



5. Organization and Management

- The DARE has 14 Group A, 12 Group B, 16 Group C, and 6 Group D employees who are recruited centrally either through the Department of Personnel and Training or through the Department of Agricultural Cooperation, depending of the level of the post.
- Presently DARE has 8 scheduled-caste employees during the reported period.
- In Staff Welfare Fund Scheme, 42 scholarships were given to the meritorious wards of the Councils employees.
- The Competent Authority of the Council has decided to delegate powers to file patent applications to the Directors of the ICAR system under Intellectual Property Rights. These patent application will be filed at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.
- To promote the progressive use of Hindi DARE held Hindi workshops, meetings, reports and organized *Hindi Pakhwara* to encourage the employees doing their official work in Hindi.
- The ICAR also took the steps for the progressive use of Hindi and observed *Chetna Mass* from 14 September to 13 October 2005 at ICAR (Hq.). This year 10 stenographers and 9 typists who were nominated for Hindi stenography and typing respectively. Council has also given awards to 8 officials for doing maximum work in Hindi, conducted 3 workshops, and gave away *Rajarshri Tandon Rajbhasha Puruskar*.
- The Media and Information Unit coordinated the production of 44 video films which were produced by the ICAR Institutes/Project Directorates/National Research Centres working within ICAR Systems.
- During this year, 53 awards under 12 different categories have been given to honour 46 scientists, 4 farmers, 1 journalist, and 1 Co-ordinated Research Project. From next year, a few new awards for innovative farmers, scientists and research workers will be instituted.
- The Technical Coordination Unit worked for financial support to scientific societies, publication of highlights of achievements of A.P. Cess Fund Schemes, Best Annual Report Awards, ICAR International Training Programmes, Technical backstopping, Parliament Questions, VIP references and material for papers/talks/replies and preparation of technical notes, Regional Committee Meetings.
- "Touch and Explore" quizzes and "Water Cycle" for children, "Vedic Village", "Speaking Statue", "Agriculture and Solar Calendar" and "Six Pillars of Agriculture", which give information about Soil, Water, Climate, Tool, Seeds and Peasants-have been major attraction for the renowned and eminent personalities who visited at National Agricultural Science Museum.

DARE

The Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) was established in the Ministry of Agriculture in December, 1973, subjects allotted to the DARE as per the Government of India (Allocation of Rules) are specified in Appendix 1 of DARE.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous body under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education. The Secretary to the Government of India in the DARE functions as the Director-General of the ICAR. The Additional Secretary (DARE) functions as Secretary (ICAR). The Financial Advisor of the DARE is the Financial Advisor of the ICAR. Generally single-file system is followed between DARE and ICAR.

The DARE has 14 Group A, 12 Group B, 16 Group C, and 6 Group D employees. The recruitment to the post in the Group A, B, C is being made centrally, either through the Department of Personnel and Training or through the Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, depending on the level of the post. The DARE makes direct recruitment only to Group D posts. Such recruitments are being made in accordance with the orders of the Government of India regarding reservations for Scheduled-Caste, Scheduled-Tribe, and Other Backward Class. Presently, DARE has a 8 Scheduled-Caste employees.

A detailed break up of the posts and names of the important functionaries is given in Appendix II of DARE. The financial requirement (Grant No. 2) includes budget estimates (BE) and revised estimates (RE) of DARE and ICAR (Plan and Non-Plan 2004–2005) respectively. The detailed break up of these financial figures is given in Appendix III of DARE.

ICAR

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is an apex organization at the national level for promoting of Science and Technology Programmes in agricultural research and education.

The ICAR was set up on 16 July 1929 as the Registered Society under the Societies Registered Act 1860, on the recommendations of the Royal Commission of Agriculture. It was reorganized twice, in 1965 and 1973. The headquarters of the ICAR is located at the Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, and its other buildings are Krishi Anusandhan Bhavans I and II, and NASC, New Delhi.

