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Former Director, Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi, U.P. Email address: naikps@yahoo.com, naikps1952@gmail.com Dr. Naik's research areas are genetics and plant biotechnology. He has developed, refined and integrated micropropagation for quality potato seed production. He has also developed a rapid and efficient *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* mediated genetic transformation technique in potato. Dr. Naik has developed and refined methodologies for in vitro and cryo-conservation Indian Potato Association Hand Book 57 of potato germplasm. He was also involved in development of potato variety Kufri Surya. He has a patent entitled 'Automated Hydroponic System for potato microtuber production' to his credit. Dr. Naik has received several awards which include; Hari Om Ashram Trust Award (1997-98), ICAR Award for Outstanding Team Research (2001-02) and Chaudhary Devi Lal Outstanding AICRP Award (2005). He has published over 140 research and popular articles, book chapters, bulletins etc.