

## Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences

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## **IARI Annual Alumni Meet**

ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) organized an Annual Alumni Meet at Pusa Campus, New Delhi and National Symposium on Transforming IARI a Global Leader in Agricultural Research and Education: An Alumni Perspective, on 22 June 2024. Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan graced the occasion as Chief Guest of the function. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr RS



Paroda, President, IARI Alumni Association. Dr Ramesh Chand, Member, Niti Ayog; Dr Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR; Dr RC Agrawal, DDG (Education) and Dr AK Singh, Director, ICAR-IARI, were also present.

Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development appealed to the scientific community to work in the interest of small and marginal farmers and bring a revolution in

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Indian agriculture. He said that about 86 per cent of the farmers here are small-marginal landholders. We have to make the model of farming such that farmers can earn their livelihood properly even in farming up to one hectare. Shri Chouhan stressed the need to make India self-reliant in pulses and oilseeds. He said, "Adoption of technological advancement is necessary to increase the income of our farmers and to

meet the changing scenario. We have to ensure that our agricultural policy and research bring a positive change in the lives of small and marginal farmers."



Dr RS Paroda, former Secretary DARE and DG ICAR and a Padma Bhushan Awardee, mentioned that the need of the hour is to upgrade Indian agriculture with the help of innovation and scientific research. We have to test and implement new technologies in collaboration with farmers, which will increase their yield and income.

Dr Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, emphasized it is that imperative to understand the real problems of farmers and policy solutions in making. Priority should be to make agricultural policies for the interest of small and marginal farmers to ensure that farmers can use the technologies latest and resources,"





Addressing the meeting, Dr Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), stressed the need for collective efforts for advancement in the agriculture sector. He said that it is only through collaboration between the government, scientific community and farmers that we can take Indian agriculture to new heights.