The Minister for Agriculture is the President of the ICAR and the State Minister for Agriculture is the Vice-President. The Principal



Sitting on the dais are (from left to right): Ms Shashi Misra, Additional Secretary, DARE and Secretary, ICAR, Dr Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE and Director-General, ICAR, Shri Sharad Pawar, Union Agriculture Minister, Shri M V Rajasekharan, Minister of State for Planning and Dr Rita Sharma, Financial Adviser, ICAR and Additional Secretary, DARE

Executive Officer of the ICAR is Director-General, who is also the Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Agricultural Research and Education.

The General Body of the ICAR Society is the supreme authority of the ICAR, and the Minister for Agriculture, Central/State Governments representatives of India, represent it as Head. The members for this are the Ministers for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, and the senior officers of the various state governments, representatives of Parliament, industries, educational institutes, scientific organizations, and farmers (Appendix 1).

The Governing Body (Appendix 2) is the chief executive and decision-making authority of the ICAR. It is headed by the Director-General. It consists of eminent agricultural scientists, educationists, legislators, and representatives of the farmers. It is assisted by the Standing Finance Committee, Accreditation Board, Regional Committees, Policy and Planning Committee, several Scientific Panels, and Publications Committee. In the scientific matters, the Director-General is assisted by the 8 Deputy Directors-General, one each for (i) Crop Science, (ii) Horticulture (iii) Natural Resource Management, (iv) Agricultural Engineering, (v) Animal Sciences, (vi) Fisheries, (vii) Agricultural Education, and (viii) Agricultural Extension. The DDGs are responsible for the Institutes, National Research Centres, and Project Directorates in their respective fields. The members for Standing Finance Committee are Director-General (ICAR), Secretary (Ministry Agriculture), Scientists, Senior Officers, Farmers, and Members of Parliament (Appendix 3). The senior officers posted at the ICAR (Hq) are listed in Appendix 4 of the ICAR.

The ICAR receives funds from the Government of India and from the proceeds of the Agricultural Produce Cess.

The ICAR develops technologies and disseminates knowledge to farming community not only for increasing yields of crops and



Dr Mangala Rai, Director-General, ICAR and Secretary, DARE presenting some of the salient features of the progress and achievements made by the Council in agricultural research, education and extension during the year

maintaining natural resources but also for elevating community's economic status.

The Directorate of Information and Publications of Agriculture is working independently with the approval of the Competent Authority and brings out one publication on every third day. Besides it is also creating Public Awareness by dissemination of Information globally through print media as well as electronic media in interest of students, farmers, progressive farmers etc.

The Research set-up of the ICAR includes 48 Institutes (Appendix 5), 5 National Bureaux (Appendix 6), 12 Project Directorates (Appendix 7), 32 National Research Centres (Appendix 8), and 62 All-India Co-ordinated Research Projects that are also in operation (Appendix 9).

The ICAR promotes research, education and extension education in 39 State Agricultural Universities, 5 Deemed Universities, 1 Central Agricultural University for the North-Eastern Hills Region and 4 Central Universities by giving financial assistance in different



Shri Sharad Pawar, Union Agriculture Minister, releasing the *Handbook of Agriculture* brought out by the DIPA on the occasion of Public, Private Partnership, ICAR-Industry Meet held in New Delhi. Dr Rita Sharma, Financial Adviser, ICAR and Additional Secretary, DARE is on his right



forms (Appendix 10).

For effective communication of research findings among farmers, the ICAR maintains an effective network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, and Trainers' and Training Centres along with Zonal Co-ordinating Units.

The total sanctioned as well as existing strength of the employees of the ICAR system, including scheduled-caste, scheduled-tribe and other backward class, is given in Appendix 11.

Thus with an extensive network of research infrastructure, backed by the excellent team of scientists and other employees, the ICAR is making rapid strides in agricultural research, and provides support to the national efforts towards achieving food security and self-sufficiency.

Filling up of vacant posts

A good number of vacant posts like Deputy-Secretaries, Under-Secretaries, Senior Administrative Officers, Senior Finance and

Accounts Officers, Finance and Accounts Officers/Sections Officers/Private Secretaries/Assistants/Personal Assistant/UDCs, and Group 'D' posts were filled up.

