

Other's say on his work

“I am exceedingly happy to see the growth and development of the Regional Plant Resource Centre (REPRESENT) over a short span of two years. I am visiting the garden from time to time, every time I am impressed with the newer items of work being undertaken by the organization under the guidance of its young Chief Executive, a dynamic person with excellent ideas on horticulture and planning. I wish the REPRESENT tremendous success in the years to come, so that it may be a national institution of great pride, being the largest Botanic Garden (in conception) of the Asia and Australia.” (28.11.1985)

“I had the unique privilege to re-visit RPRC after several years. I was wonder struck to see the advancement of the RPRC in several new dimensions including the innovations and introduction of several new units for research activities particularly on Tissue Culture and Biotechnology. That such a large building should have come up on such a span of time which houses Late P. Parija Memorial Hall and late Sir J. C. Bose Memorial Hall is indeed eye catching. I am also impressed by the research activities in diverse fields and the output. The decision to honour distinguished botanists of the state is an excellent idea. I congratulate the Director of RPRC on his unique leadership and progress.”

Dr. Gopinath Panigrahi, Former Joint Director,
Botanical Survey of India, Calcutta (10.2.1998)

“What a beautiful and interesting enterprise. A most interesting and attractive development.”

Professor Herman Bondi and Mrs. C. Bondi,
Churchill College, Cambridge (9.1.1986)

“Very active work and commendable development in the short period since inception; has definitive objectives and is keen to establish interactions.”

Professor N. S. Rangaswamy, FNA; FNASc, FASc,
University of Delhi (24.1.1986)

“A fascinating visit and amazing to see such progress in so a short time.”

James Dinwiddi, British Council Division, Calcutta
(13.2.1986)

“An exciting experience to see all the development work of the centre. ”

R. Subramanian, Director, Birla Planetarium,
Calcutta (5.3. 1986)

“Regional Plant Resource Centre is developing in an impressive way. What I have seen and heard, this organization is sure to develop into a major centre for plant research under the able leadership of Dr. P. Das.”

Professor A. Mukhopadhyay,
Indian Institute of Horticultural Research,
Hessaraghatta, Bangalore (25.5.1986)

“You have started a very ambitious, yet useful program. I wish you much success. As we discussed it seems necessary that you focus on some of the most important objectives and concentrate your efforts on them. In selecting the objectives I would look for those that have good chance of immediate success as well as long term objectives.”

Professor John M. Poehlman,
University of Missouri, Columbia, USA (29.6.1986)

“Regional Plant Resource Centre is like a rising Sun. I am confident that it will soon glow brightly under the leadership of its present head and help grow the different branches of plant science, inside and outside India; grow greener, healthier and larger. I am looking forward for that day and I hope it will come soon because morning shows the day.”

Professor R. G. Maiti, Bidhan Chandra Krishi
Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani, West Bengal. (9.8.1986)

“The Institute is devoted to a noble cause which is now understood to be crucial towards preserving our planet and the human race. I was emotionally obsessed to see the extremely high quality and meticulous work the institute is doing and its remarkable achievements within such a short time since its inception.”

Alok Maitra, S. K. Acharyya and Associates
(22.8.1986)

“The Regional Plant Resource Centre seems to have an impressive beginning in research and in landscaping. Its location away from the city, high on the hills, with a beautiful rural environment is ideal for starting a research institute of national and international calibre.”

Jogesh Pati, Professor of Physics, University of
Maryland, USA (19.1.1987)

“Very exciting and commendable work in the very promising field on which may depend human existence as environment is fast degraded. Dr Das and his team need congratulations.”

Professor O. D. Thapar, Director, Alternate Hydro
Energy Centre, Roorkee University (10.2.1987)

“I am extremely impressed by this well planned project first of its kind in the country. This will form model system in helping in conserving, preserving the nature and will guide other states in adopting such model systems.”

