

**Launching workshop of the UNDP funded project by**  
**Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi**

Launching workshop of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) funded project titled “Strengthening Agri-Nutri Linkage for Enhancing Nutritional Security and Empowering Farm Women of India: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition” was organized by Division of Agricultural Extension on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at Jhajjar, Haryana under the partnership of UNDP, DISHA and ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. The objective of the project is to empower farm women economically and enhance their nutritional security by leveraging agriculture for nutrition. The project will be implemented in three districts of Haryana. Dr. Premlata Singh, School Coordinator, Social Sciences and Head, Division of Agricultural Extension, welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Clement Chauvet, Chief, Skills and Business Development, UNDP and other dignitaries and highlighted the importance of empowerment of women in agriculture. Dr. Satyapriya, PI of the project and Senior Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension briefed about the project and how it will be functioning for the next two years. Dr. D.K. Yadav, ADG (Seeds) ICAR and Head, Seed Science & Technology, IARI, briefed about the potential technologies/varieties developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) especially IARI mustard variety, Pusa-30 with low erucic acid with respect to health, iron rich Pusa composite 443 and 701 variety of bajra with respect to anaemia and other IARI technologies and their potential benefits in eradicating malnutrition and in ensuring nutritional security. The Chief Guest, Mr. Clement Chauvet, expressed his views about the project and his happiness for being part of it. The Co-PIs of the project, Dr. V. Lenin, Dr. V. Sangeetha and Dr. Sudipta Paul also participated in the workshop. Other dignitaries were Dr. Kanta Singh, State Project Head, UNDP, Mr. Yogesh Parashar, Project Manager, Ajeevika Mission, Mr. Vijay Rana, NABARD, Jhajjar, Dr. Shashi Vashist, PC, KVK, Jhajjar, Mrs. Sunena, Project Officer, ICDS, Dr. Rohtas, State Dept. of Agriculture, Mr. Ravindra Ahlawat, State Horticulture Dept., Mr. Shripal Rathi, Fisheries Dept., Mr. R.P. Dhingra, PNB-RSETI and Self Help Group leaders and members. They all expressed their happiness about launching of such an important project and assured their support in successful running/implementation of the project for the empowerment of farm women.



Lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries during the Launching workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017



Dr. Premlata Singh, School Coordinator, Social Sciences and Head, Division of Agricultural Extension delivering welcome address during the Launching workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017



The Chief Guest, Mr.Clement Chauvet, delivering his views about the project during the Launching workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017