



Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), along with Anant Kumar Hedge, Uttara Kannada MP, felicitating 100 farmers from across the nation on the sides of the valedictory session of centenary celebrations of the CPCRI in Kasaragod on Saturday.

There is a need to reorient farm research by incorporating farmers' wisdom to suit ground-level requirements and the ecosystem, Director General of Indian Council Agriculture Research (ICAR) Trilochan Mohapatra has said.

The reorientation of farm research plays a crucial role in the face of climate change and fluctuating market prices, Dr. Mohapatra said. Hundred farmers, who made valuable contributions in making coconut farming profitable and sustainable, were honoured at a function here to mark the culmination of the centenary celebrations of the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) here on Saturday.

Dr. Mohapatra, also Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), assured the farmers that their concerns would be effectively addressed by ensuring good quality planting material. Issues related to management of pests and diseases would also be addressed.

As many as 100 farmers from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, West Bengal, Assam, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nichobar, Orissa and Gujarat were felicitated by Dr. Mohapatra and Ananth Kumar Hegde, MP, Uttara Kannada.

A.K. Singh, Chairman, Coconut Development Board; and Uron N. Salum, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Coconut Community; were present.

Dr. Singh underscored the need to create even more awareness among farmers of the coconut development programmes.

The programme offered researchers and farmers a platform for interaction.

C. Thamban, principal scientist and head, Social Sciences division, welcomed the gathering and S. Kalavathy, Principal Scientist, proposed a vote of thanks.