

Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman, TAAS delivered the First Foundation Day Lecture at G S Foundation for Research, Education and Development (GSFRED), Karnal on 3rd March, 2019



The G S Foundation for Research, Education and Development (GSFRED) celebrated its First Foundation day on March 3, 2019 at its Research and Education Centre near Karnal. Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and Ex-Secretary (DARE) & Director General, ICAR delivered the Foundation Day address and complimented the Founder Chairman for establishing state-of-the-art research and education center for communicating agricultural innovations for welfare of small and marginal farmers.



Dr. Gurdev Khush, internationally recognized World Food Laureate and Fellow of Royal Society, London presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. He highlighted that it is an initiative of its own kind for serving farmers especially small holders. Dr. J S Samra, Former Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority of India; Dr. Ramesh Kanwar, Vice Chancellor, Lovely University and Ex- Head, Agricultural System Engineering, IOWA State University, USA; Dr. M L Madan, Ex-Deputy Director General, ICAR and Ex- Vice Chancellor, UP Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwa Vidhyalaya, Mathura (U.P.) and Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola (Maharashtra) also appreciated the very unique and innovative agenda of this Foundation. The Founder Chairman Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Ex-Chairman, ASRB and Agricultural Commissioner, Govt. of India established this Foundation to upscale agricultural innovations for skill and entrepreneurship development amongst farmers, youth and students.



The Vice Chancellor, Lovely University announced signing an MOU for placing national and international students for exchanging knowledge and skill development. Dr. R S Paroda also desired that there should be a MOU of this Foundation with Dr. Khush Foundation. There is also proposal to develop national and international funding to further strengthen the capacity and capability of the Foundation. More than 400 participants attended the Foundation Day including Directors of several private as well as public sector institutions. There was very elaborate interaction between scientists, farmers and representatives of public and private organizations providing input and services. The delegates also visited experiments already set-up for integrated farming systems, crop diversification, climate resilient innovative practices, and holistic management of the paddy straw.

On this occasion Dr. Paroda and Dr. Khush also inaugurated Soil and Water Testing Laboratory for testing soil and water samples of farmers.

