



19th Review Meeting of DUS Centres of PPVFR Authority

A meeting to review the progress and issues pertaining to DUS Test conducted by Southern Zone DUS Test Centres was convened on 22nd and 23rd May, 2023 at ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru. The meeting was inaugurated and chaired by Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFRA, Govt. of India and was attended by PIs and Co-PIs of 49 DUS Test Centres of Southern India, which are located in ICAR Institutes, SAUs and Other Central Government Bodies and Institutions. The progress of work along with the administrative

issues and future programmes of these centres covering 75 crop species was deliberated in consultation with crop experts and higher officials of ICAR Institutes and SAUs. The said meeting was attended by Dr. S.V. Suresha, VC, UAS, Bengaluru; Dr. R.C. Jagadeesh, VC,



KSNUAHS, Shivamogga; Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, former Chairperson, PPVFRA; Dr. S.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru; Dr. Dinesh K. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPVFRA; Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, former VC, UAS, Bengaluru; Dr. M.R. Dinesh, former Director, IIHR, Bengaluru and Dr. S. Uma, former Director, NRC on Banana,

Trichiy, among others. Dr. Mohapatra as Chair flagged a number of issues such as updation of reference collections, creation of digital database, mapping of farmers' varieties, reduction in pendency of DUS test reports, precision in conduction of DUS tests, use of modern ICT and molecular tools etc. He further elaborated upon the need for all DUS Test Centres to finish the tasks in a mission-mode at the earliest possible. A number of valuable suggestions were made by various experts during the course of discussion.





Two Certificates of Registration of Farmers' Varieties in Jackfruit were also handed over to the applicant farmers namely Sh. S.S. Paramesh and Sh. Shankariah by the Chairperson, PPVFRA in the presence of the dignitaries. The two days-long deliberation culminated with a Town Hall Session attended by all the dignitaries and participants, which was moderated by Dr. Dinesh K. Agarwal, Registrar-General, PPVFRA. The session included a number of burning issues related to revision and refinement of DUS Test procedures and guideline. The dignitaries also visited the CHES, Hirehalli of ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru to see the activities carried out on different fruit crops including Dragon fruit and jackfruit. The visit was co-ordinated by Dr. G. Karunakaran, Principal Scientist & I/c Head, CHES, Hirehalli, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. T.H. Singh, Principal Scientist & Nodal Officer, DUS Programme of ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru.


