

ICAR-Indian Institute of Rapeseed-Mustard Research (IIRMR), Bharatpur-321303

ICAR-IIRMR, Bharatpur celebrated its 32nd Foundation Day on October 20, 2025

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Rapeseed-Mustard Research (IIRMR), Bharatpur celebrated its 32nd Foundation Day in hybrid mode on October 20, 2025. **Dr. Devendra Kumar Yadava**, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR, New Delhi, graced the occasion as **Chief Guest**. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Former Vice Chancellor, RLBCAU, Jhansi, attended as Special Guest, and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, ADG (OP), ICAR, New Delhi, joined as Guest of Honour.

Dr. Vijay Veer Singh, Director, ICAR-IIRMR, Bharatpur, welcomed the esteemed guests and dignitaries and highlighted the institute's major achievements and research initiatives undertaken during the past year.

Delivering the **Foundation Day Lecture**, **Dr. Devendra Kumar Yadava** congratulated the scientists and staff for the remarkable progress made by the institute. He emphasized the need to adopt cutting-edge technologies to address emerging challenges in crop improvement, resource management, plant protection, and farmer awareness to achieve national self-sufficiency in edible oils. He urged all ICAR oilseed research institutions to work in close coordination to generate a synergistic impact on oilseed research and production.

Dr. Arvind Kumar, Former Vice Chancellor, RLBCAU, Jhansi, who also served IIRMR for more than seven years as Director and made invaluable contributions, reflected on the institute's journey of growth. He stressed that technological developments and programmes should be farmer-centric and directly linked to societal needs for faster and meaningful impact.

Dignitaries who joined the function offline and online included **Dr. R. K. Mathur**, Director, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad; **Dr. K. H. Singh**, Director, ICAR-NSRI, Indore; **Dr. P. K. Rai**, Director, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur; **Dr. Dhiraj Singh**, Former Director, ICAR-IIRMR, Bharatpur; and **Dr. Bhoori Singh**, Former Director, ICAR-IIRMR, Bharatpur.

Officials from state agricultural departments and institutions also attended the ceremony. Notable among them were Shri Deshraj Singh, Additional Director, Department of Agriculture, Bharatpur, and Dr. Udaybhan Singh, Dean, College of Agriculture, Bhusawar, Bharatpur. The institute's strong connect with the farming community was clearly reflected in the enthusiastic participation of a large number of progressive farmers who attended the Foundation Day celebration in person.

On this occasion, six publications, including technical bulletins and extension leaflets, were released by Dr. Devendra Kumar Yadava and other dignitaries. Fifteen personnel, including scientists and administrative staff of the institute, were honoured with awards in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

The programme was efficiently moderated by Dr. Anubhuti Sharma, Principal Scientist, and the **Vote of Thanks** was proposed by **Dr. Vinod Kumar, Principal Scientist**.