Professor GM Reddy, Osmania University,
Hyderabad, (13.4. 1987)

“This is a very well conceived and inspirationally managed centre. It can make tremendous contribution to our country's ambitious programme of GREENING OF INDIA. My prayers and best wishes for ALL SUCCESS.”

Virendra Prakash, Advisor, Planning Commission,
Govt of India, New Delhi (27.5.1987)

“It has been heartening experience to see the R & D activities going on under the able directions of Dr P. Das. This Centre would stand as a landmark for the plant Industry to be followed by other states.”

Professor ERR Iyengar, Principal Scientist,
CSIR-Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research
Institute, Bhavnagar, Gujrat. (17.12.1987)

“What I saw at the Plant Resource Centre was not only much beyond my expectation but beyond my conception. Just to say, it is superb and wonderful will be much inadequate description.”

Professor M. K. Rout, Former Vice Chancellor,
Utkal University (19. 12. 1987)

“Our visit to the Resource centre is much appreciated..We were particularly struck with the up-to-dateness of both the work and equipment. Also everyone is so enthusiastic. We wish the centre all success.”

Professor E .Alan Bevan, Queen Mary collage,
University of London, UK (2.1.1988)

“All the activities at the new centre both in the laboratory and the field are active and efficient. The combination of basic research, adaptive research feasibility study, training program for the public and market testing to make the full use of research finding is much needed in the resource rich country.”

Dr. Uthai Charanasri, Bangkok Flowers Centre Co.
Ltd., Nongkam, Bangkok, Thailand (21.1.88)

“The Plant Resource Centre is a delight to those who would like to appreciate the beauty of nature. I don't know how this large area looked before but what I see today looks young and fresh and must definitely be a transformation from what existed before. The water mass with its migratory birds, the undulating terrain with small rock gardens with past history and the beds of roses spread on the green canopy is a morden paradise with coming years, I expect to use a larger population of trees which will give this place a serenity of its own. Dr P. Das has to be congratulated.”

Dr. P. J. Lavacare, Advisor, DST
Govt of India, New Delhi (6.2.88)

“I wish that replantation of our barren and wastelands and naked hills begin from here.”

Dr. Masanova Fukuoka,
The Natural Farmer of Japan, (29.1.1988)

“One of the best tissue culture labs and garden. The lab has lot of potential to grow. The work being carried out in the lab is excellent.”

Joseph P. John, Director, Dept. of Science &
Technology, Govt of India, New Delhi (6.2.88)

“I have enjoyed my visit to this growing and dynamic Institute. I have liked its planning and I am sure the state would benefit by its work. I extended my good wishes.”

Professor J. J. Shah, Centre of Biotechnology,
MS University, Baroda (22.2.88)

“I have all praise for the work underway. Best compliments to Dr Das and his associates. I have every hope that this work shall be the light house for others.”

Professor V. P. Shukla, Vice-Chancellor,
Indira Gandhi Agricultural University (30.7.88)

“I have come many times. Every time, I come, I go back inspired. Research work is never done without dedication, without mission. I hope this Centre will be a Centre of Excellence and spread its light to other areas.”

Professor B. Misra, Former vice Chancellor,
OUAT, Bhubaneswar (15.10. 1988)

“I am extremely delighted and happy to see the activities going on at this centre. It is indeed commendable work of Dr P. Das and his team in the field of ornamental horticulture and forestry. In a very short period they have achieved significant results. The whole group is highly dedicated. I wish a very bright and successful future to the centre.”

Professor C. B. S. Rajput, Dean,
Banaras Hindu University (24.11.1988)

“A lot of useful work is being done by the energetic Director and the dedicated staff.”

Mahesh Prasad, Member Secretary,
Finance Commission, Govt of India (22.12.1988)

“An impressive establishment. A great deal has been accomplished in a very short time- a transformation.”

