

ICAR-IARI Organized CAFT Training on Emerging Plant Disease Management

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Three weeks long (Feb. 28-March 20, 2025) CAFT training programme “**Advances in Detection & Management of Emerging Plant Diseases of National Importance**” concluded on a high note with the valedictory program held on 20th March 2025 at Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR- IARI, New Delhi.

Dr Seema Jaggi, Assistant Director General (HRD), ICAR New Delhi, Chief Guest conveyed her satisfaction with the feed-back from the participants for successful organization of meticulously planned training programme. She appreciated the efforts of the organizers, resource persons, participants for making the CAFT training program a grand success and advised the participants to use the gained knowledge/skills to address the challenges of emerging diseases through cutting age technologies.

Dr P. S. Brahmanand, Project Director, Water Technology Centre, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi in his address highlighted the importance of use of new tools in detection and management of plant diseases for ensuring food security. He also emphasized the multidisciplinary approach for sustainable management of plant diseases of economic importance. Dr Brahmanand praised the well-structured program, the expertise of the resource persons and the practical exposure provided during the training.

Dr M. S. Saharan, Head, Plant Pathology and Course Director 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. V. Shanmugam and Dr. Anirban Roy, Course Coordinators provided a comprehensive report of the key activities organized during the training programme. Participants shared their valuable feedback on the training programme, expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge technologies and their applications in management of plant diseases.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Kajal K Biswas, Principal Scientist and the course coordinator, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, resource persons, all the staff and most importantly the participants for making the event a grand success. A total of 16 scientists / Assistant Professors (12 male and 4 female) from nine different states successfully completed the training programme.



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