

## **Celebration of Agriculture Education Day – 2023 at ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar**

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has designated **3<sup>rd</sup> December as the “Agricultural Education Day”** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the first President of Independent India and Union Minister of Agriculture, *Bharat Ratna* Dr. Rajendra Prasad. The objective of this day is to expose students to various facets of agriculture and its relevance to country's development, with the aim to inspire them and attract them towards agriculture.

To mark the celebration of Agricultural Education Day – 2023 at ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, Essay competition on the topic **“Empowering Tomorrow's Farmers: The Significance of Agricultural Education”** and Elocution competition on the topic **"Fostering Innovation in Agriculture through Education: Nurturing Future Agripreneurs"** was conducted from 2 to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, in Dr. F.J. Warth Committee Room, AN Division, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar.

The competition was graced by Dr Rupasi Tiwari, JD (Extension Education) and Student Welfare officer (girls) and, in her opening remarks she emphasized the importance of newer technologies for sustainable animal husbandry practices. The chief guest of the event Dr S K Mendiratta, JD (Academics) was punctilious that Agricultural education is crucial for developing future agripreneurs as it imparts essential knowledge and skills, fostering innovation in farming and animal husbandry practices. It equips individuals with sustainable techniques, business acumen, and the ability to navigate evolving agricultural landscapes. Empowering aspiring agripreneurs, it ensures food security, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

The event was attended by more than 70 students and was organized by the Students' Welfare Office of ICAR-IVRI. The winners of the competition were provided with certificates. The event was coordinated by Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, SWO(Girls), Dr. SK Saha, SWO (Boys), Dr Dr. Himani Dhanze and Dr. Asok Kumar, Members of SWO. The other members of the SWO Dr. Asit Das and Dr Aneesha attended the event.