J. G. Harris, Canadian High Commissioner,
New Delhi (26.09.1989)

“The centre has developed tremendous capabilities. Very impressive record in cactus. I would suggest some more attention on medicinal plants. It was a pleasure to see the various activities of the centre.”

Dr A. K. Narayanan, Director, MoEF,
Govt of India. (27.9.89)

“I am most impressed with the progress made in such a short time. The T. C work has started well and will give excellent results within a short time.”

S. Ramachandran, Secretary, Dept of Biotechnology,
Govt of India, New Delhi, (28.9.89)

“I happened to visit the research unit and Nurseries, herbarium etc. I am very much impressed and delighted to see such plant science laboratory, well maintained by the young scientists under the care of Dr. P. Das.”

Professor S. N. Mitra, Former Director,
Botanical Survey of India, Calcutta (21.10.89)

“Fascinating and innovative work. It must be exacting and fulfilling to work in such a facility. Keep the outstanding work”

W. Fisher, First Secretary (Dev), Canadian High
Commission, New Delhi (1. 11.1989)

“It is always a pleasure to visit Ekamra Kanan, a landmark of Bhubaneswar and Orissa. The rose garden, the grass, the orchids, the cacti, the water spread with large number of water birds, the exotic variety of roses and hundreds of plant species collected from all over the World make it a unique place in India. A dedicated group of scientists and workers have made it what it is today. It is a thing of beauty which is joy for ever.”

J. B. Patnaik, Former Chief Minister of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar (3.1.1990)

It is a pleasure to see the research work of Dr Premananda Das whom I have known for the last thirty years. I was impressed by his untiring research work. I wish him and his organization all success.”

Sj J B Patnaik, Governor of Assam. (10.3.2012)

“It was a very great pleasure for me and my wife and daughter to visit such an exacting developmental botanical garden and research establishment. It is a tremendous contribution to Bhubaneswar’s life and a most useful contribution to plant propagation and research. The cactus garden is amazing, and the roses, plant tissue culture and other propagation areas are impressive.” (27.11.1990)

“It has been a great experience to revisit this impressive and dynamic Centre. Even since our last visit 2 years ago, there has been remarkable development. The practical scientific research which is taking place will be of considerable significance for the future and plans for further development and collaboration with Indian and International scientists is growing. I am glad that BCD has been able to facilitate some collaboration with Kew and University Departments in UK. I would like to congratulate Dr Das and his enthusiastic team and we would hope to return one day and see the imaginative Centre again. This time it will have made still greater progress and will continue to be a popular public facility as well.”

Robert Arbothnott, Minister British High
Commission, New Delhi (8 . 4. 1992)

“It was a great pleasure to visit the plant resource centre. As a botanist myself for the past 4 decades, I am in a position to understand and appreciate the work which is going on under the dynamic leadership of Dr Premananda Das. He is dedicated, knowledgeable and enthusiast in his work. Plant Resource Centre is already a landmark and it is going to put Bhubaneswar in the map

of India. I hope the Govt and other agencies give maximum support to the centre. I congratulate Prof. P. Das for the excellent work he is doing. I wish him the best of everything.”

Professor K. M. Safeeulla, Former Vice Chancellor,
Mangalore University. (12.2.1990)

“After visiting your institution for more than 2 h, I must state that we are very much impressed by the work done here during last five years. I wish you that all your highly and important results will be used in future for the benefit of your country.”

B. R. Stephen, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree
Breeding, Republic of Germany, (24. 02.1990)

“I understand that for speedy development, the leadership is most vital. I am quite confident that Dr Das's imagination for the future of this centre is crystal clear. He will achieve much more than expectations. He should be provided with adequate facility.”

Professor B. R. Chandravanshi, Indira Gandhi
Agriculture University, Raipur (7. 3. 1990)

“This ambitious project made my advisory visit more exciting. The enthusiasm and energy of the Director and his staff are admirable and I hope this visit will help to form a close link between the RPRC and RBG, Kew. May this Centre grow like a tree seedling to maturity and produce many fruits for the future.”

