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## Message from Dr. P.K. Mishra, Director, CSWCRTI, Dehradun on joining the Institute on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2012

Dear friends,

I take this opportunity to wish you and your family "A Happy and Enjoyable NEW Year 2012".

While going through the achievements of the institute and the research centres, I found your dedicated contributions led by the illustrious leaders are of high standard. I wish you all to maintain the same tradition and scientific temper in taking the R&D activities still further.

Soil and Rainwater Conservation is the backbone for improving soils and must precede any efforts in improving soil quality and productivity with major bearing on rainfed agriculture. The watershed development and employment generation programs are investing on these.

ICAR is in the process of modernizing the thinking and processes in tune with the slogan "Farmers first". The linkage between the farmers and scientists needs to be strengthened through "Action Research" and "Participatory Development (Science-led)" involving the huge extension agencies and KVK network. Our main goal is to show the strength of the conservation technologies and put in a proper shape with innovative and usable products. In this endeavor ICT will play a major role. While evolving as a united **disciplined family**, CSWCRTI's role is to conserve the natural resources for boosting the agricultural production and productivity of the country. All our efforts and resources will aim at this national initiative of production enhancement without degrading the environment. Finally, the aim is to make soil and water conservation a peoples' program for addressing NRM and Livelihood issues.

Considering the ICAR platforms, the new initiatives will be in the areas of Climate Change, Conservation Agriculture, Precision Farming, Farm Mechanization and Energy, Water, E-Extension and AKM, Socio-economic dimensions of agriculture etc. The basic, applied and strategic research including technology up-scaling will revolve around these priority areas.

The institution of administration and finance of the institute is the main driving force for making everything good to happen to the projects and to the individuals. I am sure we will have a vibrant and highly positive system sensitive to the need of each individual to officially perform to the best of his/her ability. We all should now be ready for bigger challenges and higher responsibilities. "Team spirit" in true sense is the *mantra* of progress and sustainability. Our combined strength is the strength of the institute. Realize that nothing is impossible to solve with mutual trust and respect, faith and positive interaction.

While taking over the charge as Director of this prestigious institute (one of the best ICAR institutes), I appeal to every individual to come together to build a strong institution and be the proud owner of the outputs and outcomes. I cherish this moment to be a part the team of responsible and dedicated scientific, technical, administrative and supporting staff located at nine locations all over the country.

I wish you all "All the Best" for a satisfying professional career.

Regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. K. Mishra', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(P. K. Mishra)

**To all the staff of CSWCRTI, Dehradun and its Research Centres**