

3rd day of ICAR-IARI Convocation
Memorial Award Lecture and Significant Achievement by Winners 2017-18

The third day of 56th IARI Convocation week (February 5-9, 2018) started with the presentation of significant achievements under different memorial award lectures made by recipients in the field of agricultural research, education and extension. On the eve 56th convocation three awards were given for excellent contribution in the field of agriculture namely Dr. A.B Joshi Memorial Award, 20th Sukumar Basu Memorial Award and Shri Krishna Shastri Memorial Award. Dr. A.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-IARI welcomed the chairman of the event as well as the dignitaries and audience. Dr. R.K. Jain, Dean & Joint Director (Education) started the session with the welcome address and highlighted the importance of Memorial Award Lectures. Dr. T.K. Behera, Professor, Division of Vegetable Science was the convener of the session. The presentations were made by the awardees of year 2017-18 are as follow:

- **Dr. A.B Joshi Memorial Award Lecture** was delivered by Dr. P. K. Aggarwal, ADG, NASF, ICAR and session was chaired by Dr. V.N. Sharda, Former Member of ASRB. The recipient of this award Dr. P.K. Agarwal has contributed significantly in the field of genetics and plant breeding. In his last 25 year of scientific and professional journey he has credited for development of more than 25 varieties of rice, maize and other crops. He has done outstanding contribution in QTL mapping for Fe and Zn in maize crop as well as developed Fe and Zn enriched varieties. Similarly he did wonderful work in clean DNA transformation mechanism.
- **20th Sukumar Basu Memorial Award Lecture** was delivered by Dr. Vinod Kumar Singh, Head, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI and session was chaired by Dr. S.A. Patil, Former Director of IARI. The recipient of this award Dr. Vinod Kumar Singh is known by his vast experience in the field of cropping system agronomy and conservation agriculture. He highlighted the future challenge in resource management and nutrient deficiency under rice-wheat cropping system. Also he talked about the advantages of crop diversification and RCTs for legume intensification besides highlighted the importance of foliar spray of urea for residual recycling in pigeon pea.
- **Shri Krishna Shastri Memorial Award Lecture** was delivered by Dr. Radha Parsana, Principal Scientist, Division of Microbiology, ICAR-IARI and the session was chaired by Dr. C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman of ASRB. This prestigious award was started in the year 2001-02 with cash prize of rupees 25000/- and citation. The recipient of this award Dr. Radha Parsana has more than 25 year of vast experience in the field of microbiological research and development. She has contributed a lot in Blue Green Algae microbial research and published more than 50 research paper in international and national journals of repute having highest impact factor.