Financial upgradation granted under ACP scheme

As per the Government of India instructions Financial Upgradation was granted to many eligible employees in various grades during this period viz., Section Officers/Assistants/Personal Assistants/UDCs and Group 'D' employees.

Probation/Confirmation

Probation of Personal Assistants/Assistants/Administrative Officers/Financial and Account Officers were cleared in a meeting.

Staff Welfare Fund Scheme

- Abide by recommendations of the Managing Committee of the ICAR (Hq) financial assistance of Rs 25,000 was extended to each family of 4 deceased employees of the ICAR (Hq) from

Total number of employees and number of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes at ICAR Hqrs

Posts	Scale of Pay (Rs)	Sanctioned posts	Filled posts	No. of SCs	Percentage to total employees	No. of STs	Percentage to total employees	Total OBCs	Percentage to total employees
Director (P)	14300-400-18300	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director (F)	14300-400-18300	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director (OL)	12000-375-16500	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dy. Secretary	12000-375-16500	09	09	-	-	01	11.11	-	-
Dy. Director (F)	12000-375-16500	02	02	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dy. Director (OL)	10000-325-15200	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under-Secretary	10000-325-15200	13	13	01	7.69	01	7.69	-	-
SA to Chairman, ASRB	10000-325-15200	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sr. Finance and Accounts Officer	10000-325-15200	02	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Adviser	10000-325-15200	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Law Officer	8000-275-13500	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance and Accounts Officer	8000-275-13500	06	06	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assistant Legal Adviser	6500-200-10500	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assistant Director (OL)	6500-200-10500	02	02	-	-	-	-	-	-
Junior Analyst	6500-200-10500	02	02	-	-	-	-	-	-
Desk Officer	6500-200-10500 + Spl. Allowances	06	06	01	16.66	-	-	-	-
Protocol Officer	6500-200-10500	01	01	01	100	-	-	-	-
Assistant Finance and Accounts Officer	6500-200-10500	05	04	-	-	-	-	-	-
Section Officer	6500-200-10500	78	63	10	15.87	06	9.52	01	1.58
Private Secretary	6500-200-10500	30	30	04	13.33	-	-	-	-



Total number of employees and number of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes at ICAR (Hqrs)

Posts	Scale of pay (Rupees)	Sanctioned posts	Total no. of employees in position	No. of SCs	Percentage of total employees	No. of STs	Percentage of total employees	No. of OBCs	Percentage of total employees
Assistant	5500-9000	164	147	25	17	11	7.48	05	3.4
PA (Gr II)	5500-9000	55	48	06	12.77	01	2.13	03	6.38
Steno Gr. III	4000-6000	47	37	06	16.2	01	2.7	-	-
UDC	4000-6000	188	186	37	19.9	09	4.8	-	-
Junior Accounts Officer	2550-3200	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senior Sales Assistant	5000-8000	04	03	-	-	-	-	-	-
Group C and Group D									
LDC	3050-4590	116	77	19	24.6	04	5.19	08	11.6
Group-C (non-ministerial and Group-D)	3050-4590	187	163	48	29.4	09	5.52	16	9.8
Supporting staff (Safaiwala)	2550-3200	14	12	12	100	-	-	-	-

Welfare Fund. Further Rs 20,000 was also given to Shri Shiv Prasad, *Mali*, as financial assistance for his treatment.

- Scholarship (42) were awarded to the meritorious wards of the Council's employees under Staff Welfare Fund Scheme.

The planning and policy that was adopted during the reported period is given here.

Intellectual Property Rights

The new patent applications (40) were filed at ICAR (Hq), New Delhi. Thus a total of 175 applications for patent were put up to December 2005. National Phase application of the property Co-operation Treaty (PCT) application of CICR Nagpur was protection in China, South Korea, South Africa and Uzbekistan.

- First examination reports (70) of the patent applications were received and examined in the Council and replies thereof submitted to the Patent Office within the stipulated time.
- Formal Scrutiny Reports (26) were received in Patent Office, New Delhi within stipulated time.
- A 3-day conference on the IPR and Management of Agriculture was organized from 27 to 29 August 2005 at NAS Complex, New Delhi. Recommendations of the conference were circulated to all the ICAR Research Institutes/National Research Centres/Project Directorates/Bureaux.

