

3rd Foundation Day of ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad

ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad celebrated its 3rd Foundation Day on 15th December 2017. The foundation day was observed highlighting the theme: **Roadmap for second green revolution in rural India - Progress of agricultural research *vis a vis* administrative and political will**".

Dr. W.R. Reddy, Director General, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (NIRD & PR), Hyderabad, in his key note address highlighted the contribution of agricultural scientists in the success of first green revolution bringing the country to self sufficiency status. He advocated the need for five strategies *viz.*, enabling rural employment, creating infrastructure such as roads and housing empowerment of women, skill development particularly among youth and social security assistance programmes. Second green revolution possibility is linked to tailoring existing technologies to suit different ecosystems, ability to sustain productivity without adversely affecting natural resources and reaching out to small and marginal farmers through all possible means.



Dr. S.R. Voleti, Director (Acting), in his welcome address, apprised the participants about the historical progress of the institute from AICRIP to Directorate of Rice Research culminating to the present upgradation to IIRR. Director also highlighted the attainment of two padmasri awards to our earlier Directors Dr.R. Seetaraman and Dr. E.A. Siddique.

Dr. D. Subramanyam, Principal Scientist (Plant Physiology) and In-charge PMEC presented the detailed report on the institute activities carried out in the last year.

The web page on Facilities Corner (Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facility) of IIRR was launched during this occasion to link to National Portal for facilitating use of major equipments.

The Directors and representatives of local ICAR institutes as well as Institute scientific, administrative and supporting staff participated in the celebrations.

The function ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Gururaj Katti, Principal Scientist and Head, Crop Protection.