## **IARI Celebrates Its Foundation Day**

IARI celebrated its 2<sup>nd</sup> foundation day on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. On this occasion, Dr. V. L. Chopra, Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, Former Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR; Dr. Panjab Singh, Chancellor, Rani Lakhsmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, Ex-Secretary, DARE & DG(ICAR) and Ex-VC, Banaras Hindu University; Dr. Jeet Singh Sandhu, DDG (CS) and Director, ICAR-IARI; Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext.); Dr. K.V. Prabhu, Joint Director (Res.); Dr.R.K. Jain, Joint Director (Edn.) and Mrs. Shashi Prabha Razdan, Joint Director (Adm.) graced the dais.

In his welcome address, Dr. Sandhu praised the role of IARI as a leader in agricultural research and education with a glorious 112 years of journey. Dr. V.L. Chopra, chairman of the day introduced the speaker of foundation day lecture Dr. Panjab Singh. He highlighted the great contribution of Dr. Panjab Singh as a national research and development leader for the growth of agriculture and sustainable rural development in country

Dr. Panjab Singh shared his experiences as a widely travelled and highly decorated academic administrator, with audience. He lauded the role of IARI for its consistent role in Indian Agriculture, be in initiating and sustaining the green revolution in the past and facing the daunting challenge of climate change and natural resource degradation of the present time. Heurged this trendsetterinstitute in agricultural education, research and extension to take up the leadership in skilled manpower production, cutting edge research for sustainable food production and welfare of farmer in our country, riddled with sorry figures which contradict her claims regarding progress, resources and infrastructure.IARI has the capability to impart skill, both soft skill and multidisciplinary to the youth to enable them to harness the enormous opportunities in the rural sector yet to be accessed.

Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext) congratulated to all on the occasion of foundation day of IARI and shared that this year IARI has released 13 varieties of various crops which are suitable to many parts of country.

Six Best worker awards were also given to the staff of IARI to boost up the morale of winners and fellow colleagues to perform their duties with more honesty and enthusiasm. In the end, Dr.J.S. Sandhu, DDG (CS) and Director, IARI thanked all to attend the foundation day celebration and Dr.K.V. Prabhu, Joint Director (Res), IARI presented the formal vote of thanks.



Dr. Panjab Singh, President, NAAS delivering the Foundation Day Lecture at IARI on  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  April 2017.



Dr. V.L. Chopra, Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, being felicitated during IARI Foundation Day on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.



Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext) addressed the audience during IARI Foundation Day on  $1^{\rm st}$  April 2017.



Distribution of Best Employee Award on the occasion of IARI Foundation Day on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.