Hans J. Fligner, Royal Botanic Gardens,
Kew, England (25.11. 1991)

“RPRC is a remarkable development- so much has been achieved in such a short time. Besides, all the propagation work which others have commented on so favorably. I would like to express my enthusiasm for the work on biomass and mine revegetation- which shows the versatility of the Centre. The extensive and critical experiments on species suitable for biomass production more than stand up to International comparisons. The work on mine waste vegetation, in its early stages, is a model of how such work should be approached. A firm scientific base has been established from which the future developments can grow. I am delighted to be associated with the project which is important not only for India but also for many other countries.”

Professor Anthony D. Bradshaw , FRS,
Department of Environmental and Evolutionary
Ecology, University of Liverpool, UK. (9. 2. 1991)

“The words fantastic and wonderful might not be able to express my views. 500 acres of waste land has been put to the best possible use, one can imagine and the progress achieved during the short span of six years is really tremendous. This institute with its dedicated scientists would certainly prove as a model to the other ones in the country.”

Mrs. Nirmala R. Madan. IES, New Delhi
(21.4. 1992)

“I first want to thank and congratulate Shri J. B. Patnaik, Ex Chief Minister of Orissa for his vision in setting up the Botanical Research Centre so near the Capital in a wasteland which has

already become a rich Botanical garden with beautiful varieties of exotic species. I am more excited about the potential the place has both for research and its application. I am told by the chief of this Institute Shri Das that there is great potential for export of some rare varieties of cactus and other plants. Govt should invest liberally in this project which is beneficial for environment and ecology.”

Vasant Sathe, Former Union Minister,
Govt of India, New Delhi. (12.7. 1992)

“It makes me happy to see and think that another Botanical Garden and Centre is coming up steadily and at a first rate where the rare, endangered and endemic species of the country’s flora is getting a comfortable refugia for regeneration and multiplication. The centre has already developed to a great extent within a few years with rich germplasm collections of several groups of flowering plants. In course of another few years it will be an excellent centre of conservation. The collections of cacti and succulents are superb, that of bamboos, palms and woody species are excellent. Ornaments are good. Congratulations to Dr. Das and his team of excellent workers. Wishing further success and prosperity.”

Dr. R. K. Chakraverty, Joint Director & Head,
Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah, (6.8. 1992)

“One of the most impressive collections of exotic plants, I have ever seen. Clearly, it is due to a very high level of dedication and commitment of the Director.”

Professor K. L. Chopra, Director, IIT, Kharagpur.
(12.4. 1993)

“A remarkable institution which inspires a visitor in believing what single individual committed as he is; can do with herbal plants. Converting and transforming research into viable products of immense utility for public is the hall mark of this institution. Professor Das deserves an immense appreciation”.

Professor K. L. Chopra, Former Director, IIT
Kharagpur, Professor Emeritus, IIT Delhi.
(9.2.2014)

“I have visited almost all research institutions in the country but there is none which fascinates me more than the Regional Plant Resource Centre for its work on ornamental crops and trees. The centre is doing outstanding work on several crops. The work on cacti & succulents is unique & virtually unparalleled. The work on oil yielding crops, medicinal plants and timber trees is very valuable. Dr Das is a very dedicated, devoted worker. The state of Orissa should consider itself fortunate in having such a knowledgeable & practically oriented scientist at the helm of affairs of this centre. I wish the state realizes his potential and fully exploit it.”

Professor K. L. Chadha, Deputy Director General
(Hort), ICAR, New Delhi. (18. 07.1993)

“The Regional Plant Resource Centre has made excellent progress in creating a unique infrastructure for research on Biodiversity. A number of well equipped laboratories, well stocked library, various field plantations, plastic houses, an array of micropropagation laboratories and a

wide variety of planting material produced by the centre are a testimony to the excellent work being carried out by this centre. Dr Das deserves lot of compliments for his research management capabilities”

Dr. K L. Chadha, ICAR National Professor
Indian Agricultural Research Institute (23. 3. 1999)

“Dr Das needs to be congratulated for his unique work which has not been attempted even in any institution either in private or public sector. His work on micropropagation on medicinal plants, cacti, palms roses has tremendous potential for earning foreign exchange for the country.”

