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**SARDAR PATEL OUTSTANDING ICAR
INSTITUTION AWARD to ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur**

In a coveted function organized to inaugurate **PUSA Krishi Vigyan Mela - 2019** here at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa, New Delhi today, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) awarded the prestigious *SARDAR PATEL OUTSTANDING ICAR INSTITUTION AWARD 2017* to ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur. Dr. N.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-IIPR received this Prestigious Award for ICAR-IIPR.



AWARD RECEIVED BY DR. N. P. SINGH, DIRECTOR, IIPR, KANPUR ON MARCH 2019

Dr. Mohapatra while highlighting the ICAR's mandate to achieve and realize the Hon'ble Prime Minister's aim to double-up the farmer's income by the Year – 2022, lauded the ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur's contribution in making the country near self-sufficient in pulses.

In reiterating the efforts made in pulses sector since the establishment of the Institute, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR informed that more than 700 high yielding and disease resistant varieties of pulses along with >50 matching package technologies have been developed & released by ICAR-IIPR and its network programmes across the country. The country has also reached near self-sufficiency in seed sector by strengthening breeder seed programme and quality seed by establishing 150 seed hubs in India. The major outcome of all these efforts bears fruit as we achieved the record production of pulses to the tune of 23.13 million tons (M T) during 2016-17. It is a golden moment for all of us to rejoice that India produced 25.23 M T of pulses in 2017-18 and is expected to cross 25 M T during 2018-19 also (targeting at 32 MT by 2030). In this context, technology adoption (through NFSM, FLDs, A3P in pulses, 60,000 pulse villages, Farmer First and MGMG) and appropriate policy backups (MSP, ENAM or e_Market, buffer stock and PDS) have given necessary momentum in scaling up pulses production. With enhancement in production, the import has also been drastically reduced with buffer stock of 7.75 lakh tons now. Therefore, attaining stability in pulses production front, it is well said that India is poised to accomplish '**Pulses Revolution in India**'.

The success stories in pulses include *short duration and wilt resistant chickpea* varieties for scaling productivity & farmers' income, *adoption of improved lentil varieties* for enhanced yield and profitability, and *adoption of summer mungbean* cultivation in IGP. Several case studies with high impacts were also cited which include *extra-large seeded kabuli chickpea* (>50g/100- seed weight) for export, *quality seed production in pulses* – strengthening seed chain for attaining self sufficiency, productivity enhancement in *urdbean under rice fallows* of coastal region, productivity enhancement in Arid region through *Mothbean, and Chickpea varieties for late sown* condition in eastern India. Emphasis is also given on technological integration towards a smart agriculture, as this could have desired potential to transform our country. Thus, pulses could play a significant role in doubling the farmers' income besides food and nutritional security in the country.

(Source: Indian Institute Of Pulses Research, Kanpur)