

## **ICAR ATARI, Kanpur celebrated 13<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day**

The 13th Foundation Day was celebrated at ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI) Zone-III, Kanpur on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

Chief Guest on this occasion Dr. A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) ICAR New Delhi, released the Mobile App and publications (50 Innovative Farmers' Experiences and Annual Progress Report 2020) developed by ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur. He said that using this App, KVKs of Zone-III will provide information of agricultural technology to take appropriate decision. The Chief Guest congratulated everyone on this occasion and shared that he was working at Kanpur when the first foundation day of institute was celebrated.

Guest of Honor on this occasion, Dr. N.P. Singh, Director of ICAR-Indian Pulses Research Institute (IIPR) Kanpur said that ICAR-ATARI Kanpur and ICAR-IIPR Kanpur are working together. In 2010, there was a severe shortage of pulses in the country. Pulses program was started in association with ICAR-ATARI Kanpur which was headed by Dr. A.K. Singh, our present DDG (AE). He further said that with the joint effort of both the institutes, Pulses production increased from 14 million tones to 24 million tonnes during 2015-2019. Role of ATARIs and KVKs is very broad in development of Agriculture, he further stated.

In the welcome address Dr. Atar Singh, Director ICAR-ATARI Kanpur, presented the activities and achievements of the Institute and said that initially this institute was established in 1979 as zonal coordination unit subsequently, it was elevated to Zonal Project Directorate on 19 March 2009 and is now functioning as Agricultural Technology Applications Research Institute (ATARI) since July 2017. Its task is to guide KVK to develop an action plan, to monitor and evaluate their works and to bring new techniques to the farmers through different activities.

On this occasion 30, Innovation farmers from various districts, scientists and heads of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Director Extension of CSAUAT Kanpur Dr. A.K. Singh were also present. Innovative progressive farmers shared their experiences in the program and were honored with certificate of appreciation. Principal Scientist, Dr. S.K. Dubey was coordinated the entire program, Principal Scientist Dr. Sadhana Pandey proposed vote of thanks at end of the program.



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