



National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) organised XVII NAAS Agricultural Science Congress on the theme **Frontier Sciences and Technologies in Agriculture for a Developed India** at G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand during 20-22 February 2025. The congress was conducted in 10 Sessions on important themes.

Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, Director General, The Fertiliser Association of India, New Delhi gave the key note address in the 7<sup>th</sup> Session on Frontier Sciences and Technologies for Sustainable Soil and Water Management. In this address on India's Way Forward to Sustainable Soil and Water Management, DG, FAI covered the areas such as key principles of environmental sustainability; an overview of the agriculture sector; SDGs; country's commitments in COP-14 of UNCCD; challenges of sustainable soil and water management; issues of soil health and fertilizer use; soil fertility status; pattern of production and consumption of nutrients; soil microbial diversity; Nano technology; soil pollution & remedial measures; over exploitation of ground water; management of soils irrigated with high RSC water; climate change; water use efficient technologies; government programmes on soil and water management; etc.

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