



### **Biography / Yashwant Bhargava**

Mr. Yashwant Bhargava is an Indian National with doctorate degree in Botany-Genetics and Plant Breeding (1984) from Nagpur University and vouched to work with private sector in agriculture – Ankur Seeds (5 years) in Nagpur as Head, Research and Development, Hoechst AgrEvo (6 years) as Manager Seeds in Mumbai. In 1995, he joined Sandoz, now Syngenta as Development Manager, in Pune. He was instrumental in giving these seed companies a good number of varieties and hybrids in Vegetable and Field crops. He has been on the advisory board of research journal(s) in India and also has more than 50 publications in national and international journals. He was able to do a crash course in Business Administration from IIM, Ahmedabad. Dr. Bhargava held positions of Sales Manager and later headed the Business Development in Cotton and Bio-fuels, with Syngenta for 15 years. Dr. Bhargava was the key person to have beet sugar introduced in India through Syngenta and was Honorary Director of first beet sugar factory, near Baramati. His hobbies are Sports and Reading Books. He has been a good sportsman, representing at national level in Athletics and Football.

Presently as head of Research and Development, he is based in Nairobi since 2010 and coordinates the research and development, seed production and quality control activities with group companies of East African Seed Company Limited in Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda.