

Candidate: Jai Sheel Oberoi, Associate Director

Nominating SRP member: LT Foods Limited

Constituency: At-Large (Supply Chain Actor)

Brig Oberoi served with distinction in the Indian Army for four decades before taking premature release in 1999 to pursue a second career in the corporate sector. He has since worked with the Tata group, ITC and Walmart India.

Oberoi is currently CEO of Nature Bio Foods (NBF) , a leading Organic Foods company in India and a subsidiary of LT Foods. NBF's strengths lie in its strong farmer relationships built over past 25 years. Its products are exported to Europe and North America. He leads Sustainability initiatives for the LT Group.

Over the past two decades he has built up expertise in Indian agriculture. Both at the micro level - handholding farmers in field & horticulture crops across different agro climatic zones, and, at corporate levels in operationalising agriculture related businesses. He is passionate about farmers and farming and firmly believes this is the only way to reduce poverty especially in developing countries.

He is a strong advocate of the SRP platform and believes that as it scales up it has the potential to make a positive and noticeable impact on environmental aspects such as water usage, soil degradation, farmer incomes and community welfare. He has been on the Board of SRP for last two years and contributed to governance and risk management.

Oberoi is extensively travelled and makes it a point to visit and learn as much of farming as he can wherever he is. He is a frequent speaker at agribusiness related seminars and workshops.

He brings maturity, wisdom, and, gifted with a curious mind, a sense of fun to his work.

His interests encompass wide reading, some writing, music, gardening and physical fitness.

He and his wife Uma live in Gurgaon, India.