

## **Report on Training-cum-Awareness Programme on PPV&FR Act, 2001 organized by ICAR-DFR, Pune in collaboration with PPV&FRA, New Delhi on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.**

A training-cum-awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001 was organized by ICAR-Directorate of Floricultural Research, Pune in collaboration with the Protection of Plants Varieties & Farmers Rights Authority, New Delhi at National Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (NIPHT) Talegaon Dabhade, Pune on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The programme was aimed to create awareness among the farmers about the importance of PPV&FR Act, 2001.

The programme was started with the welcome address by Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR, Pune. He stressed upon importance of protection of varieties in flower crops and the challenges faced by flower growers in India. Dr. D. K. Agarwal, Registrar General, PPV&FRA, New Delhi, during his inaugural speech, highlighted the importance of registration of plant varieties, farmer's rights and role of PPV& FRA in protection of farmer's varieties and rights. Dr. Vijay Mahajan, Director, ICAR-Directorate of Onion & Garlic Research (DOGR), Pune also addressed the gathering about the development of new varieties of Onion & Garlic. Dr. Agarwal, Registrar General, PPVFRA, New Delhi and Dr. K.V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-DFR responded to the various queries raised by the flower farmers. Shri R. S. Sengar, Deputy Registrar, PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi In-charge, Branch Office, Pune explained the role of Pune branch office in facilitation of registration of farmers varieties. Shri. Mukund Thakar a progressive farmer and Chairman of Pawana Flower Growers Association, Yelase, Tal-Maval, Dist-Pune highlighted the benefit of such awareness programs for the farmers. He also informed about importance of group farming and FPOs. Dr. Amarjeet Gupta, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Directorate of Onion & Garlic Research (DOGR) delivered talk on development DUS guidelines and testing in Onion and Garlic and about the varieties registered with PPV&FRA, New Delhi. Dr. Roshni Samarth, Senior Scientist, ICAR-National Research Institute for Grapes (NRCG) told about the steps involved in registration of farmer's varieties. Dr. Sujata TeTali, Scientist D, Agharkar Research Institute, Pune interacted with the farmers about the provisions on farmers' rights and filling of the application form. Dr. Anil K. Gaikwad, SRF, Pune Branch Office has made a presentation about PPVFR Authority and its activities in the local language. Dr. Ganesh B. Kadam, Senior Scientist ICAR-DFR, Pune delivered talk on farmer's varieties and various challenges faced by farmers in cultivation of protected varieties.

About 100 participants including progressive farmers, exporters, scientist and students attended the awareness programme. Various issues of protection of plant varieties were thoroughly discussed and decided to encourage farmers for registration of varieties developed by them.



Address by Chief Guest, Dr. D. K. Agarwal, Registrar General, PPV&FRA, New Delhi



Release of publication during programme



Visit to poly-houses at NIPHT, Talegaon



Participants during awareness-cum-training programme



Visit to flower packaging and storage unit



Discussion with farmers on challenges faced in export of flowers