

ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi – Foundation day celebration

ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi celebrated the diamond jubilee foundation day on 1st November, 2021.



On this occasion, Dr. T. R. Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop Science) ICAR was the chief guest and delivered foundation day lecture. He highlighted the achievements of institute and exhorted all the staff members to work with positive approach and dedication for betterment of all stakeholders. He particularly referred to the world's largest ploidy series in Guinea grass and new development towards seed setting Bajra Napier hybrids. Since the institute is entering the golden Jubilee year, it becomes responsibility of all the staff to work for achieving new heights. He advised to put more stress on pre-breeding, abiotic and biotic stress tolerance and biofortified forage varieties.

Dr A. Arunachalam, Director, ICAR- Central Agroforestry research Institute was the guest of honour. He highlighted the complementarity of agroforestry research with integrated component of fodder crops which is highly suitable for all parts of the country especially Bundelkhand region.

Dr. Amaresh Chandra, Director ICAR- IGFRI presented the highlights of the activities carried out during the past one year. He also presented the various new initiatives taken by institutes and also the programme to be undertaken in the diamond Jubilee year.

On this occasion, various publications were released. Prizes for excellent work carried out during the year were also given to staff and teams.

Dr A. K. Roy, Project Co-ordinator, AICRP Forage welcomed the dignitaries and all the participants.

Dr K. K. Singh, Head, PAR Division presented vote of thanks.

A Farmers fair and technology demonstration exhibition was also inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. T. R. Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR. In this fair, technologies were put up by ICAR-IGFRI, CAFRI, RLBCAU, ICAR- CSWR&TI and other state government departments and NGOs as well as FPOs for the benefit of farmers.

Earlier in the day, Dr. T. R. Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR visited the farm and laboratory facilities and provided guidance to the scientific staff.

The meeting was attended by all the staff of ICAR- IGFRI, its regional stations, participants from ICAR- CAFRI, RLBCAU and nearby institutions as well as superannuated staff.