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# Empower farmers to speed up growth, make oil industry sustainable'

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**VARANASI:** Inculcating value creation in the oil industries along with value addition is needed to make the industry sustainable and speed up the growth of the nation by empowering the farmers, said IIT-BHU director Prof Pramod Kumar Jain.

He was speaking at the inaugural session of 73rd Convention of Oil Technologists Association and International Conference on "Value Addition in Oil Seeds, Oils and Derivatives through Innovative Technologies" at IIT-BHU on Saturday.

Jain said, "Empowering the farmer is needed because it is he

who provides the raw material. In fact, by empowering the farmers we can also fulfil the promise to double their income by 2022 made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

National president of OTAI Prof RK Trivedi discussed in detail the status and challenges to oil industry and called immediate attention for increased production of oil crops for industry to cut down the import of raw material.

He also discussed the need of innovation in the process for increased income and value added product.

Managing director JVL Agro SN Jhunjhunwala stressed upon the need of an integrated

approach to address the problem of industry and requested director, IIT-BHU to become engine for the process.

Head of chemical engineering and technology Prof PK Mishra welcomed the dignitaries & delegates.

Prestigious Prof JG Kane Memorial Award for 2018 was bestowed upon Satish Khadke, MD, Sharplex Filters (India) Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, for creation of innovative filters which replaced imported filters. S D Thirumala award was given to Dr KV Padmja of IICT, Hyderabad. Dr Hussain Zaheer award was given to Dr Surashree Sen Gupta of Kolkata and Dr R K Khanna Memorial award was

given to Dr Satyam Reddy Yasa. All these awards were given for their researches in the field of lipid science and technology. Prof JG Kane Memorial Lecture was delivered by Satish Khadke.

## 'USE NUCLEAR ENERGY TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY'

**VARANASI:** Atomic Energy Regulatory Board Chairman SA Bhardwaj on Saturday laid emphasis on the use of nuclear energy as fuel to generate electricity. He was speaking in a two-day national conference on Critical Heat Flux and Multiphase Flow in IIT-BHU.

This is a joint effort by IIT-BHU and IIT-Bombay.