

Research Advisory Committee Meeting

The 20th Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting of the ICAR-National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management (NCIPM), Pusa, New Delhi was held during 13-14 July 2021 through virtual mode. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Chairman, RAC, Dr. U. S. Sharma, Ex- Vice Chancellor MPUAT, Udaipur, and Rajasthan. All the members of the RAC, Dr. Prem Shanker Singh, Professor & Head, BHU, Varanasi, Dr. A. K. Sharma, Ex-Director, ICAR-NBAIM, Mau, Dr. R. K. Walia, Ex-Project Coordinator, ICAR-AICRP (Nematodes), New-Delhi, Dr. Anil Dixit, Joint Director, School of Crop Health Biology Research, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur, Dr.(Mrs) Usha Ahuja, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NCAP, New Delhi, Dr. S. C. Dubey, ADG (PP&B), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, Farmer representatives Shri Dharampal Singh ji from Shamli and Shri Ram Kumar ji from Agra, UP and all the scientists and technical officers of ICAR- NCIPM, New Delhi attended the meeting.

The Director, NCIPM welcomed the Chairman and all the members of the RAC, followed by his presentation on the highlights of the research work and other activities carried out at NCIPM during 2020-21. He encapsulated all five thematic areas, projected futuristic scope and emphasized on natural enemy conservation, e-pest surveillance and networking with different ICAR institutes, State Agricultural Departments, KVK, DPPQ&S and other organizations to expand the area under IPM. The Chairman, Dr. U. S. Sharma in his opening remarks appreciated the work carried out by ICAR-NCIPM and highlighted that agriculture is the backbone of Indian economy as well as social structure and the area of plant protection is pivotal in not only maintaining the production and productivity, but also augmenting it. He bring to the fore that in the last year, we have experienced and generated ways and means to formulate effective strategies befitting our agriculture and adoptable by the farmers and this is the right platform where we can discuss the challenges and problems on account of Covid-19 faced by our scientists and farmers. Dr. S. C. Dubey, Assistant

Director General (PP & BS), ICAR appreciated the work of NCIPM and he turned the spotlight on need to re-design the roadmap and action plan to disseminate and popularize the IPM technologies to the farmers of country on a large scale and in case of collaborations, role of each partner has to be clearly defined. He also recommended that some basic work also needs to be done specifically on biocontrol agent product registration and development of formulations. Action Taken Report on the previous RAC meeting presented by the Dr. Ajanta Birah, member secretary and was discussed point-wise and approved by the committee. The highlights of achievements of the projects taken up during 2020-21 under different programmes (I to V) along with action taken report for RAC for the year 2020 were presented by the team/programme leaders. Chairman and members of RAC had interactions after each presentation and offered their suggestions and remarks for improvement and betterment of the research projects. Chairman highly appreciated the achievements and outcome of various research projects at ICAR-NCIPM. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and Hon'ble Members of the RAC by Member Secretary.

