Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari
Takes Over as
Director General of FAI

Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari has taken over as Director General, The Fertiliser Association of India, New Delhi on 4 February 2025.

He did his Ph.D. in Soil and Water Management from Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri, Maharashtra in 1998 and is recipient of two Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Agricultural Water Management from University of Rostock, Germany in 2000 and Water Resources Management & Climate Change Adaptation from University of California, Davis, USA in 2003.

Dr. Chaudhari served ICAR in various positions from 1990 to 2025. He joined the ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal in 2008 as Principal Scientist, subsequently elevated to Head, Division of Soil and Crop Management in 2011 and served upto 2013. Further, he served ICAR on very prestigious positions of Assistant Director General (SWM) from 2014-2020 and Deputy Director General (NRM) from January 2020 to January 2025.

In view of his pioneering work in the field of agriculture, Dr. Chaudhari has been bestowed with many honours/awards more specifically - TWAS Medal by United Nations Organization; Global Soil Information Award by FAO; Geospatial World Excellence Award; Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award of ICAR; NAAS-Recognition Award; Team Research Award of ICAR; Salinity Excellence Award; President of India's Digital India Award; ICAR Vasantrao Nayak Award, etc.

He is fellow of many international and national organisations and has been Chairman of South East Asia Laboratory Network on Soil, Water and Fertilizer Testing and Vice-Chairman of Asian Soil Partnership — both networks of FAO.

Dr. Chaudhari is the member of 16 professional societies and associations. He has made impactful contributions towards development of soil and water management through basic, strategic, applied and participatory action research. The research on soil-water-plant atmospheric relationships opened up new vistas of understanding the fundamentals of the subject. He also developed technologies for reclamation and management of salt affected soils.

He has published more than 250 research papers in journals of national and international repute. He is author of 35 books/book chapters on areas of fertilizer and soil management, micro-irrigation, automized irrigation, irrigation induced soil degradation and climate change impact on Indian agriculture.