

Obituary

Shri Ravinder Kumar Chhabra



1945-2023

The Indian Dairy Association (IDA) is deeply grieved on the demise of Shri R.K. Chhabra on September 8, 2023 at Bhiwadi. He had a business meeting at Kwaliti Dairy in the previous day in the presence of Shri V.K. Tewari, Retd. G.M.P.C.D.F., Meerut. Shri Chhabra was a noted dairy professional in North Bharat. He was active member of IDA, NGA, NDRI Alumni Association and many social welfare societies.

He was born on June 22, 1945, in a Village of Pakistan. After the partition, his family shifted to India. Shri Chhabra did his schooling from Gurugram. Later, Graduated in Dairy Technology from National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal during 1961-65.

Shri Chhabra was a bright student during his school/college days and was very humble, soft spoken, hard-working, punctual, very social and loved by all his seniors as well as juniors equally. He had a great sense of responsibility towards his teachers as well as fellow colleagues. He had an inborn quality to lead his team from the front as well as take everybody on board.

After his Graduation, Shri Chhabra joined Punjab Dairy Development Corporation (VERKA Brand) and worked there till 1970. He shifted to Haryana Dairy Development Co-operative Federation (VITA Brand) and worked as General Manager at various milk plants in Haryana.

After the liberalisation of Dairy Sector in India, he moved to private sector and worked with M/S Milk Foods Bahadurgarh, M/S Anand Dairy Nilokheri, Milk Specialities Derabasi, M/S Chanakya Dairy Govindgarh, M/S Hindustan Lever, M/S Quality Dairy Faridabad, and many other reputed organizations in the capacity of CEO/GM/Technical Advisor.

After his retirement, he settled at Bhiwadi, Rajasthan and started working as Consultant/Advisor to Hatsun Agro, Tamil Nadu; Dinshaw Dairy, Nagpur; Sterling Agro, Kasganj; Kwaliti Dairy, Ballabgarh, etc. since the year 2000. Post retirement, he had been actively involved in facilitating new dairy start-ups. In recent past, Shri Chhabra was actively involved in promoting sustainable business practices through promoting setting-up of solar plants as alternative green energy source to conventional hydrocarbon based energy.

As an Independent Consultant, he did a pioneer work for the improvement of raw milk quality at grass root as well as plant level. He guided many plants to get the quality mark and helped many of them in setting various quality system. He also extended his consultancy towards establishing New Milk Plants/Expansion/Modification of existing Dairy Plants. Shri Chhabra was always keen to highlight the problems of dairy farmers.

He enjoyed robust health and was not suffering from any serious illness. He was quite active physically, mentally, professionally and socially even a day before his death. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren.

The Association mourns the death of Shri R.K. Chhabra and pray to God to give *Sadgati* to his noble soul and also give enough strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss.