

ICAR - National Rice Research Institute (NRRI), Cuttack Celebrated 77th Foundation Day and Dhan Diwas on 23rd April 2022

ICAR-National Rice Research Institute (NRRI), Cuttack celebrated its' 77th Foundation Day and Dhan Diwas on 23rd April, 2022 with the gracious presence of Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director,



ICAR-National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management (NIABSM), Baramati, Maharashtra as Chief Guest and Dr. Dipankar Maiti, Ex-Director, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack as Guest of Honour. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Pathak advocated that conservation of soil and water resources are the main key to improve and sustain the farm productivity. He urged all the participating farmers and farmer leaders

to come forward and support activities for addressing the farm problems and realizing achievable outputs in near future. Dr. Maiti in his address stressed upon timely availability of quality seeds, changing pattern of insect-pests, vagaries of weather in farm production and necessity of proper linkages among the organizations engaged in development of farm sector.

Dr. Padmini Swain, Director of the institute highlighted the significant achievements of the institute, especially on the recently released (in 2021) varieties and their suitability for different ecologies. Further, she emphasized on role of ICAR-NRRI in terms of varietal development, evolving methods of soil-health maintenance, package of practices, agricultural



mechanization, quality control of rice, insect-pest control as well as outreach programmes towards betterment of farmer's community. The guests also released various publications of the Institute like 3 Books, 3 Research Bulletins, 16 Technology Bulletin and 9 Extension Bulletins. Dr. Himanshu Pathak also delivered the Foundation Day Lecture on "Climate Change and Agriculture: IPCC 6th Assessment Report and Beyond" during the afternoon for the scientific community and emphasized how and why climate has changed to date, human influence on a wider range of climate characteristics, and range of available mitigation options in agriculture, forestry, transport and industry.

The programme was attended by over two hundred farmers and farm-women from Odisha, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. An exhibition was also organized showcasing

the technologies of ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack; Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar; ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar; ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management (IIWM), Bhubaneswar; ICAR-Directorate of Foot and Mouth Disease (DFMD); ICAR-Indian Institute for Women in Agriculture (CIWA), Bhubaneswar; Central Horticultural Experimental Station (CHES),



Bhubaneswar; Regional Centre of ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI), Bhubaneswar; Regional Centre of ICAR-Directorate of Poultry Research (DPR), Bhubaneswar; etc. located at Bhubaneswar and ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR), Kanpur; Directorate of Fisheries Cuttack Zone; and Krishi Vigyan

Kendra (KVK), Cuttack. The chief guest and other dignitaries felicitated 26 retired staff, 14 best workers of the institute, 4 meritorious students and 8 swachhata awardees. Further 21 progressive farmers and farm-women were awarded for the adoption of innovative practices in rice farming. In the beginning, Dr. G.A.K. Kumar, Co-Chairman of the programme welcomed the guests and dignitaries and at the end, Dr. S.K. Mishra, the Organizing Secretary of the programme offered a vote of thanks.

Special programme like field visit, scientists-farmer's interaction meeting was also organized for the benefit of the farmers and the staff of the institute. A cultural programme 'Madhuram' was organized during the evening involving staff, scholars, students and children with the gracious presence of Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR and Mrs. Kalpana Mohapatra as special guests. Winners of various competitions organized on the occasion of the Foundation Day were awarded certificates and prizes by the Director and other dignitaries.



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