

Celebration of 102 Foundation Day by ICAR- Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora



ICAR- Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora, Uttarakhand celebrated its **102 Foundation Day** on 4 July 2025. Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, Director General, The Fertiliser Association of India, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest and he worshipped and garlanded the statue of Swami Vivekananda.

In his Padma Bhushan Prof. Boshi Sen Memorial Lecture, Dr. Chaudhari stated in the Pancham, there have been vast changes in the agriculture sector from the Vedic period till now. He appreciated the work of the Institute in sustainable farming, water conservation and development of small agricultural machinery for overall development of agriculture and improving socio-economic conditions of the farmers in the hilly area. DG, FAI, also enumerated adverse effects of climate change on agriculture and strategies to address the problems. It is a good sign that the irrigated area has shown an increase over the years in the country. He then underlined to give impetus for adoption of farming system approach by the farmers in Himalayan ecology. DG also gave the Dr. Boshi Sen Life Time achievement award to Mr. Bhavan Ballabh of the Institute.

Dr. O.P. Yadav, Former Director, ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur; virtually also appreciated the work of the Institute to turn challenges into opportunities. Swami Dhruveshananda, President of Ramakrishna Kutir, Almora; Prof. S.S. Bisht, Vice Chancellor, Soban Singh Jeena University; Dr. Laxmi Kant, Director of the Institute; and retired Professors, Dr. S.K. Dubey and Dr. M.C. Joshi also provided valuable information about the contribution of the Institute over the years. New species of Mandua VL Mandua 409 was launched and four agricultural booklets were released. Progressive farmers were also honoured at the occasion.