



**Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA), New Delhi participated in a special session on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights organized during Annual Zonal Review Meeting of KVKs of Zone-IV on 31.08.2024**



Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Patna invited Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA) to participate in a special session on Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 at Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour, Bihar.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFRA chaired the session. Dr. U.S. Gautam, Deputy Director General, Agricultural Extension ICAR was present as the Chief Guest. The session was also



attended by Dr. Dinesh K. Agarwal, Registrar-General, PPVFRA, Dr. Anjani Kr. Singh, Director, ATARI Patna, Dr. P.K. Chakraborty, Ex-Member ASRB, Dr. Sain Das, Ex-Director, Indian Institute of Maize Research, Ludhiana, Dr. R. K. Sohane, Director, Director Extension Education of Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour, Dr. R. K. Singh, Deputy Director Extension Education of BAU, Sabour. The programme was also attended by the Heads and Scientists of 68 KVKs of Zone-IV from the states of Jharkhand and Bihar. A good number of farmers also participated in the event. The guests were accorded a warm welcome to this special session by Dr. R. K. Sohane, Director, Extension Education, Sabour in his welcome address, highlighted the vast agro-biodiversity available in the State of Bihar and presented

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the extension activities and achievements of the university to the august gathering. Dr. Dinesh K. Agarwal, Registrar-General, PPVFRA highlighted the importance of mapping and registration of farmers varieties of the region. He gave a detailed presentation on PPVFR Act, 2001, establishment and functioning of the authority, farmers rights, and farmers varieties & their registration process. He exhorted all the heads and scientists of KVKs and the ATARI, Patna to take an initiative in



collaboration with PPVFRA to map and facilitate the registration of farmers varieties of their region. He assured KVKs and ATARI, Patna of full technical

and financial cooperation from PPVFRA in this activity. Dr. U.S. Gautam, Chief Guest of this session welcomed the initiative taken by PPVFRA for close collaboration with Extension Division to address the important issue of registration of farmers varieties. He emphasized on the need to strictly adhere to the work plan decided during the interface meeting of PPVFRA and



Extension Division of ICAR. He further assured full cooperation from Extension Division of ICAR HQ and ATARIs to fulfil the goal of mapping and registration of farmers varieties of the country.

Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFRA in his presidential remarks profusely thanked the hosts, BAU, Sabour & ATARI Patna and Dr. U.S. Gautam, DDG Extension for organizing special session on registration of farmers varieties during the zonal workshop. Dr. T. Mohapatra in his remarks, highlighted the benefits involved in registration of farmers varieties and exhorted the farmers present in the event to come forward to get their varieties protected with PPVFRA. He called upon the Heads and Scientists of KVKs to make



special efforts towards mainstreaming of farmers' varieties by helping in

creation of marketing channels and also the conservation and seed



production of these varieties through establishment of Community Seed Banks. On this occasion a number of applications of farmers varieties (more than 100) were also submitted to Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFRA. An exhibition on Agro-biodiversity of the region and commercialisation

of traditional products organized at the occasion was also inaugurated by him.



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