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Press Note

Teacher's Day 2023 Celebration at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

The Genetics Club and the Graduate School ICAR-IARI, New Delhi organized a guest lecture on “Education, Research, and Innovation in the Brave New World” on the occasion of Teachers’ Day today to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice-President and second President of independent India. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Ashutosh Sharma; President, Indian National Science Academy, Institute Chair, IIT, Kanpur; and former Secretary of DST, Govt. of India. The session was chaired by Prof. Anupam Verma, National Professor, and former Dean and Joint Director of Education at ICAR-IARI. Introducing the speaker as well as the chairperson of the session, the Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi; Dr Ashok Kumar Singh highlighted the significance of a teacher in welfare of humanity and society. Dr. Anupama Singh, the Dean and Joint Director of Education at ICAR-IARI, presented the welcome address

Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, a famous expert in nanoscience and a graduate of IIT Kanpur, highlighted the significance of structure and process of doing science and its translation to useful applications. He emphasized the importance of creativity and innovation in addressing issues like climate change and sustainable development. He stressed upon shifting from a tool-centric to a problem-centric way of thinking and from producing information to consuming it. He dwelt upon innovation ecosystem-socio-psychological-cultural dimensions of innovation, concept of atmanirbhar, demography, policy dimension, structure and processes of a seamless integration of invention and innovation ecosystem, techno-societal challenges, reality of education in India, how and why start-ups fail, and compelling roles of humanities and social sciences. Professor Anupam Verma in his chairperson’s remark highlighted how agricultural research is crucial for nation’s progress and social stability. He stressed upon adequate funding in science and technology. Former Director IARI, Dr. R. B. Singh; Dr Jalali, Joint Directors, IARI, Dr. C. Vishwanathan and Dr. R. N. Padaria, Director, NIPB, Dr. Ramcharan Bhattacharya, Project Director, WTC, Dr P Brahmanand, Heads and Professors of the Divisions, faculty, students and staff attended the function. Dr. H. K. Dixit, Professor, Division of Genetics; proposed the vote of thanks.



Teachers' day lecture by Prof. Ashutosh Sharma



**Director IARI, Dr A.K.Singh felicitates
Chairperson, Dr Anupam Varma and Speaker, Prof. Ashutosh Sharma**