership Award 2016, Conference President of Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing, and Conference President of Agricultural Economics Research Association.