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Editorial

“Nothing without agriculture as everything is behind agriculture”. It is not a quotation but a reality of life which is never thought by most of us. What would be more important than a life for any person? And we know the life is maintained only when besides soul, all physical essentials are provided to the body. After air and water, food is the foremost necessity for life which is provided by only when an activity of man called ‘Agriculture’ is performed. No other activities can be practiced if there is no food in the stomach. Therefore, the activity of agriculture is the most important activity of man to fulfill all other activities. If agriculture is there, food is there, if food is there life is there and if life is there everything is there. But in today’s era of modernization, the job of agriculture is ignored by most of people especially, youths having the feeling of being inferior to other professionals who regard agriculture mere a work of ploughman. It is therefore a matter of thinking and changing our mind set towards agriculture and for that ‘Agricultural Development’ must be set as a prime most goal of every person eating food obtained from agriculture and we think that would be the most probably a largest initiative to improve our agriculture.

One of the steps to agricultural development is technology transfer and one of the ways to technology transfer is to share the best agricultural technologies to each other. In today’s internet era, a person living even in a small isolated village but connected to internet, feels like living in every part of the world where he feels no distance to each other. Benefiting from internet usages, a person linked to farming community can get and share information of agricultural technologies so that others can benefit from knowing it. In view of this, an initiative to provide a platform for sharing agricultural technologies and publishing the same in the form of an e-magazine “Popular Kheti” was taken.

The magazine is being released with the first issue (January-March) of first volume (2013), wherein authors have contributed through their articles on technologies like cultivation under low tunnel, protected cultivation, Beushening, Boro and SRI system of rice cultivation, role of biofertilizers, PGPR and earthworms in agriculture, etc. Besides these, the use of Biochar which may be an effective tool to manage increasing CO₂ in atmosphere in current scenario of climate change is also described. The focus reading article of the issue is about an improved technique of tree gum tapping which has been a source of income and livelihood for many people of western Rajasthan in India. Wasteland could be converted into a source of income by growing plants like Jatropha is also described in an article. IPM is well known but research on use of compatible bio-agents with chemical pesticides is need of hour, some part of which is also explained by authors in this issue.

We are highly thankful to all esteemed members and authors whose contribution made it possible to release the first ever issue of the magazine in time and whose efforts in future would make the mission of Popular Kheti a grand success. We look forward to receiving your invaluable submissions and feedbacks.

✍-Editors