

# Obituary

## Dr. B.M. Mahajan



1945-2024

Dr. B.M. Mahajan, a Life member of IDA, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2024 at his Chandigarh residence.

Born on May 26, 1945, Dr. Mahajan was a prominent personality in dairy field. He completed his Post Graduation in Dairy Technology from NDRI, Karnal. He obtained his Ph.D. degree from Agra University in 1989 under the guidance of Prof. M.P. Gupta. The doctorate work was on motivation and productivity of extension services of different agencies engaged in milk production.

He held various managerial roles in milk plants in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab before becoming the Head of the Department in Govt. of Punjab as Milk Commissioner/Director Dairy and held this position for 16 long years. He led Milkfed, Punjab also as Managing Director. He had a brilliant career as a successful Manager and effective Administrator. He was a thorough human being. He made lasting contribution to the dairy sector in Punjab, achieving 100% capacity utilization of Verka Milk Plants, exporting Verka Ghee, introducing milk-based sweets in Chandigarh, promulgating The Punjab Regulation of Compounded Cattle feed, Concentrates & Mineral Mixture Order, 1988 under Essential Commodities Act, establishing Govt. Analytical Laboratory, Sangrur and setting up Dairy Training & Extension Centers.

He presented papers at numerous seminars and workshops on dairy development within and outside the country. He was a member of several organizations related to the dairy industry. He published two books titled "**Gainful Employment in Dairy Farming**"-(1993), and "**Impact of Extension Services in Punjab**"-(2001).

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Sumedha Mahajan and two sons Sameer and Sachin, Daughter-in-laws Shilpa and Sheeba, grandchildren Shruti, Aruna, Gopal and Suveer.

Dr. Mahajan was a former IDA North Zone Executive Committee member and also held the post of Chairman, IDA Punjab State Chapter. Indian Dairy Association is proud of the achievements made by him in the field of dairy development.

The Association mourns the death of Dr. B.M. Mahajan and pray to God to grant heavenly peace to the departed soul and give enough strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss.



## 50<sup>th</sup> GOLDEN JUBILEE DAIRY INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

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