

Awareness cum training programme on provisions of PPV and FR act 2001 and Review of *Mera gaon Mera Gaurav* initiative at ATARI-Zone V, Hyderabad

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An awareness cum training programme on the provisions of PPV and FR act 2001 was organized on the 28th March 2016 at the Agricultural Technology Application Institute-Zone 5, Hyderabad.

Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI-Zone 5, Hyderabad highlighted the importance of conservation of the traditional crop varieties and their registration. He informed the house that ATARI, Hyderabad is actively involved in the creation of awareness and training under the provisions of farmers rights under PPV and FR act 2001.



Dr. K.S. Varaprasad, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseed Research (IIOR), Hyderabad, spoke on the conservation of biodiversity and benefits that can be accrued to the society through conservation.

Dr. Vilas Tonapi, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, briefed about the PPV FR Act 2001 and the reiterated the need for registering crop varieties developed under the Act. Dr. N. Sudhakar, Ex-Director, Zonal

Project Directorate-Zone 5, addressed the group and shared his experiences. Detailed provisions of farmers rights under PPV and FR act 2001, was discussed by Dr. M Elangovan, Principal scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad.

Mr. KT Gavitt, *Devlimadi Jaiv Vidhata Sankalal Savaran Kendra*, Visarvadi, Tal. Navapur, Dist Nandurbar, explained the efforts made by the society in conservation of plant varieties in Tribal areas of Navapur taluka, Nandurbar district in Maharashtra.

Mr. Ramsingh Dudhalya Valvi, *Merali Jaiv Vidhata Sankalal Savaran Kendra*, Molgi, Tal: Akkalkuwa, Dist. Nandurbar, shared his experiences in conservation of plant varieties and their documentation in Tribal areas of Akkalkaua taluka, Nandurbar district in Maharashtra.

An interface meeting of nodal officers of ICAR research institutes with ATARI-Zone 5, Hyderabad was also conducted to review the progress and prepare an action plan for 2016-17.

A total of 75 scientists and farmers from Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Zone 5, nodal officers of *Mera Gaon Mera Gavrav* Programme of ICAR institutes located in Telengana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra participated in this programme.

Dr. Chari Appaji, and Dr. K Dattatri, Principal Scientists, ATARI Zone 5, Hyderabad coordinated the programmes.

(Submitted by ATARI, Hyderabad)