

## **Director General Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra inaugurates ICAR-Indian Institute of Seed Science Regional Station Building**

ICAR-IISS Regional Station building at GKVK Campus, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru was inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> February-2019 by Dr. T. Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & DG ICAR. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. T. Mohapatra exhorted the centre to play a prominent role in seed sector at global level in imparting technical know-how of seed production and strengthening the competency skills through capacity building programmes. Besides, he emphasized to chalk out an action plan to conserve the local landraces to cater the needs of local seed demand. He further asked seed scientists to come forward and help in preparing seed rolling plans for southern states.

At the onset, Dr. Dinesh K Agarwal, Director (Acting), ICAR-IISS, Mau outlined the programme and activities of the regional station. Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru and Dr. D. K. Yadava, ADG (Seed) present at the occasion deliberated on issues of breeder and quality seed production in the country and future prospects.

Dr. S. Bhaskar, ADG (AAF&CC), ICAR and Dr. H. Shivanna, Ex. Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru also extended their best wishes to the centre. The inauguration ceremony was attended by a good number of CPWD, University and ICAR officials including Directors of Bengaluru based ICAR institutes.