In accordance with the recommendations made by the Government

of India, DARE and ICAR are exploring work in Hindi and also providing initiatives.

DARE

The Department of Agricultural Research and Education's an Official Language Section— for the compliance and implementation of the Official (DARE) Language Policy of the Government of India—consists of 1 post each of Assistant Director (Official Language), Junior Hindi Translator, and Hindi Typist. Besides the Hindi translation of the Budget, compilation and preparation of the Annual Report of the Department etc. also took place. The

The following institutes were awarded for doing maximum work in Hindi during 2004-2005

Name of Institutions	Category of Institutions	Prizes
Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	Big Institute	First
Central Institute for Fisheries Education, Mumbai	Big Institute	Second
Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur	A and B Region	First
Central Sub-Tropical Horticulture Institute Lucknow	A and B Region	Second
Central Sub-Tropical Horticulture Institute, Lucknow	C Region	First
Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore	C Region	Second



functioning of this section also included holding Hindi workshops, meetings, reports, organizing *Hindi Pakhwada* to encourage the employees for doing their official work in Hindi.

ICAR

- During the reported period 2 Institutes/Centres of the Council were notified in the Gazzette of the Government of India, thus raising the total number of notified Institution to 96 under rule 10(4) of the Official Language Rule 1976.
- Joint Official Language Implementation Committee of the DARE and the ICAR working, under the Chairperson, Additional Secretary (DARE) and Secretary (ICAR), met twice during the reported period. Similarly, Official Language Implementation Committees constituted at 96 Institutes/Centres convened its meetings.
- Proceedings of the Official Language Implementation Committee meetings held by the Institutes etc. as well as the quarterly progress reports regarding the use of Official Language Hindi received from various institutes at the ICAR (Hq) were reviewed and proper measures were suggested to overcome the shortcomings found therein.
- Rosters have been maintained for imparting training in Hindi, Hindi typing, and Hindi Stenography at ICAR (Hq) and officials were accordingly deputed for training during the year. This year, 10 stenographers, and 9 typists were nominated for Hindi Stenography and Typing respectively.
- '*Hindi Chetna Maas*' was observed from 14 September to 13 October 2005 at ICAR (Hq) and many programmes were organized for staff to promote the Progressive use of Hindi in official business. A message of Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture was issued on this occasion. The Director-General, ICAR also issued an appeal requesting the officers/staff to do their maximum official work in Hindi. Hindi Day/Week/Month was also organized at different Institutes National Research Centres of ICAR.
- Hindi Workshops(3) were also organized during the reported period for officers/staff.
- "Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Hindi Krishi Patrika Purskar" was launched during this year for the best Hindi House magazine being published by various Institutions of the ICAR. Under this scheme Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochin; Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur; and National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur got the First, Second and Third prizes respectively.
- In accordance with the recommendations made by the Department of Official Language and the Parliamentary Committee on official language, to assess the progress of use of Hindi at the ICAR (Hq.) as well as its institutes during 2005, 21 officers were inspected and suggestions were given to

improve the short-comings. Second Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Official Language Committee inspected 5 Institutes. Other institutes also brought out Hindi publications.

- Most of the computers at the ICAR (Hq.) are bilingual, and on some of the computers are doing 100% work in Hindi.
- The Council and its institutes are organizing regular training programmes for farmers in Hindi and in other regional languages and remarkable progress has been made at Krishi Vigyan Kendras situated in Hindi speaking region in the use of Hindi and in the other regional languages in their day officials work.
- Besides the material regarding Parliament question-answers, Annual Plan Report, Review of Demands for Grants, General Body, Standing Finance Committee, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, Annual General Meeting of ICAR Society and many other meetings were translated and prepared bilingual. The Hon'ble Agricultural Minister, and other higher officials delivered many of their speeches in Hindi. The drafts of speeches of Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister and other higher officials of ICAR were prepared originally in Hindi also.

