



Training-Cum Awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 for the farmers of Madhya Pradesh on 25.09.2024 at Plant Authority Bhawan



A training-cum-awareness programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001 was organized in collaboration with CATAT, ICAR-IARI New Delhi on 25th February, 2024 at Training Hall of the Plant Authority Bhawan, New Delhi for the farmers of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The training programme started with the welcome of the



farmers and dignitaries. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Agarwal, Registrar-General, PPVFR Authority welcomed the Chairperson, PPVFRA, Dr. T. Mohapatra and in his introductory address he highlighted about the organization of the first training programme for the farmers in the new office building, Plant Authority Bhawan, New Delhi. He appealed to the farmers to come forward for filing of application to

register their varieties and avail the other benefits of the farmer's rights under the PPVFR Act, 2001.

Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFR Authority, New Delhi in his inaugural address highlighted the role of farmers in conservation of land races and the importance of biodiversity conservation in achieving the sustainable development goals.



He emphasized on branding of farmers' varieties and building market linkage to take full advantage of their special traits such as higher level of micro-nutrients and unique tastes after their protection by way of registration with PPVFR Authority.

Sh. Uma Kant Dubey, Deputy Registrar made a presentation on various provisions under PPVFR Act, 2001 and highlighted the importance of traditional varieties and the need to protect those according to the legal framework provided under the Act.



Dr. Ravi Prakash, Technical Consultant, PPVFRA made a presentation and elaborated on various provisions of the farmers' rights under the Act 2001, and explained about filling the application for registration of farmers' variety. During the interaction and sharing of experience, the resource farmers spoke about the varieties maintained by the farmers and thanked the PPVFRA for organizing such programme for the benefit of the farmers. He expressed his

happiness to get the opportunity to attend the short training. The Programme ended with the vote of thanks to the farmers and to CATAT, ICAR-IARI for bringing the farmers for awareness and training at the PPVFR Authority.

