



**Dr Jeet Singh Sandhu**

Professor Jeet Singh Sandhu, renowned agricultural scientist and research manager has been appointed as Hon' ble Vice Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner. Born on 1st August 1955 at Sriganga Nagar, Rajasthan, Dr Sandhu graduated from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur in 1978 and obtained Master's in 1982 and Ph.D. degree in 1985 in Plant Breeding from Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.

Prior to this, Dr Sandhu served the Apex Agricultural Research organization of India, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi as Deputy Director General (crop Science) and Assistant Director General (Seeds). He also served as Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India in between above positions.

Prof. Sandhu started his research carrier from premier agricultural institution, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, as Research Fellow since July 1985 and worked there in various capacities as Assistant Plant Breeder, Pulse Breeder and Senior Pulse breeder cum Incharge, Pulses Section, and Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics. He has also served as Incharge, Seed Production as Additional duty, Regional Research Station, PAU, Bathinda. He has developed 23 varieties of different pulse crops and published 229 research articles in scientific journal of national and international reposes.

Prof. Sandhu also served the professional societies, as President, Indian Society of Genetics & Plant Breeding, New Delhi, President & Vice president, Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD), Kanpur, Vice President, Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi and Chairman, Editorial board, Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences. He has Served as Chairman, Central Sub-Committee for crop Standards, Notification and Release of Varieties for Agricultural Crops and Central Insecticide Board and Registration Committee and a member of various important committees like PPVFRA, RCGM, GEAC, SAARC Regional Gene Bank and Board of Management of Agricultural Universities, India etc. Dr Sandhu was also Member of various Steering Committees of ACIAR, ICRISAT, IRRI, BISA and BRICS etc to develop the joint work plans and research strategies. He was also involved to develop various

policy documents. He has visited more than dozen foreign countries being part of Indian delegations for International cooperation.

The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi awarded Dr Sandhu with Fellowship for his outstanding scientific contribution in agriculture. He is also Fellow of Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD), Kanpur and Honorary Fellow of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi.

Dr Sandhu is duly recognized for contributions, with awards and honors by the various other organizations like CGIAR'S King Baudouin Award 2002 and ICRISAT DOREEN MASHLER 2002 - PAU Team Award as national collaborator of ICRISAT, Plaque for best Research Worker and with a certificate for outstanding contribution in Research and Development by Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana and with ISPRD Recognition Award by the Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development, Kanpur.