

The Division of Agricultural Chemicals organized a half day workshop to mark the celebration of 50 years of its establishment. Prof. S M Virmani, Chairperson NICRA and Former Foreign Secretary NAAS, was the Chief Guest and Dr Ravinder Kaur, Hon'ble Director, IARI was the Guest of Honor. Prof SM Virmani delivered the lecture on **“Agricultural Chemicals Research Innovations and Climate Change as viewed by NICRA Initiative of ICAR”**. He emphasized the role of agrochemicals in maintaining the plant health in context of changing climate. He suggested that due to different soil types in India there is a need for development, evaluation and assessment of agrochemicals



accordingly. He stressed upon the need to study behavior of nanoparticles in the environment. Dr Virmani particularly mentioned about the need to conduct interdivisional as well as inter-institutional research to avoid the repetitions of the work as it helps to increase the visibility of the work. He also suggested that the division should be proactive in handling issues related to climate change and help in the overall

development of agriculture.

Dr Ravinder Kaur shared her views regarding climate change and significant role to be played by the Agricultural Chemicals Division. During interaction session Prof SM Virmani replied to various queries regarding the different opportunities in which crop protection school can plan to get funding by NICRA. The event was attended by the scientific and technical staff along with the students of different divisions under School of Crop Protection.

