

2016 Awardee



Award for Outstanding Alumnus of College of Agriculture

Dr. Raman Srivastava

Dr. Raman Srivastava Id. No. 14580, Batch 1985 obtained his B.Sc. Ag & A.H. degree and M.Sc. Ag. Degree in Agricultural Economics in 1988 and 1990 respectively. He obtained another M.Sc. degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of East Anglia, England, and a Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. He took advance courses at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, during his doctoral program. Dr. Srivastava was awarded British Government's most prestigious Overseas Development Administration (ODA) scholarship for his higher studies in England, as well as the University of Saskatchewan's scholarship for his Ph.D. program in Canada.

Dr. Srivastava was appointed to the Federal Public Service of Canada in January 1997 where he now serves as a senior level executive bureaucrat. He has been recently appointed as Director General at the Federal Department of National Defence, Government of Canada. Before this, Dr. Srivastava served as Director General at the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Canada between July 2014 and September 2016, and before PSC, Dr. Srivastava served as Director General for three years at the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration. He also served Departments of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Health, Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada, and Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Dr. Srivastava has received numerous scholarships, awards and other recognitions, including the most prestigious and honourable Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 2012 for his outstanding contributions to the Federal Public Service of Canada.

Dr. Srivastava has made numerous contributions to his Indo-Canadian community over the past 26 years of his residence in Canada. He served as President of and then as Advisor to the India Students' Association at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. He served as President of and then as Advisor to the Indian Professionals' Association Ottawa, Canada. He served as Vice-President, then as President and finally as Advisor to the India Canada Association of the National Capital Region, Ottawa, Canada. Dr. Srivastava's contributions have been recognized by the Government of Ontario (Provincial Government) through their prestigious Community Service Award, and by the India Canada Association through their Community Achievement Awards. Dr. Srivastava has organized and led numerous community events in Ottawa (Canada's capital) and introduced the Prime Minister of Canada multiple times.

Through his community services, Dr. Srivastava has tirelessly promoted Indian culture, tradition, heritage, and its rich history in Canada. He has organized numerous events to ensure Indo-Canadians, especially their Canada-born children, get to learn and retain the strong Indian heritage. He has organized and provided keynote addresses at numerous Canadian Job Fairs for recent immigrants to Canada from India and other Asian countries.