

**Address by**

**Mr. D P Khandelia ,  
Chairman**

**SEA Rapeseed -Mustard Promotion Council**

I heartily welcome our Chief Guest Shri Prabhulal Saini, Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, Dr Anupam Barik, Additional Commissioner- Oilseeds, Ministry of Agriculture, Dr S K Chaturvedi, Additional Director General –Oilseeds & Pulses, ICAR; Dr. P. K. Rai, Director ICAR Bharatpur; Prof Dr. Deepak Pental, from Centre of Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants, Mr. Bhagirath Choudhary, Dr. S M Sharma, Shri P Chengal Reddy and all my fellow colleagues who have so graciously agreed to share their indepth knowledge and vast experience on Rapeseed – Mustard ; beneficial and health promoting properties of its oil, prospects for increasing its productivity using conventional and genetic modification techniques; and crop and price outlook for the seeds and oil.

As we all know, Mustard-Rapeseed is widely grown in Rajasthan. Rapeseed-Mustard seeds is the prime rabi oilseed crop and determines the price outlook of the domestic oilseeds and oils in the second half of the Oil Year .

It is also the favored oil in the northern half of our country for its unique taste. Rape- Mustard oil of our Indian Origin has unique properties that's create a demand for it for special industrial uses. These and a lot more unique features of Rape Mustard Seed , its Oil and meal will discussed during the deliberations and I look forward to active participation of all the delegates, so that they gain unique knowledge as Take Away from this Conclave .

I once again welcome each and everyone of you to this Conclave- being held in this beautiful and historic city - Jaipur