

IARI Celebrates Its Foundation Day

IARI celebrated its Foundation Day on 1st April 2019. It was a daylong celebration which was scheduled in 4 different sessions. On this occasion, Dr P.K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, laid the foundation stone of Agricultural Innovation Centre at IARI in gracious presence of Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & DG ICAR; Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (Ext) & Director IARI; Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext); Dr. A.K. Singh, Joint Director (Res) and Dr Rashmi Agrawal, Dean & Joint Director (Education). During the first session, painting and debate competitions were organized at IARI in which 130 students from 13 schools participated. The theme of the competition was "Swachh Bharat". Dr P.K. Mishra, the chief guest of the program, distributed the awards to the winners.

In his welcome address, Dr. A.K. Singh praised the role of IARI as a leader in agricultural research and education with a glorious journey of 114 years. He emphasized on the role of the IARI in development of high yielding varieties of field and horticultural crops. Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & DG ICAR, introduced Dr. P.K. Mishra, the chief guest of the programme. He shared the academic credentials of Dr P.K. Mishra and his role in formulating National Food Security Mission, PM Crop Insurance Scheme and RKVY schemes launched by Government of India.

Dr. P.K. Mishra, praised the role of IARI since its inception in 1905. He congratulated the scientists for their contribution in the green revolution and urged to carry this legacy of IARI forward with more fruitful research to enable India to fight hunger and malnutrition. He expressed his appreciation about the work being done on Conservation Agriculture and mitigation of climate change. He shared his confidence that institute will fulfil the expectations of farmers, government and other stake holders.

In the second session was held on sharing of experiences of Padma Shri awardee farmers. Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext) introduced the chief guest of the session Prof. R.B. Singh, Former Member, National commission on Farmers, GoI. The Padma Shri awardee farmers namely Shri Kanwal Singh Chauhan, Shri Sultan Singh, Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, Shri Hukumchand Patidar, and Shri Ram Sharan Verma shared their struggles, experiences and achievements. An interactive session was followed by the talk.

Third session was the Foundation Day lecture presented by Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Director General, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR, GoI. Dr. Mande shared his experience and achievements in the field of research and development.

During this session IARI Best Worker Awards were also given by the chief guest to two employees in each category of administrative, technical and supporting staff.

The day long programme ended with a series of highly entertaining cultural programmes presented by the members of Pusa Institute Ladies Association (PILA).



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Padma Shri Awardee farmers sharing experiences on the occasion of IARI Foundation Day celebration at Dr. B.P. Pal Auditorium, IARI on 1st April 2019



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