Professor S. N. Rao, Former Director of Research,
A. P. Agriculture University (18.7.1993)

“A visit to RPRC, Bhubaneswar, is a remarkable and thrilling experience for all those who have love for nature and human endeavors in preserving the objects. This institution is unique in the whole of Asia and can be considered by the naturalists as the pride of India.”

Professor S. S. Ali, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla
University, Raipur (20.8. 1993)

“Excellent work done both on research and development fronts. The centre can become a major source of planting material for use by farmers, forests etc.”

Dr. G. S. Kaul, Horticulture Commissioner,
Govt of India, New Delhi (23.9.94)

“Thank you so very much for this most stimulating and impressive visit. It needs dedicated and enthusiastic people to achieve so much within less than 10 years. Particularly, I appreciate learning how much emphasis you place on the relevance of your research to the needs of the common people and your cactus are just marvelous.”

Gero Wahlstrom, Director, Norwegian
Development Agency, Oslo, Norway (28.10. 1994)

“I am greatly impressed by what I have seen in the green houses-Collection of cacti and the laboratory. It is really surprising that during a short span of nine years, a wasteland has been converted to Plant Resource Centre with emphasis on tissue culture by the untiring effort of its Director. The number of plants ranging from banana to grasses, trees, bamboo, rose etc is large. The success of regeneration of mangrove vegetation and wastelands with heavy metal tolerant tissue culture plants is unique.”

Professor S. B. Chattopadhyay Former VC,
Kalyani University, West Bengal. (14.11.1994)

“Your new beds of cactus look grand. I have seen cactus collection in different states of India, Our collection is unique. God bless you and your Institution.”

Barrister B. M. Patnaik, Advocate,
Odisha High Court, Cuttack (10.11.94)

“I spent over an hour at the Centre and was deeply impressed by the excellent research work done here. The results i.e in cactus, banana- speak for themselves. The devotion of the researchers and staff deserves unstinted support. They should also be encouraged to market their products including export, and raise the resources to make this centre into one of the premost botanical centres and bioresources in the country.”

P. Chidambaram, Former Union Minister,
New Delhi (20. 1.1995)

“It is a lifetime experience to visit the Regional plant Resource Centre, particularly the rich collection of cacti. The green house is also very good. I am highly impressed by the tissue culture of so many important species particularly the metal tolerance for reclamation of mine spoils. The most outstanding feature is the dedication of the Director and his team of scientists working with a very limited grant position. I wish the Resource Centre all success and a place of pride in botanical world.

Professor R. S. Ambasht, FNA
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, (24.4.1995)

“Beautiful and excellent work. A pearl in the heart of wilderness. T. Culture is the future of Development of Agriculture and had to be immediately developed. Professor P. Das is doing a wonderful work and all the Orissa people has to recognize his work. We wish him all success and long and healthy life to continue this work.”

Mr. Eliahu Bezalel, Mrs. Miryam Moslow Shahar,
Israel (22.10. 1995)

“Impressed to find a so important research on the local resources and at this high Scientific level.”

Iman de Quarve, H. Van Peenester, Belgium
(22.10.1995)

“I am very proud to have had the occasion to see such outstanding horticultural work being carried out at your gardens. Your scientists have been very patient and kind in showing me a great variety of instrumentation and research projects.”

