

## ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow Celebrates its 73<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day

ICAR-Indian Institute Sugarcane Research, Lucknow celebrated its 73<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day on February 16, 2024 with great fervor and zeal which marked the successful journey of 72 glorious years of sugarcane research since the establishment of the Institute in the year 1952. Sri **Prabhu N. Singh, Commissioner Cane and Sugar, Uttar Pradesh** was the Chief Guest on this occasion, while Dr Ajit Kumar *Shasany*, Director, CSIR- NBRI, Lucknow and *Dr. Bhaskar Narayan*, Director, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow were the Guests of honour. The programme was inaugurated with ICAR song and lighting of lamp. Dr. R. Viswanathan, Director, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow delivered the welcome address and highlighted the achievements of IISR including new varieties, sugarcane machinery, technologies developed, patent filing, MoUs and collaborations with different organization, outreach programmes, taking breeder seed production programme in a big way in other states of the country and organization of various events round the year. Presiding over the function, Sri **Prabhu N. Singh** congratulated IISR for ushering into its 73<sup>rd</sup> year with outstanding contributions that has culminated in high sugarcane and sugar production, and applauded the IISR partnership with industries for commercialization of the technologies. He highlighted the need to address the issues of varietal planning, ethanol blending with petrol, and, more economic and diversified uses of sugarcane in future. *Dr. Bhaskar Narayan* delivered a lucid talk on the aspect of innovation, sustainability and health, and elaborated about the R&D *vis-a-vis* stakeholders' quagmire. Dr. A.K. Shasany in his special talk gave some very useful advice to the audience and exhorted the scientists to develop the cane varieties with enhanced sucrose storage capacity. The inspirational words of honorable Chief Guest and distinguished guests of honour gave a direction of thoughts for the future of the Institute. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Dinesh Singh, Project Coordinator spelled about the development of sugarcane varieties for different zones of India. Sri Abhishek Srivastava, Chief Administrative Officer of IISR apprised the audience about the implementation of Govt. of India's eHRMS system, procurement of various facilities and infra-structure development in last one year. A book entitled "*Uttar Pradesh mein Ganna Utpadan Takniki*" authored by Dr. S.N. Singh and Sri Brahm Prakash was also released by the dignitaries on this occasion. The best-performing workers from administrative, technical and supporting staff categories were felicitated with "Certificates of Excellence". Dr. R.U. Modi was conferred with the 'Best Young Scientist Award'. The function came to an end with a signature performance by the youngsters of IISR in the form of a *Nukkad Natak* disseminating PM Modi's message of 'Viksit Bharat by 2047'. Adding flavor to the function, various fun games and field sports were organized for staff and students. A number of retired

personnel also graced the occasion. Dr. A. K. Sharma, Convener of the programme proposed the vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to the distinguished guests for giving their valuable time. The programme was conducted by Dr. Anita Sawnani.







