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Editorial

The huge responses of the agricultural community to the mission of Popular Kheti made it possible to bring out another issue of the magazine for sharing the knowledge and experience of agriculture. We discussed in previous part that 'Agricultural Development' must be set as a prime most goal for everyone for overall development. But in today's era of development, the people, the communities who are known to hold the key responsibility of agricultural development are also moving from the job of agriculture. What causes them to quit agriculture, the occupation they have been in all along? The present issue of the Popular Kheti brings about an article which is really worth pondering to address the problems of farming community for the development of our agriculture.

The second issue (April-June) of first volume (2013) of the magazine contains a variety of articles from different disciplines of agriculture. Traditional wisdom has been the tool of farmer since ancient time. One article in this issue tries to document different traditional herbal formulations to cure animal diseases in effective way. Another article is about *Prosopis juliflora*, which is commonly considered as useless weed but after reading the article one can realize that it is the species of utmost significance. Other articles are on technologies like Site-Specific Nutrient Management, Aerobic Rice Production, True Potato Seed Technique, Precision Farming, etc. Two articles address the field management practice in terms of weed flora in paddy and termite control. Cropping systems and farming systems are important components of agriculture. One article in this issue describes different fruit based cropping systems while another describes integrated farming systems in rain fed areas. Small tools of post harvest agriculture are very important which signifies for efficient processing of the produce. One article relates to Pineapple peeler-cum slicer in this issue. Besides these, the issue also includes article on contract farming, climate change effects on insects-pests and role of selection in crop improvement.

We are highly thankful to all esteemed members and authors whose contribution made it again possible to release the second issue of the magazine in time and whose efforts have made really the Popular Kheti a popular one. Your invaluable submissions and feedbacks in future would make the mission of Popular Kheti a successful one.

✍-Editors