

Obituary

Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Srivastava



1957-2025

The Indian Dairy Association (IDA) expresses deep sorrow at the demise of Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Srivastava, who left for his heavenly abode on 25th December 2025. Revered nationally and internationally as the "Clone Man of India", Prof. Srivastava was among the most influential figures in animal biotechnology, dairy science, and agricultural leadership in the country. He was the Patron of the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) and also held the post of Chairman of IDA (North Zone).

Born on 1 August 1957 in Varanasi, Prof. Srivastava received his early education at Ashok Inter College and Queen's College. He earned his BVSc & AH (1979), MVSc (1981) and Ph.D. (1984), followed by advanced training at the GSF Institute of Toxicology, Munich, Germany (1988-1990), which broadened his global scientific outlook.

Beginning his career as an Assistant Professor, he rose through academic and administrative ranks with distinction. He served as Professor and Head, Pharmacology & Toxicology, SKUAST-Jammu, and later as Director and Vice-Chancellor of ICAR-NDRI (2008-2017). Under his visionary leadership, NDRI produced the world's first cloned buffalo calf, Garima, and achieved international recognition in animal cloning, reproductive biotechnology, genetics, dairy biochemistry, and animal health, firmly positioning India on the global map of animal biotechnology.

A distinguished scientific administrator, Prof. Srivastava served as Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB); Vice President, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences; and President of several professional bodies including the National Academy of Dairy Science, Association of Mastitis-India, and the Probiotic Association of India. He also chaired national committees such as the DBT Task Force on Animal Biotechnology and the R&D Executive Committee of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.

He was a Fellow of multiple prestigious academies, including NAAS, NASI (Allahabad), National Academy of Veterinary Sciences, and National Academy of Dairy Sciences. His many honours included the ICAR Jawaharlal Nehru Award, D.Sc. (Honoris Causa), International NOCIL Award, National Alarsin Award, DAAD Fellowship and Bhoomi Nirman Award, German Academic Exchange Fellowship, and several Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Beyond his formal achievements, Prof. Srivastava was admired as an exceptional mentor, orator and visionary. His deep command over dairy science, animal husbandry statistics and the science of milk, combined with his clarity of expression, made him one of the most respected voices in Indian dairying.

India has lost one of its greatest dairy scientists and scientific statesmen. Prof. Anil Kumar Srivastava's legacy will endure through the institutions he strengthened, the research he pioneered, and the generations of scientists he inspired.

He is survived by his family, colleagues and a vast community of students. His demise has been deeply mourned by dairy and scientific fraternity.

The Indian Dairy Association pays its rich tribute to Late Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Srivastava and prays for his noble soul to attain eternal peace.