



IARI Celebrates Centenary (1905 – 2005)

The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) known as Pusa Institute played a crucial role in transforming the deficit Indian agriculture to a surplus one; a static agriculture into a vibrant one and catalyzed the growth of several agro industries. This Deemed University imparts education in twenty one different field of agricultural sciences leading to the award of M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees. Our students occupy very distinguished positions in various walks of life.

The IARI recognized the crucial need on the participation of farmers in transforming Indian agriculture and designed extension programmes like minikit trials, lab-to-land programmes, seed village concept, etc. to effectively transfer the technology.

The IARI is also the largest research institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and covers activities related to all aspects of agriculture. With more than 500 scientists, technical, administrative, supporting and field staff and 11 Regional Stations has an elaborate research network.

The Institute was inaugurated on the 1st April 1905 by the then Viceroy Lord Curzon at Pusa, a village in Darbhanga (now in Samastipur) district of Bihar. Following the devastating earthquake in 1934 the Institute was shifted to its present location in New Delhi in 1936. Several personalities like Dr. B.P. Pal, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Dr. A.B. Joshi and others provided leadership and that was required to transform the subsistence Indian agriculture into a dynamic self sufficient agriculture of today. We, therefore, invite all of you to join us on this memorable occasion to recollect the past achievement, roles played by many in enriching our Institute and thereby facilitate a thought process for our future role.

It is said that achievement of self-sufficiency in food is one of the greatest landmarks in independent India. Hence the Centenary Year activity covers Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela (February 14-16, 2005), Centenary Year Convocation (February 11, 2005), Science Convention (March 16-19, 2005) and founding of a state of the art laboratory at the IARI Regional Station, Pusa Bihar in the second fortnight of January 2005 apart from various other participatory activities involving its illustrious alumnus from all over the country and globe. The proposed celebration will cover several areas of action and the details can be had from our website www.iari.res.in