



**Training cum Awareness programme on PPVFR Act, 2001 organized at ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023**



A Training cum Awareness programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 was organized jointly by the ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore and the PPVFR Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi at Coimbatore on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 for the benefit of farmers, students, research

scholars, and scientific personnel. The inaugural programme was presided over by Dr. G. Hemaprabha, Director, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore. Shri Raj Ganesh, Legal Officer, PPVFR Authority, New Delhi and Mrs. R. Rajalakshmi, Advocate (IPR) and Heads of Division, Heads of Section, Administrative Officers and Finance and Account Officers of ICAR-SBI graced the inaugural function. The programme got overwhelming response. Though initially the number of participants was restricted to 100, due to requests from different stakeholders, finally 170 participants were enrolled. Dr. S. Alarmelu, Principal Scientist, & PI- DUS Project, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore welcomed the gathering and introduced the speakers. Dr. G. Hemaprabha, in her inaugural address, gave a brief account of the genesis, importance and benefits of the PPVFR Act, 2001 for the farmers and researchers. She emphasized the value of conserving traditional varieties, encouraged participation of women farmers in biodiversity related meetings and programmes. Mrs R. Rajalakshmi, Advocate gave a lecture on the Intellectual Property Rights and their importance in agriculture and allied sectors. Shri Raj Ganesh, Legal Officer, PPVFR Authority, in his address to the participants, highlighted the need of PPVFR Act, 2001 and various provisions of the Act. Dr. R. Karuppaiyan, Principal Scientist, ICAR-SBI and Nodal Officer, DUS Projects, delivered a talk on the Plant Breeders' rights and Farmers' rights envisaged under the Act. Dr. S. Alarmelu, Principal Scientist, in her talk highlighted various provisions of the PPVFR Act, 2001 and successful implementation of the Act in India. Dr. K. Rathinavel, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Centre, Coimbatore spoke on Registration Process of Farmer's Varieties and Extant Varieties under the PPVFR Act, 2001 and DUS guidelines in Cotton. A field visit to the DUS testing facility at Sugarcane-ICAR SBI Coimbatore was organized and overseen by Dr. V. Sreenivasa, PI-DUS Project, Agali Centre.



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