The Budget Estimate (B.E.) and Revised Estimate (R.E) of DARE and ICAR (Plan and Non-Plan) for 2004–2005 was Rs 17,533.10 millions and Rs 16,750 millions respectively and Budget Estimate (B.E) for 2005–2006 (Plan and Non-Plan) is Rs 19,420 millions. The detailed break-up of these financial figures are given in Tables 1 and 2 (Appendix III).

The detail of Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) in respect of B.E. and R.E. 2005–06 and B.E. for 2005–06 are given in Table 1. This excludes the payment to the ICAR.

The Media and Information Unit finalized guidelines for streamlining production of video films in a cohesive manner by the different ICAR Institutes. The Unit was instrumental in conceiving the details of the topics and final editing of 44 video films. Finally, all the films have been submitted to Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, a nodal organization responsible for National Telecasting through *Doordarshan* TV Network.

The Media and Information Unit was primarily responsible for providing all the infrastructure that were required to organize the 'National Krishi Vigyan Kendra Conference 2005' from 28 to 29 October 2005 at the National Agricultural Science Centre, ICAR, New Delhi. Exhibition component of this event had 46 stalls showcasing technology, products and services that 25 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and 21 ICAR Institutes/State Agricultural Universities are offering to farmers in their respective area/locations of India.

Table 1. Budget Estimate and Revised Estimate for 2004–05 and Budget Estimate 2005–06 of DARE

(Rs in lakh)

Items	Budget estimates 2004–2005		Revised estimates 2004–2005		Budget estimates 2005–2006	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
Major Head '3451' 090 Secretary	–	125	–	125	–	145
Major Head '2415' 80 General	–	10	–	10	–	10
International Co-operation						
(010032)- India's membership contribution to Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau	–	342	–	342	–	355
(030032)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Programme	50	–	5.0	–	45.50*	–
(040032) – India's contributions to Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Institutions	–	5	–	5	–	5
(050032) – India's contributions to NACA	–	12	–	12	–	12
(060032) – India's contribution to CGPRT	–	5	–	5	–	5
(070032) – India's contribution to Seed Testing Association	–	1.65	–	1.65	–	2.25
(080032) – ISHS	–	0.35	–	0.35	–	0.75

*Including Rs 45.50 crore for National Fund for Strategic Research

Besides, the programmes of Conference Hall was managed by the Unit by guiding audio-visual services, audio and video recording and fabricated main *Pandal* and *dias*.

Publicity and Public Relation Unit

The efforts were made to further build-up the liaison with the print and electronic media with a view to get positive reports in



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Hon'ble President of India closely monitoring NBPGR stall of ICAR pavilion in the R&D 2005 exhibition

print and electronic media regarding activities and achievements of ICAR and various Institutes and projects. Press Conferences and press briefings of DG, ICAR and other senior officials regularly were organized on various issues. The success stories on research from concerned institutes were collected and released to the



Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India addressing the audience at the National Conference on KVKs 2005 held on 27 October 2005 at New Delhi



Dr M Sujatha, DOR, Hyderabad receiving the Panjabrao Deshmukh Woman Agricultural Scientist Award 2004 from the Union Agriculture Minister at the ICAR Award Ceremony 2005

media for wider coverage. Some of these stories appeared on front page of national dailies.

This Unit coordinated publicity of Agriculture Minister who interacted with fisheries sector at Chennai for the first time; and at the inauguration of newly established NRC for Pomegranate at Solapur, Maharashtra. Several 1 hr phone-in-programmes highlighting new varieties, technologies, implements, etc. were organized and scheduled for broadcast on All India Radio and *Doordarshan*. In a new initiative press releases and selected newspaper clippings were made available on website of Council for media persons and others. Regular information about ICAR was provided to farm-related pages of various newspapers.

