

ICAR-IIMR Celebrates its Foundation Day

4th February 2019, Ludhiana

The 4th foundation day of the ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research, Ludhiana was celebrated here today. B. S. Dhillon, PadamShri and Vice Chancellor of Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Shri Kanwal Singh Chauhan, PadamShri, a Progressive maize farmer of Aterna village, Haryana graced occasion as guest of honour.

Dr. Sujay Rakshit, Director, ICAR-IIMR delivered welcome address and briefed about achievement of the institute. The institute has released 3 maize hybrids and published 18 research papers in more than 6 NAAS ratings in last one year.



Chief guest Dr B. S. Dhillon delivered the foundation lecture in "Maize- R& D and Future Prospects" and explained about the importance of maize its adaptation, productivity and importance of seed production, yield gap, diversification of maize by speciality corn and conveyed the message to the maize researchers to change research work based on maize consumption pattern.

Sh. Kanwal Singh Chauhan, explained about the baby corn cultivation and popularizing among other farmer in the Aterna village and how village exploited the export potential of baby corn. He emphasized on the role of processing industry in sustainable farm income to avoid selling of farm produce at through away prices. On this occasion second addition of the Krishi Chetna also released and the best workers of the institute also felicitated.

Dr. Rajbir Singh Brar, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Dr. Harish Verma, Director Education, GADVASU, Ludhiana and all employees of institute along with other invited dignitaries graced this occasion.

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