S. C. Kocheta, Mrs. Christine H Kocheta
Bisop's Startford (HERTS) U.K. (28.12. 1995)

“It is indeed most satisfying to see the excellent progress made by this Plant Resource Centre. Dr. Das has done a commendable job and we admire his dedication and commitment. This Centre is doing great service to the society by conserving useful flora of Orissa state. Also work on banana, bamboo, mangroves etc is of great practical relevance. Facilities being built are excellent and need further support for which we from the Indian Council of Agril. Research would extend all help.”

Dr. R. S. Paroda, Director General, ICAR,
New Delhi (13. 07. 1996)

“It was a stimulating experience to see the dedicated work of Prof. P. Das and his colleagues. The variety of cactus developed at the centre look like a page from paintings with nature putting

up its color combinations. The Centre needs to be fully supported by all nature lovers and Govt and non Govt organizations. I look forward to return to the centre to spend more time here. Good luck.”

Dr. Jagdish Narain, Former Vice-Chancellor,
Roorkee University, UP (20.7.1996)

“It is one of the best facility in the areas of germplasm collection. The work done in this centre is really a world class. This is achieved by the team of dedicated scientists under the leadership of Dr. Das. This centre needs more support for expansion of facility to undertake work of research, training and demonstration.”

Dr. P. K. Biswas, Planning Commission,
Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi (2.8.1996)

I would have missed the opportunity had I not come here today the day of leaving after 100 days of my stay at OUAT. I am not only fascinated, I am simply wonder struck to see the highly technical and at the same time so remarkable work being undertaken at this corner of India. I have visited only couple of nurseries attached to NBRI and one at Poona and one each in Denmark and USA and I can safely say under forest condition remarkable both in plant biotechnology and developing beautiful varieties of cacti, Dahlia and other garden plants and babana have been developed with very limited budget. I have no words for the untiring and innovative work of the unassuming Director Das to praise. In decades time the research and applied work is supreme.”

Professor R. C. Pathak, Professor, Microbiology.
Veterinary college, Mathura (6.2.1997)

“Fascinating and educative, a miracle of ingenuity and creativity. “I think that I shall never see/ A poem as a tree”.... or a cactus”.

Ganey Cole and Karuna Singh, US Information
Service, American Centre. (19. 2. 1997)

The work on cacti is fascinating and quite astounding in its science and beauty. Major contributions are being made in his tissue culture and even more so in mangroves. D for dedication, devotion and Das. A real labour of look.

Joseph Thomas, FNA, Director ,
SPIC Science Foundation, Madras, (21.3.1997)

I was extremely happy to have a chance to visit RPRC, Bhubaneswar and see that it has made remarkable achievements within a short span of time in creating an arboretum and establishing various types of facilities. The production of various types of cacti and banana etc are very impressive. The young colleagues in various departments are enthusiastic and Dr P Das’s energy will, I am sure achieve very important contributions to the conservation and improvement of plant life in India.

Professor P. V. Bole, Former President,
Bombay Natural History Society, (16.5.1997)

“It has been a privilege to visit RPRC and to meet Dr. Das and his colleagues, who have created this unique centre. Dr. Das had the foresight to build his scientific interests and create a thriving scientific community. I hope our Institute will be able to collaborate in the near future to a mutual benefit.”

Phil Jones, ICAR, Rothamsted,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 2JQ, UK (24.1.1997)

Congratulations Dr. Das on your impressive and varied achievements. We believe there is scope for collaboration on the DFID Rainfed Farming Projects in Eastern India with many of your ideas offering new opportunities to assist the rural poor.

Mike Wilson, Sr. Advisor, DFID,
British High Commission, New Delhi,(11. 12.1997)

“It is heartening to see the remarkable development and improvements in the Centre during the last a few years. This must be among the best centres for cactus diversity and development in the world. The centre has become ‘modern’ in terms of techniques and technology. It is able to stand on its own financially and scientifically. Clearly this is a reflective of the commitment and expertise and love that Prof Das has. I am sure the centre will spawn more Dases so that it will grow from strength to strength.”

