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Today agriculture is facing problems of crop monoculture, dependency of farmer's income on few cereal crops like paddy and wheat, irregular behaviour of weather parameters like untimely rains, terminal heat stress etc., resource degradation due to crop-residue burning, over-dose of plant nutrients etc., outbreak of new insect-pests of crops, and poor animal productivity. Indian Government has set the target of doubling farmer's income by the year 2022 by tapping all the possibilities of enhancing income from agriculture sector. To diversify farmer's income by using technologies of allied agricultural sectors like horticulture, medicinal and aromatic plants, food processing, resource conservation technologies, terminal heat stress management, bio-plastic production and engineering approaches of animal feeding system are thrust areas which have novelty of addressing issues of future modern agriculture.

I hope there are no worries of dearth of new ideas in agriculture research. Our young researchers are coming out of box of traditional research ideas and ready to contribute to agricultural development. The platform of 'Popular Kheti' is therefore spreading the ideas far and wide from one end to another.

I am highly thankful to all the authors of the articles of this issue whose contribution made it again possible to release the first issue of fifth volume of the magazine in time and whose efforts are really worth appreciating to bring popular agricultural technologies under the umbrella of 'Popular Kheti' to popularise the farming technologies from one end to another through this platform. I would like to acknowledge all the reviewers of this issue whose contribution is equally important to us for improving quality of our magazine. I am also seeking reader's invaluable suggestions and feedbacks in future would make the mission of 'Popular Kheti' a successful one for agrarian prosperity through agricultural development.



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