

ICAR-IARI organized 46th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture

Thursday, February 04, 2016

Recognizing the contribution of former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri in agriculture and rural development, every year IARI organizes Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture during convocation week, where every year eminent personality delivers lecture on highly relevant topic.

As we all know, India is home to the largest number of children in the world where nearly every fifth child in the world lives in India but around 40 per cent of children remain undernourished with their growth and development impeded irrevocably, over the lifetime. India has met only four out of ten Millenium Development Goals by 2015, lacking far behind in overcoming extent of child malnutrition, Infant mortality rate, maternal mortality rate and sanitation.

Every year, 2.5 million children die in India, accounting for one in five deaths in the world. With close to half of its preschoolers suffering from malnutrition, India is one of the countries with the highest proportion of malnourished children in the world, along with Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Nepal.

Realizing the importance of nutrition and health and mighty challenges in front of India's nutrition security, this time on the occasion of 54th Convocation program of IARI, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi delivered 46th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture on *Nutrition and Health Challenges for India and Possible Solution* at B.P. Pal Auditorium on February 04, 2016.

Lecture copy is attached with this report



Director ICAR-IARI Dr. T. Mohapatra, Dr. R. S. Paroda Chairman of the session, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan Speaker of the session and Dean & Joint Director (Education) Dr. R. K. Jain sharing the dais



Dignitaries starting the program by lightning the lamp



Director ICAR-IARI Dr. T. Mohapatra presenting bouquet and welcoming Dr. R. S. Paroda Chairman of the session



Gathering during 46th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture at B P Pal Auditorium



Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi delivering 46th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture on *Nutrition and Health Challenges for India and Possible Solution*



Dr. R. S. Paroda, Chairman of the session giving remarks



Director ICAR-IARI Dr. T. Mohapatra addressing the gathering



Dr R S Paroda felicitating Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi



Director ICAR-IARI felicitating Dr R S Paroda Chairman of the session