INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PULSES AT BHOPAL

ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR), Kanpur and Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development are jointly organizing an International Conference on “Pulses as the Climate Smart Crops : Challenges and Opportunities” in Bhopal during February 10-12, 2020 to deliberate on various issues associated with pulses research.

Dr TR Sharma, Dy. Director General (CS) ICAR was the Chief Guest on the function. On this occasion, Dy. Director General ICRISAT, Dr Kiran Sharma, Dy. Director General, ICARDA, Dr Jacques Wery, were among the eminent delegates. More than 400 scientists and research scholars from different areas of pulses research have been invited to participate in this event. Dr N.P. Singh, Director IIPR and Chairman, Local Organizing Committee welcomed the honorable guests& participants.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest congratulated the pulse scientists for achieving an all time record production of pulses. He urged the scientists to work for the all round benefit of the farmers. On this occasion, he admired the research works of the IIPR scientists, expressed his views on the research advancements in achieving the self sufficiency and nutritional security in pulses in the country. Moreover he added that the farmers ought to be partners in various research based programmes and this research if applied on their fields, will surely give better results.

Dr N.P. Singh, Director IIPR, briefed about the activities going on the institute as well as centre levels. He informed that the various projects under National programmes have been successful. In the last few years, research and development activities of the institute have been
further strengthened towards increasing productivity which has resulted in all time high production of pulses i.e.25.23 million ton which has been a record. Moreover he gave a presentation before the delegates as well on this occasion. During the function, various publications were released a book titled Pulses Production in India written by IIPR Director Dr N.P. Singh and others. On this occasion, PulsExpert, a very useful Mobile App for Pulse Crops prepared by Principal Scientist Dr Devraj Mishra in collaboration with TCS was also released by the chief guest. Several awards too were given on this occasion. Dr PN Behl was given ISPRD Lifetime Achievement Award 2020, Dr Ashutosh Sarker, Dr Kiran K Sharma, Dr Om Gupta, Dr Sushil Kumar Singh were given ISPRD Excellence Award 2020, Dr GP Dixit, Dr Gaurav Kumar Taggar, Dr CS Prahlaj, Dr Uma Sah were given ISPRD Recognition Award & Dr AK Parihar was given ISPRD Young Scientist Award. Dr Pooran Gaur was given ISPRD Honorary Fellowship. Dr P.K. Katiyar, Organising Secretary offered the vote of thanks to all the esteemed guests and participants. The programme was conducted by Principal Scientists Dr Aditya Pratap, Meenal Rathore and Uma Sah.

Celebrating the World Pulses Day, a Farmer-Scientist Interaction Meet was also organized at IIPR Regional Centre Phanda Bhopal which was also chaired by Dr TR Sharma, Dy. Director General (CS) ICAR as Chief Guest wherein Pulse scientists addressed to the problem of farmers in the programme organized by Dr Archana Singh, PS & In Charge IIPR Regional Station, Phanda Bhopal.