Inauguration of ICAR Data Centre and KVK Mobile App by Hon'ble Union Agriculture and Farmers WelfareMinister on December 21, 2016

On December 21, 2016, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare inaugurated the ICAR-Data Centre and launched the KVK Mobile App at ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi.

ICAR Data Centre provides the ICT infrastructure for hosting the web applications developed by ICAR institutes. It also provides the unified messaging solution which is based on Microsoft Exchange Server. The unified communication feature of the solution helps ICAR personnel to stay connected with each other via instant messaging, email, audio/video calls, persistent chat rooms, online meeting and presentations for scientific/ research/ technological/ educational/ extension information exchange. It is providing uniform email IDs (https://mail.icar.gov.in) of ICAR personnel under single ICAR domain for effective communication at individual desktop.

KVK Mobile App facilitates farmers to access the information about forthcoming as well as already organized events, facilities, and knowledge available with Krishi Vigyan Kendra(s). The registered farmers will be able to access package of practices for crops and animalsand can send any farm related query to the experts available in the KVK and get solution of their problemthrough this app.

In his address inaugural address, the Union Minister appreciated the efforts being made towards digitization of agricultural information by ICAR. He said that ICAR Data Center can play pivotal role to take digital India campaign related to agriculture sector ahead by providing the accurate agricultural information through single window. He said that Data Centre will help to analyze data related to agriculture. He also stressed to prompt the cashless transactions for supporting the Digital India programme. As Prime Minister of India is promoting cashless society through digitization, we, in agriculture, are encouraging technology, training and analysis of databy KVK portal and through its mobile app hosted at ICAR –Data Centre to farmers.

Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (Ag. Extension) informed various features of KVK Mobile App towards empowering farming community.

Dr. K. Alagusundaram, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Engineering) highlighted the ICAR-IASRI activities.

Prof R.B. Singh, Chancellor, CAU, Imphal,in his remarks focused upon the data analysis and importance of agricultural statistics in present scenario. Dr. TrilochanMohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) appreciated the efforts made for creating the ICT

infrastructure at IASRI for whole ICAR system and providing the unified communication solutions.

On this occasion a brochure on 'ICAR Data Centre' was released by Hon'ble Minister.

Dr. U.C. Sud, Director of the institute welcomed chief guest Hon'ble Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister and all dignitaries.