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Introduction to this Special Issue

Welcome... You are reading the first issue of *BETTER CROPS-INDIA*, published by the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI). Following a similar style as our popular quarterly publication, *Better Crops with Plant Food*, this new publication is the result of considerable effort by the IPNI India Programme staff: Dr. K.N. Tiwari, Dr. T.N. Rao, and Dr. K. Majumdar. In these pages, you will learn of the many challenges and opportunities as well as the notable progress related to crop production, more balanced fertilisation, and best/beneficial management practices related to nutrient use in India. As outlined in the opening article by Dr. H.L.S. Tandon and Dr. Tiwari, much of the ability of the country to feed its growing population is due to the added productivity driven by improved fertiliser use. We at IPNI wish to congratulate and thank the many cooperators, researchers, government officials, farmers, industry representatives, and others who are working in a positive mode for progress.

— Dr. Terry L. Roberts,
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