

Dr. Mohapatra Inaugurated the Joint Annual Group Meeting (34th AGM of AICRP-NSP Crops & 14th ARM of ICAR-Seed Project) & 22nd Annual Breeder Seed Review Meeting held at CCSHAU, Hisar, Haryana on 07th April, 2019

The joint 34th Annual Group Meeting of AICRP-NSP (Crops), 14th Annual Review Meeting of ICAR-Seed Project & 22nd Annual Breeder Seed Review Meeting is being organized by ICAR-IISS, Mau in collaboration with CCSHAU, Hisar from 07th -09th, April-2019. Inaugural session was graced by Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, Dr. T. Mohapatra as the Chief Guest. Shri. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary (Seeds), DAC & FW, MoA & FW and Dr. D. K. Yadava, ADG (Seed), ICAR, New Delhi, Director of Research, Dean and faculty members of CCSHAU, Hisar and Directors from ICAR institutes were also present on the occasion. The joint inaugural session was attended by nearly 170 delegates from various AICRP-NSP (Crops) and ICAR-Seed Project centres. At the outset, Dr. Dinesh K. Agarwal, Director (Acting), ICAR-IISS, Mau appraised about the progress made by AICRP-NSP (Crops) and ICAR Seed Project. Dr. D. K. Yadava, ADG (Seed), outlined the role played by AICRP-NSP (Crops) and ICAR Seed Project in catalyzing the seed production and research in the country. Shri. Ashwani Kumar, JS (Seed), DAC & FW, highlighted to deploy effective mechanism for promotion of new varieties in different platforms and need to focus for increasing the export of quality seed.

In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Dr. T. Mohapatra emphasized to develop a Self-Sustaining Seed System through channelization of Revolving Fund Scheme that addresses the issues of seed production, processing and storage and affordability of quality seed to the local farmers. He also emphasized to take-up cutting edge Seed Technology research keeping the global developments in view to make the seed programme more competitive globally. Dr. Mohapatra also chaired the Annual Breeder Seed Review Meeting (ABSRM) and reviewed the status, shortfalls and non-lifting issues in breeder seed production during *Rabi* 2017-18 and *Kharif*-2018.



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