

## Signing of MOU between ICAR-NCIPM and a private company

An MOU was signed between ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi and Draslovka Services India Pvt Ltd (DSI) on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The objective of the MOU is to test the chemicals against stored food grain and timber insects. Phosphine is the only fumigant registered in India after phasing out of methyl bromide as per Montreal Protocol, which India is signatory to. Exposing stored grain insects to single molecule may lead to resistance, as per the reports. The multi-locational data generated in the proposed activity may be used for registration with CIBRC. In this Study ICAR institutes NBAIR Bangalore, IIPR Kanpur, and CAFRI Jhansi, will be working with NCIPM, the lead centre. Dr. Subhash Chandar, Director, NCIPM and DSI mutually exchanged the MOU signed copies. On this occasion, Dr SK Singh, Incharge-PME, Sh SP Singh, CTO, and Dr. Sumitra Arora, Principal scientist and Project Leader of the project, along with Mr Jaswant Singh, Administrative officer and Mr Mangal Singh, FAO were present with Mr Ramesh Pingale, representative of DSI and Mr Vedant, legal adviser of the company.