Dr. D. Balasubramaniam, Director,
CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad (23.4.1998)

“I am very much impressed by the excellent Plant breeding work done in the centre. The tissue culture technology has great potential and should be fully developed and applied for the benefit of Agricultural development of Orissa.”

M. M. Rajendran, Governor, Orissa , (16.2. 2000)

“I am extremely happy to have visited the Regional Plant Resource Centre. My first impression was that it is an “Oasis” in the desert- so well maintained with an aesthetic sense, that to at a place which was wild and deserted. This speaks volumes about Dr Das’s scientific and managerial skills and his research future. It is rare to find people of Dr Das’s standing. The centre maintains one of the largest collection of cacti and in doing extremely good work in the conservation and collection of endangered plant species. I had the privilege of visiting the laboratories and discussing the projects with the scientists of the centre. It is heartening to see that the projects have a proper mix of basic and applied research. I am confident that in near future when the centre is fully grown, it will become a seat of learning and will serve both the science and community very effectively.”

Professor R. P. Sharma, Former Project Director
NRC, Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi, (23.3.2000)

“I am very happy to visit the centre several times. It has developed excellent facilities for research and development in plant tissue culture, conservation and propagation of plant germplasm. The Director and his colleagues most enthusiastic, hard working and sincere in their R & D effort.”

Dr RM Acharya, Former DDG, ICAR,

789, Sector-9 Faridabad, (18.8.2000)

“I am overwhelmed with the development of Tissue Culture in the Centre It is an excellent achievement for the agro-scientists of the country. Mr Das who has dedicated his life for this marvelous work deserves an heartiest congratulations. He deserves to be awarded with National awards like Padmashree, Padma Bhusan/ Padma Bibhusan for his dedicated work in the sphere of Tissue culture technology as exhibited in the centre.”

AK Singh, Chief Commissioner
Customs and Central Excise, Calcutta (21.2.2001)

“I am associated and acquainted with the activities of the RPRC, BBSR. I tell that all achievements of this premier institute are due to the untiring efforts of Prof P. Das. He worked with utmost devotion for the development of the Institution and taking on to the maps of India. It is something to feel proud of him.”

Dr PM Swamy, Emeritus Fellow, Dept. of Botany,
Sri Ventakateswar University, Tiupati (10.5.2001)

“May be new kakties will have Kazak name.”

Dr Gulnara Ismagulova, Kajak Academy of
Sciences, Kazakstan almaty (19.12.2001)

“RPRC is an island paradise. It is a Centre of Excellence par excellence.”

S.B. Mishra, Former Chief Secretary (3.2.2002)

“ Having known Dr. Premananda Das for over three decades, his creativity, research excellence and dynamic energy never cease to amaze me. With limited personal resources, he has been able to create an outstanding science Foundation and a research centre of great excellence. His commitment for national resources research and conservation for tribal and rural development has few equals. His outstanding contributions in this centre include biodiesel and filarial drugs. Dr Das’s work needs to be recognized and supported world over for the state’s tribal peoples benefit and also for longer public good.”

S. B. Mishra, Former Chief Secretary,
Govt of Odisha (7.6.2013)

“A quite unbelievable experience to have loved cacti for 30 years and then to discover such variety of new shape and colour was over whelming together with such gracious hospitality.”

Michael Fagg, 68 Chediston Street,
Halesworth, England. (28.10.2002)

“I am very much impressed with the work of Dr P. Das, his dedication and devotion in revealing the ancient concealed knowledge into light and applicability. Ayurveda being the heritage of India his work-mission is a good contribution in the noble cause of health care.”

Dr G. S. Lavekar, Director General, CCRAS
Ministry of Health, Govt. of India (1.7.2009)

“My visit with Dr. Das has been very informative and inspirational. His work and his Foundation to help tribals in Orissa is very commendable. I look forward to linking IFSSA with his seed valley to produce hybrid rice seed and other crops. Congratulations”.

