

**ICAR- Directorate of Seed Research celebrates its
Foundation Day and organized awareness cum training programme on
Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001**

ICAR-Directorate of Seed Research celebrated its Foundation Day on 16th February, 2015 and on this occasion awareness cum training programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 was organized. Dr. R.K. Chaudhary ex-O.S.D., ICAR-DSR, Mau delivered the Foundation Day lecture and emphasized upon the need for further enhancing the production of quality seed among various crops. A progressive farmer Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh, who has made significant contributions in varietal development and conservation of landraces was felicitated. Chief guest of the function, Dr. R. C. Agarwal, Registrar General, PPV &FRA, New Delhi highlighted the importance of conservation of landraces and presented a glimpse of activities being carried out by the authority. Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Project Director, ICAR-Directorate of Seed Research, Mau in presidential address highlighted the importance of quality seed and progress country has made in safeguarding the food security through ensured supply of quality seeds among field and horticultural crops and emphasized upon the technologies developed by the Directorate, in particular the work being carried out for farmers of Eastern Uttar Pradesh. During this occasion good number of farmers from neighboring villages along with scientists, officers and employees of ICAR-DSR and ICAR-NBAIM, Mau attended the function. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Arvind Nath Singh, Senior Scientist, ICAR-DSR, Mau.

