

ICAR-NRCSS Celebrated 25th Foundation Day

The ICAR-National Research Centre on Seed Spices (ICAR-NRCSS) in Ajmer is celebrated its 25th Foundation Day on 19 January 2025, with a Silver Jubilee Celebration and Kisan Mela. Padma Bhushan Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), Former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India, was the Chief Guest of the function. Dr Paroda applauded the achievements of the institute and congratulated the staff on this occasion. He emphasized that NRCSS must leverage cutting-edge technologies like genome selection and gene editing to develop even higher-yielding, disease-resistant varieties. Research into value addition and capacity building for seed spice growers is crucial, especially in promoting diversification towards high-value crops in arid regions. Strengthening public-private partnerships will unlock export potential, both domestically and internationally. Furthermore, knowledge dissemination, vocational training, and collaborations with other institutions are vital to enhance the global competitiveness of India's seed spice sector. Dr Paroda also visited the fields.



This event commemorated the center's significant contributions to seed spice research and its positive impact on the farming community. Krishi Mela was also organized by the institute. Shri Bhagirath Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare,



Government of India, who was the Chief Guest of Krishi Mela. He interacted with farmers and discussed the issues related to spice crops and trade.

ICAR-NRCSS Foundation Day Coverage can be accessed through following link:

<https://youtu.be/f4rI5waNnIE?si=DEhMQURVdC7MC2mi>