Wayne H. Freeman, PO Box 251 Galtin burg,
TN 37738, USA (10.11.2009)

“My interaction with Prof. P Das started long back when he joined IIT Kharagpur, biotechnology Department in 2004. When we were interacting and discussing in different aspects of biological sciences, I used to wonder to see his analysis for the living system. We had worked together and how I am wondered to see the laboratory set up and the activities being carried out at this place. He is an extra ordinary scientist, a person of creation which once again he has proved with his this innovation and creation.”

Professor Rintu Banerjee Agricultural & Food
Engineering Dept, IIT, Kharagpur (23.9.2011)

My long association with Professor P. Das confirms his brilliant, extraordinary inherent talents, superb devotion and undaunted spirit has taken to greater and greater heights. It is creativity in the scientific field is unparalleled. Every iota of his products gone to the welfare of human beings in need and society at large”.

Professor Sodananda Torasia
Former Director (S & T) Govt of Orissa (8.11.2011)

“Associated with SFTRRD since its inception. I have witnessed steady growth of it. Its mission and mandate are quite laudable to not so fortunate tribals and rural poor through the science. Dr P. Das, the Director of the institute loves most Conservation and bio-prospecting of plant biodiversity. His research accomplishments in a short span of time are more than relevant to the cause he is committed to. Herbal solution to Filaria and bio-additives to enhance the efficacy of the diesel through discovery of not very much known species like Olax and Argemone are simply path breaking. I wish the institution and the Director all success in their mission of serving the poor.”

Professor E A Siddiq, Director,
Institute of Biotechnology, Hyderabad (13.12. 2011)

“I have been associated with Prof Das and his research activities since long. He is a very rare scientist always with innovative ideas in the area of plant sciences. His contribution in conserving plant biodiversity and in making it the livelihood security of tribal people in the biodiversity rich areas will be remembered for years to come. I wish him and his brainchild ‘SFTRRD’ all success in their research development goals”.

Professor E. A. Siddiq, Hyderabad, (7.3.2015)

“Excellent Research work is being done here. I am impressed about development of biofuel and antifilarial drugs.”

Professor B C Tripathy, Vice Chancellor,
Ravenshaw University, Cuttack (11. 1. 2012)

A visit to Professor Das's centre is always an educative experience. There is something or the other new every time. It is amazing to see the dedicated commitment of the highly energetic person that Prof Das is. He is full of ideas and the zeal to contribute something to the well being of the humanity. The excellent science that he and his group are doing is highly motivating. I salute him and extended all the best wish for his long, healthy and productive life.

Professor S.P. Vij. Professor Emeritus
Punjab University, Chandigarh (17.8.2012)

“This project is an excellent research experience. Developing in two fold, in one side is essential on medical science and on the other is supporting the sustainable development of jungle –tribal ones is one of the most pristine place of the planet (interim districts of Orissa-Koraput) in the respect of local cultural heritage-Excellent and highly strategic project.”

Stefano Begtora, Researcher University of
CA'FoSear, Venice, Italy (24.12.12)

“I am overwhelmed with the scope of work and achievement for the well being of the people through such researches as are exemplified in the work of this institution. I am sorry that I came to this institute of excellence so late in my life. I wish that people, scientists and policy makers are well acquainted with the achievements and possibilities in the future.”

L. K. Mahapatra, Former Vice Chancellor,
Utkal University Bhubaneswar, (10.1.2013)

“I am deeply impressed to see the kinds of work done by a person who is himself is an Institution, a true researcher in the many facet of Indian Medicinal Plants. I wish him every success and longevity of life.”

Professor V. K. Joshi, Professor of Dravyaguna,
IMS, BHU, Varanasi (6.11.2016)

“A symbol of scientific excellence, dedication and commitment”

Dr. M. R. Dinesh, Director, IIHR, Bengaluru,
Hessaraghatta Lake Post 80 (18.3. 2017)