

Press Note

Agricultural Education Day Lecture

The Graduate School ICAR-IARI, New Delhi arranged a special lecture on Agricultural Education Day to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, India's first Union Minister of Agriculture and the First President of independent India. The occasion was graced by Dr RS Paroda, (Former Secretary (DARE) & DG, ICAR and Chairperson, TAAS, New Delhi) as the Chief Guest , while Prof. R B Singh (Former President, NAAS & Former Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi) presided the today's function. Dr A K Singh (Director- IARI) , Dr Anupama Singh (Joint Director-Edn & Dean), Dr. C. Viswanatha (Joint Director, Research) , Dr R N Padaria (Joint Director, Extension) , the Heads and Professors of the Divisions, faculty and students of ICAR-IARI, New Delhi attended the programme.

The programme started with a floral tribute to Dr Rajendra Prasad followed by an invocation of a lamp. Dr. A.K. Singh, Director of ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, warmly welcomed the esteemed guests. Professor R.B. Singh introduced Dr R.S. Paroda, highlighting his distinguished attainments and contributions to Indian Agriculture.

Dr. R.S. Paroda in his lecture on “Opportunities in Agriculture” sensitized the audience about the glorious contributions of IARI in heralding the Green Revolution in India. He commended the efforts of the Council for making the country witness a series of revolutions leading to rainbow revolution. He cautioned about the paradigm shift in agricultural development strategy and exhorted scientists to focus upon natural resource management besides the genetic solutions. He suggested for applications of newer approaches and tools for precision in genetic improvements and input use efficiencies. Attracting the attention of the students, he emphasized upon the vast potential of India's youthful population and their ability to contribute significantly to the agriculture sector. He discussed how innovative thinking and skill development in agriculture could address the challenges like climate change and ensure food security. Highlighting the National Education Policy-2020, he emphasized upon the quality education.

As part of the celebration, an inter-school painting competition was also arranged, in which 60 students participated. The Chief Guest of the function, Dr R S Paroda, presented awards and certificates to the winners. The students from various IARI hubs and IARI, New Delhi interacted with Dr. R S Paroda and Prof. R.B. Singh and sought their insightful guidance.

The program concluded with closing remarks from Prof. R.B. Singh and a vote of thanks from Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean of the Graduate School at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. This insightful event provided online and offline learning opportunities to attendees across various IARI hubs.



Dr A K Singh, Director IARI welcoming Dr R B Singh



Award to painting competition winner



Dr R B Singh felicitating Chief Guest Dr R S Paroda



Floral Tributes to Dr Rajendra Prasad ji



Invocation of lamp



Welcome of Prof. R B Singh with floral bouquet