

Learning Lessons Straight from the Leaders..

BIRD, Lucknow conducted its unique programme on 'Leadership Innovations in Rural Development' from 6th to 8th February 2017 at its campus. The programme invited leaders of international repute in changing the perspective of looking at issues, as its speakers. The programme aims to provide the participants, an insight into the mind-set, style, approaches and practices of leaders who have innovated solutions to the issues confronting the life of common man. The programme also intended to provide an out of box perspective to the participants as a stakeholder to facilitate a potential leader to innovate in an enabling environment.

The five guest speakers who graced and inspired the participants with their presence and interaction are as follows (their topics of interactions are also indicated):

- 1. Mohammed Dilawar**, *'Heroes of the Environment, 2008'*, recipient of *'Guinness Book of World Record, 2011'* recipient of *'Limca Book of World Record 2011'* and Founder & President, *Nature Forever Society, Maharashtra* on **'Conserve Nature: Save Sparrows'**.
- 2. Dr Ritesh Arya**, recipient of *'Guinness Book of World Record, 2003'*, Vice President, *International Sustainable Energy Organization, Geneva*, on **'Bringing Fresh Water at 11000 ft'**.
- 3. Shri C Norphel**, *'The Ice Man'*, *'Jamana Lal Bajaj Award'* and *'Padma Shree'*, on **"Creating Artificial Glaciers to provide Water to the Villages of Leh"**.
- 4. Dr Chandi Prasad Bhatt**, *'Padmashree'*, *'Padma Bhushan'*, *'Ramon Magsaysay Award Winner'*, recipient of *'Gandhi Peace Prize'* and pioneer of *'Chipko Movement'*, on **'Community Mobilization for Sustainable Development'**
- 5. Dr Rajendra Singh**, *'The Water Man'*, *'Ramon Magsaysay Award Winner'* & *'Stockholm Water Prize 2015'* recipient on **'Defeating Drought and Empowering Communities'**

The programme was attended by 14 participants representing Commercial banks, RRBs, Cooperative Banks, National Housing Bank, RBI (CAB) and NABARD. The feedback of the programme was excellent and the participants indicated that this was a very unique programme which is highly inspirational and benefits more than one way.

A few photographs of the programme are enclosed:



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Group Photo



Inaugural session in progress



shri C Norphel interacting with the participants



An interface with nature through Md. Dilawar: BIRD walk by the participants



Dr DV Deshpande, Director, BIRD facilitating Dr Ritesh Arya



Dr Rajendra Singh addressing the participants