

## ICAR-IARI Organized CAFT Training on Smart Biocontrol Strategies for Sustainable Plant Disease Management

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Three weeks long (Feb. 19-March 11, 2026) CAFT training programme “**Smart Biocontrol Strategies for Sustainable Plant Disease Management**” concluded on a high note with the valedictory program held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi.

Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, in his Chief Guest address conveyed his satisfaction with the feed-back from the participants for successful organization of meticulously planned training programme.

Dr Rao emphasized the strengthening of biocontrol strategies through cutting edge technologies for sustainable crop protection system keeping in view One Health Mission. He advised the participants to use the gained knowledge/skills to address the challenges of crop losses due to diseases.

Dr Anupama Singh, Dean and Joint Director Education highlighted the identification of key challenges of plant diseases under present scenario and emphasized the quality of biopesticides for effective and sustainable eco friendly disease management.

Dr M. S. Saharan, Head, Plant Pathology conveyed the gratitude to the Education Division of ICAR for providing the opportunity to the Plant Pathology Division of IARI to conduct the training programme.

Dr. Lakshman Prasad, Principal Scientist coordinated the training programme with Dr. Deeba Kamil and Dr Vaibhav Kumar Singh. Faculty of division, research scholars and students also attended the valedictory session.

Eighteen scientists / Assistant Professors (12 male and 6 female) from different ICAR institutes / SAU's of 11 different states received certificates for successful completion of the training programme from Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi.



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