

Union Ministers of Agriculture Appreciated Research and Innovation at IARI and NBPGR

Waste Water Treatment Facility Inaugurated

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Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture, Government of India inaugurated Eco-friendly Waste Water Treatment Facility at Water Technology Centre (WTC) of Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Minister of State for Agriculture, Government of India and Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR were also present on the occasion.



Dignitaries visited the National Gene Bank of National Bureau of Plant Genetic resources (NBPGR) and appreciated the efforts for conservation of biodiversity for posterity. During visit to Nuclear Research Laboratory (NRL) and Experimental Farms of IARI dignitaries expressed satisfaction over the recent advances in the field. They were impressed by the innovative exhibits of the National Agricultural Science Museum (NASM) situated in the campus of National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC).



While visiting the library of IARI, Shri Singh and Dr. Balyan also had an interaction with scientists of IARI. Dr. H.S. Gupta, Director, IARI made presentation on the contributions of IARI for Indian Agriculture on the occasion. Shri Singh took keen interest and appreciated the initiatives proposed by IARI.

Earlier, Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Project Director, WTC informed that the plant will treat sewage water of the residential colony of IARI without using any chemicals. It has a capacity to process 2.2 million litres of waste water per day. The treated water will be used to irrigate

farms in the campus. The water treatment plant is an innovative initiative of IARI that has been set up in four acres with the aim to enhance water availability at IARI farm research fields.

Chairman, ASRB; Deputy Directors General of ICAR; and senior scientists and officials of ICAR/IARI were also present on the occasion.

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