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## Valedictory Session of the Innovative Farmers Conclave 2025 at ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute

The **Innovative Farmers Conclave 2025**, organized by the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), reached its successful conclusion with a valedictory session on December 24, 2025. The event was held in honor of Chaudhary Charan Singh's birth anniversary, paying tribute to his lifelong dedication to farmer welfare while serving as a premier platform for modern agricultural advancement.



During the event, Chief Guest Dr Raj S Paroda, Founder Chairman of TAAS, emphasized that farmers are the primary drivers of innovation in India. He noted that the national vision of "Viksit Bharat" is only achievable through the direct empowerment of the farming community. Dr Paroda also advocated for a shift toward sustainability, highlighting the need to reduce chemical pesticides in favor of bio-pesticides to ensure agriculture remains a profitable and sustainable livelihood.

Dr Paroda mentioned about the vital importance of farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange, echoing the spirit of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" by recognizing farmers as the essential guardians to contribute significantly to the nation's food security.

The diversity of the sector was on full display as Dr Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director of ICAR-IARI, lauded the creativity and practical wisdom of

farmers representing 25 different states. These participants showcased indigenous techniques and successful agricultural models that address modern challenges. In response to issues like climate change and market volatility, IARI reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening farmer-scientist partnerships across the country.



The program concluded with the release of several new agricultural publications and a certificate ceremony to honor farmers for their outstanding contributions. Dr RN Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), closed the event with a vote of thanks, celebrating the collective efforts of the scientists and farmers who made the conclave a success.

