

***ICAR- Directorate of Seed Research celebrates its Foundation Day on  
16/02/2016***

ICAR-Directorate of Seed Research celebrated its Foundation Day on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 by organizing Scientists-Farmers interaction meet. Chief Guest of the function, Dr. B. N. Singh, Director, Ex-Director, ICAR-CRRI Cuttack and Director Research, BAU, Ranchi, highlighted the importance of improved varieties for drought and flood conditions and also emphasized on zero tillage in wheat crops for the Eastern Uttar Pradesh. Dr. A. K. Saxena, Director, ICAR-NBAIM, Mau emphasized upon utility of microorganisms in quality seed production and the need for further enhancing the production of quality seed among various crops. Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Project Director, ICAR-Directorate of Seed Research, Mau in his 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. He also emphasized upon the progress made by the Directorate over the years for assuring availability of quality seed and the technologies developed for farmers of eastern Uttar Pradesh. Considering this year as the International pulse year -2016, he mentioned about steps taking to produce more breeder seeds in pulse crops. During this occasion about 80 farmers from neighbouring villages scientists, officers and employees of ICAR-DSR, Mau attended the function. During this programme farmers have also visited experimental field of Directorate. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Arvind Nath Singh, Senior Scientist, ICAR-DSR, Mau.