The Council along with institutes participated in 12 exhibitions, viz. Krishi Expo 2006 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi; *Kisan Mela* at Agriculture College Ground, Jhabua; Pride of India Science Expo, Indian Science Congress Exhibition, Hyderabad; *KISAN 2004* at Pune; Destination Uttaranchal 2005 at Parade Gr, Dehra Dun; India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, Delhi; R&D 2005 at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi; *Vijnana Mela*/Techno Expo from at Kochi, Kerala; 9th National Expo at Kolkata; Banana Festival and Conference at Pragati Maidan, Delhi; Infra Educa 2005 at Jaipur at Pragati Maidan, Delhi and at Chandigarh; and Bio, 2005 at Bangalore during the year to disseminate the information regarding development of technologies, new varieties, success-stories to farmers, scientists, students as well as other visitors.

For the first time, an exhibition was organized in the coach of *Vigyan Rail*. Biotechnological applications and career opportunities in agriculture are some of the key-subject displayed by the ICAR in the *Vigyan Rail*. The *Vigyan Rail* (Phase II) covered various parts of the country.

The staff of Indian Council of Agricultural Research got First Prize for best display in Banana Festival held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi during 4–6 August 2005. ICAR along with 25 institutes participated in the Pride of India Science Expo Exhibition, held



Dr S Srinivasan, Director, CIRCOT (right) receiving the Sardar Patel Outstanding Institution Award from the Agriculture Minister at the ICAR Award Ceremony 2005

during Indian Science Congress at ANGARU Campus, Hyderabad and bagged Most Informative Pavilion Award.

ICAR Library

During 2005–06, 500 new technical books were added to the collection of books. About 1,200 readers visited the library for consultation. The library also extended information support for consulting the database of the Centre for Agricultural and Biosciences International. The document delivery service was extended to individuals and libraries against specific requests for supply of documents for AGRIS database. The Hindi library acquired about 300 books and subscribed to a number of magazines. The library continued to laminate the identity cards of the retiring and retired staff of ICAR.

The 'Annual ICAR Award Presentation, 2005' function was held at the NASA Complex, New Delhi on 16th July 2005. H E Shri Sharad Pawar, Union Agriculture Minister and President of ICAR, Dr Mangala Rai, Secretary, (DARE) and Director-General (ICAR), and Ms Shashi Misra, Additional Secretary, (DARE) and Secretary, (ICAR) attended the function. The Minister of Agriculture said, "these awards are an incentive to the scientists and such scientists are encouraged to work hard to achieve the targets". During this year, 53 awards under 12 different categories have been given to honour 46 scientists, 4 farmers, 1 journalist, and 1 Co-ordinated Research Project (Appendix 12). From next year, a few new awards for innovative farmers, scientists and research workers will be instituted.

The Technical Co-ordination included the work of Financial support to 65 scientific societies, 12 academie universities/institutes for publication of Journals and Highlights of achievements of A.P.

Cess Fund Schemes, and the work related to Best Annual Report Awards, ICAR International Training Programmes, for conducting seminars/symposia/conferences, Technical backstopping, Parliament Questions, VIP references and material for papers/talks/replies was also done. The preparation of technical notes, Regional Committee Meetings, and monthly summary reports on major breakthroughs of exports, imports, research and other related matters of all the Institutes/Project Directorates, were submitted to Cabinet, Government of India and other related departments.

The main attractions of the museum are “Touch and Explore” quizzes and “Water Cycle” for children, “Vedic Village”, “Speaking Statue”, “Agriculture and Solar Calendar” and “Six Pillars of Agriculture” which give information about Soil, Water, Climate, Tool, Seeds and Peasants.

This museum is educating its visitors, viz. farmers, school children, agricultural scientists, Government and non-Government officials and public at large. Many important dignitaries from India and abroad have visited the museum. Among the prominent ones are Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr Norman E. Borlaug, His Excellency Hon'ble, Vice President of Philippines, Director-General,



Dr Mangala Rai, Director-General, ICAR enjoying a joke with Dr Jacques Diouf, FAO Director-General

(FAO), Deputy-Director General (IPGRI), Director General, (IRRI), Chairman, (Pakistan Agricultural Research Council), Director-General of Fisheries at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, etc. All these dignitaries appreciated the efforts made for compiling and exhibiting very important information about Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Poultry, Fisheries, etc.