

**Zoom Webinar**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Dr. B.P. Pal Memorial Lecture**  
**(27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020)**

Post Graduate School, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and Genetics Club of IARI organised 27<sup>th</sup> Dr. B.P. Pal Memorial Lecture on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 in an online mode. The topic of the lecture was “Reforms for Secure and Sustainable Agriculture: A Road Map’ and the Speaker was Padma Bhushan Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi. The function was chaired by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE and Director General ICAR. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean and Joint Director (Education) formally welcomed dignitaries and all participants. Dr. A.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute in his welcome address introduced the Chair to the participants present in the webinar. Dr Mohapatra introduced the speaker and welcomed various dignitaries and the participants present. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean and Joint Director (Education), IARI, Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension) and several other dignitaries have graced the occasion with their presence.

In his lecture Dr Paroda first paid tribute to Dr. B.P. Pal by highlighting the pioneer services and role played by Dr. Pal in transforming Indian Agriculture. Dr Paroda also emphasised the role of Indian National Agricultural Research System in strengthening food security in the nation. He stressed on the needs and roles of policy support, institutions, human resources and partnership for success of agriculture. Dr. Paroda advocated for the reforms like Agricultural Diversification, Secondary Agriculture, Speciality Agriculture, production to post-production value chain, focus on small holder farmers, research orientation towards farming system mode, Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D) and linking farmers to the market. In addition, he also called for strengthening the role of women and youth in agriculture and emphasis on innovations in agriculture (e.g. conservation agriculture). As a future roadmap for sustainable agriculture, he also urged for revisiting agricultural policies, strengthening the existing institutions and creating institutions for new agricultural challenges. In his Chairman’s remark Dr Mohapatra appreciated Padma Bhushan Dr R.S. Paroda for presenting the Road Map for Secure and Sustainable Agriculture. Dr. Vinod, President Genetics Club proposed the words of thanks. Total 1049 persons viewed the webinar on Zoom. The webinar was also streamed online on You Tube live.