

## **ICAR- CCRI, Nagpur celebrated 39<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day**

ICAR- Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur celebrated 39<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The program started with ICAR Geet and lighting of auspicious lamp. Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR- CCRI Nagpur, welcomed everyone and congratulated the staff on Foundation Day. Dr. Ghosh also briefed about the achievements ICAR-CCRI in past three decades and highlighted the landmark contribution of the institute in supply of disease-free planting materials of citrus to the country. Dr. N. G. Patil, Director, ICAR-NBSS LUP, Nagpur and Dr. V.B. Patel, Assistant Director General (Fruit & Plantation Crops) Hort. Sci. Div., ICAR, New Delhi were the guests of honour and Dr. Atul Narayan Vaidya, Director, CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. Patil congratulated CCRI team for a dedicated service of 39 years even amidst many limitations. Dr. V.B Patel encouraged CCRI team to work in collaboration with private partners and strengthen transfer of technologies in PPP mode. Dr. A. N Vaidya shared his insights on environmental aspect and how citrus wastes could be put to use in eco friendly method which he termed as “cradle to cradle research”. He promised CSIR-NEERI will take up collaborative research on Analysis of Carbon Footprint of Citrus Farming in near future.

Release of Publication "Indian Citriculture" e-magazine published by Indian Society of Citriculture and Citrus Newsletters: January to June, 2022 and July to December, 2022 along with a video film "From Milestone to Triumphs: A Year of Growth and Reflection (July, 2022 to July, 2023) were done by the honourable dignitaries. Three progressive citrus growers were felicitated during the program for their outstanding contribution in citrus cultivation. Seven employees working in various posts of ICAR-CCRI were awarded with 'Employee of the Year-2022' Award. Scientists involved in top five best publications of the institute with NAAS rating above 7.00, three collaborative publications with other institute, externally funded projects (costing more than Rs. 25 lakhs), consultancy projects (above 10 lakhs ) and licensed/ commercialized technologies of the institute and patents granted were awarded with certificates and cash prizes. The winners of various sports competitions were also felicitated by the honorable dignitaries. The program was hosted by Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharyya, Scientist (Agricultural Extension), ICAR-CCRI. The program ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Surajit Mondal, Senior Scientist (Soil Science), ICAR- CCRI followed by National Anthem. Prior to the program, dignitaries engaged in tree plantation drive and field visit at ICAR-CCRI campus.



Dignitaries releasing the "Indian Citriculture" e-magazine published by Indian Society of Citriculture



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Dr. Atul Narayan Vaidya, Director, CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur delivering his speech as Chief Guest of the programme