

ICAR Sponsored Winter School “Integrated Pest management: A way Forward for Food Safety, security and Sustainability” Inaugurated

ICAR- Sponsored Winter School on ‘Integrated Pest management: A way Forward for Food Safety, Security and Sustainability’ was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Hon’ble Dr. T.R. Sharma, DDG (CS), ICAR, and New Delhi on 9th January, 2023. The Chief Guest his inaugural address stressed upon the need for capacity building related to various aspects of IPM for its effective dissemination in the country. Guest of Honors, Dr. P.K. Ghosh, Director, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, flagged the importance of integration for abiotic and biotic stress management for maintaining the crop productivity, Dr. S.C. Dubey, ADG (PP& BS), ICAR, New Delhi stressed on adoption of ‘Good Agricultural Practices’ and assessment of yield losses due to biotic stresses through survey and surveillance and Dr. S.N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru highlighted the importance of biological control for success of IPM programs. The session also addressed the issue of ‘International year of Millets-2023’ and introductory speech was delivered in the session by Dr. C.V. Ratnavathi, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet research, Hyderabad, highlighting the nutritional value of millets in the diet. The dignitaries were welcomed by Dr. Subhash Chander, Director, ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi, who laid emphasis on the need for inter-institutional and interdisciplinary collaboration to achieve the aspiration of plant protection in India. Dr. Mukesh Sehgal, course Director, Winter School gave preamble of the programme and delivered formal vote of thanks.

