

Brief bio-data of Dr Manjit Singh Kang, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India

Dr Manjit Singh Kang, after graduation from PAU in agriculture and animal husbandry in 1968, got his Master's Degree in Plant Genetics from the Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, USA in 1971.

He obtained MA in Botany from the Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, USA in 1977 and Ph.D. in Crop Science (Genetics & Plant Breeding) in 1977 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, USA in 1977.

He started his career as Research Associate at the Washington University, Saint Louis, USA in 1977. He served as Research Station Manager with Cargill Inc. for two years and then joined the University of Missouri Columbia as Plant Breeder in 1980. He worked as Assistant Professor in the University of Florida during 1981-86. He joined as Associate Professor at the Louisiana State University in 1986 and was promoted to Professor in the same University in 1990. He has now retired from this position to serve as Vice Chancellor of Punjab Agricultural University.

During his career, Dr Kang has made outstanding contributions in the field of Plant Breeding and Quantitative Genetics. He has authored/edited several books. He has contributed 35 book chapters and encyclopedia essays in his field of specialization. He has more than 110 refereed articles and 136 other publications to his credit. He has guided seven Ph.D and six M.Sc students in their research work and served on Advisory Committees of dozens to M.Sc and Ph.D. students.

He has provided outstanding leadership in this profession and organized many national and international conferences. He has won many honors and professional awards, such as Fellow of American Society of Agronomy, Fellow of Crop Science Society of America and a U.S. Fulbright Senior Scholar to Malaysia in 1999. He is a Sigma Xi (Scientific Research Society) Distinguished Lecturer (2007-2009).

Dr. Kang joined the PAU as Vice Chancellor on April 30, 2007.