

National Science Day Celebrations at IARI (28th February 2018)

National Science Day was celebrated by Vijnana Bharti (Vibha) in collaboration with IARI on 28th February 2018 at WTC auditorium, IARI Pusa Campus, New Delhi. In this programme around 200 people including IARI scientist, staff, students and members of Vigyan Bharti have participated. The event was chaired by Shri A. Jayakumar, National General Secretary Vibha and other dignitaries were present on the dias were Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Ext.)& Director IARI, Dr Omkar Rai (DGSTPI) and Dr. Man Singh PD(WTC). The invited keynote speakers for the day were Padma Bhusan Prof. R.B. Singh, Chancellor CAU and Prof. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext), IARI.

Dr. A. K. Singh DDG (Ext) & Director IARI, introduced the key speaker Prof. R. B. Singh to the august gathering. The topic of talk of Prof. R.B. Singh was *Science with Human Face*.

Prof. R.B. Singh emphasized the role and importance of traditional knowledge and modern science for human welfare. He talked about the role of IARI in agricultural development, food security in New India Movement. He has mentioned various indices like Human Development index, Poverty Index and Global Hunger Index. He told that science, technology, innovation and development always work in a continuum. Science always seeks truth and science is Satyam, Shivam and Sundaram. He emphasized the need to promote science through good political will, investment and institutional support from all the stakeholders.

Dr. R. R. Burman, Principal Scientist (Division of Agril. Extension) introduced Prof. J. P. Sharma Joint Director (Ext), IARI. The topic of Prof. Sharma's talk was *Science and Happiness*.

During his keynote address Prof. J P Sharma shared the importance of happiness for the promotion of science. He told that if we are happy, we can work hard and can achieve the goal easily may it be in the field of science or any other area. He talked about Happiness index and brought it to the knowledge of the audience that the Happiness Index of India is very low at 122nd Position in world ranking.He shared that regular laugh in daily routine may improve the health as well as the work efficiency. Therefore, we should always remain happy and contribute towards better science.