

## Press Note

### **Celebrations of ICAR- IARI Jharkhand Foundation Day (Virtual)**

On 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, the foundation day programme of ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute Jharkhand, Gauria Karma, Barhi, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand was celebrated in virtual mode. Sh Jayant Sinha Ji, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Hazaribagh and Chairperson of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance was the Chief Guest and Speaker. The programme was chaired by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General, ICAR & Secretary DARE. Dr A K Singh, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, Dr T R Sharma, DDG (Crop Science), Dr Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean & Joint Director (Education), IARI, New Delhi and DDGs, ADGs, Director(s) of sister institutes, Heads of the divisions, Professors, Scientists, students and farmers of Jharkhand were present during the programme. Dr A K Singh, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi welcomed the chief guest, and all the dignitaries and presented the brief report about the institute and progress of work. Rupees 137 crore have been allotted to ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand under next 5 years plan for the developmental activities. The institutes have awarded post graduate degree to 44 students in 12 disciplines.

Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General, ICAR & Secretary DARE extended hearty welcome to all and congratulated IARI Jharkhand as well as IARI Delhi on this foundation day. He introduced the Chief guest of today's function, Sh Jayant Sinha Ji, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and who is associated with ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand since its inception. He highlighted the mandate of IARI Jharkhand for bringing the benefits of improved agricultural research, education and extension to the region.

Sh Jayant Sinha Ji delivered the foundation day lecture and stressed upon the role of green revolution and white revolution in food and nutritional security of the country. He emphasized more research activities on fisheries and horticultural crops in the future in North Eastern Region for enhancing the income and livelihood security of the small and marginal farmers of the region. He also appreciated the work of ICAR for food and nutritional security of the country through green revolution for making India self-reliant in food production. He also encouraged the scientists of IARI, Pusa New Delhi for developing several high yielding varieties and technologies. He emphasized the research priorities on climate smart technologies and urged for developing world class research facilities at IARI Jharkhand as well as to develop the food processing technologies which is the need of an hour.

Dr Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean & Joint Director (Education), IARI, New Delhi presented the vote of thanks.