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Foundation Day Report – ICAR – DFR, Pune

The 9th Foundation day of ICAR-DFR was celebrated on 10th December 2018 in the benign presence of the Directors of ICAR sister institutes, Associate Deans of College of Horticulture and Agriculture, AICRP staff, Faculty of ICAR-DFR and students. Welcoming the dignitaries, Dr.K.V.Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR highlighted the progress made in research, master plan, infrastructure development. Research efforts made by ICAR-DFR in varietal development in chrysanthemum, tuberose, gladiolus, new technologies in the area of alternate potting media using industrial and agricultural waste, nutraceutical pigment for value addition, diagnostics for virus and phytoplasma diseases, profiling of essential oils from rose and tuberose, development of tools and gadgets for floriculture and vertical gardening. Chief Guest of the function Dr.Y.S.Nerkar, former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, complimented the Team DFR for their remarkable progress in research, field infrastructure creation and outreach programmes after DFR was relocated to Pune in 2014. He encouraged the Team DFR to interact with the farmers and find the solutions in order to double the farmers income by 2022. In his remarks, Dr.S.D.Sawant, Director, ICAR-National Research Center for Grapes complimented the novel initiatives take on new research areas like nutraceutical pigments. Dr.Major Singh, Director, ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic, admired the progress made by the institute in a short span by expanding the research efforts in spite of limited resources. Dr.Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, emphasized the need to take the new technologies to the farmers through the KVK's. Dr.Jyotsana Sharma, Director, ICAR-National Research Center for Pomegranate, Sholapur, praised the efforts made by the team DFR for their outstanding progress in spite of hurdles. Station Heads of ICAR-IARI Regional Station, Dr.S.K.Sharma, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Dr.S.Bhilgonkar, Associate Deans of College of Agriculture Dr.R.N.Rasal and Horticulture, Dr.S.D.Masalkar, faculty and students, industry representatives Dr. S.Tikoo, Tierra Seed Science Pvt Ltd, Shri. R.N. Shinde, MD, Tirupati Balaji Mushrooms Pvt ltd, participated in the event.



Director DFR , Dr. K.V.Prasad explaining the research initiatives





Chrysanthemum, tuberose diversity at ICAR-DFR



