

DRI UTKRISHT SEVA SAMMAN, 2018



Shri G.S. Sawhney is an officer of the 1951 batch of the Indian Revenue Service. He held the charge of Director General of DRI for more than four years from 03.12.1971 to 23.09.1976. Subsequently, he became the Chairman of the Central Board of Excise and Customs from 02.09.1982 to 11.10.1983.

Shri Sawhney is indeed the doyen of Indian Customs. His seminal contribution is in the drafting of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act (COFEPOSA), 1974 and the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act (SAFEMFOPA), 1976.

As the Director General of DRI, Shri. G.S. Sawhney led this organization in the halcyon days when its activities were reported directly to the Prime Minister's office. Subsequent to his superannuation in 1983, Sh. G. S. Sawhney joined the Commonwealth Secretariat in Antigua and was dealing with Finance matters concerning the Commonwealth Countries in the Caribbean region. He was also the Chairman of the WTO's Committee on Customs Valuation during the year 1982. Later he joined the Inter Agency Mission of the United Nations.

DRI feels privileged in honoring Shri G.S. Sawhney with "DRI Utkrisht Seva Samman, 2018".