

### **5<sup>th</sup> day “Press Note” of the 59<sup>th</sup> ICAR-IARI, New Delhi Convocation Week (Feb 7-12, 2021)**

On the fifth day of the 59<sup>th</sup> ICAR-IARI, New Delhi Convocation week (February 7-12, 2021), the Lal Bahadur Shastri memorial lecture presentations was made by Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, Govt of India. Dr R B Singh, Former Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi chaired the session. Dr. A. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-IARI and Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean & Joint Director (Education) ICAR-IARI, New Delhi welcomed the chairman of the session. Prof. Ramesh Chand has delivered highly informative and educative 51<sup>st</sup> Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial lecture on "Reimagining Agriculture for Transformational Change" as part of 59<sup>th</sup> ICAR-IARI Convocation week program. He emphasised on crop sciences sector growth which is needed for better agriculture output and should be produce centric (Demand) than products centric sustainable production. He also mentioned that natural resources management is the need of the hour. He emphasises the importance of Minimum Support Price that it should be realistic with affordable multiple criteria to govt in consumer demand, cost of production, overall economic stability of the country, international pressure, subsidies in agriculture, etc and the MSP shouldn't affect the open market systems (use to promote competitive and export markets).