

Dr Suman Sahai

Dr. Suman Sahai, who has had a distinguished scientific career in Genetics, is a recipient of the Padma Shri , the Borlaug Award, Outstanding Woman Achiever awards, the Birbal Sahni Gold Medal and the Order of the Golden Ark of the Netherlands.

She is founder Chairperson of the Gene Campaign (www.genecampaign.org), a leading research and advocacy organization, working on food, nutrition and rural livelihoods. Gene Campaign's work has been recognized nationally and internationally in improving food security & household nutrition

Dr. Sahai, has published extensively on science and policy issues, including 13 books, 17 book chapters and several hundred articles. She has been working both at the grassroots and policy levels, with great dedication and considerable impact. She has been a member of several national policy forums on scientific research and education, biodiversity and environment, biotechnology and bioethics as well as intellectual property rights.

Dr Sahai chaired India's Planning Commission Task Force on 'Agro biodiversity and Genetically Engineered Organisms', for the Eleventh Plan. She was a member of the National Biodiversity Board, the National Committee on Biotechnology Policy and the Bioethics Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research. She has served on the Research Advisory Committees of national scientific institutions.