

Orientation course on IPM for *KVKs* of Zone-IV at BAU, Ranchi

Orientation course on “IPM on important agricultural and horticultural crops of Bihar and Jharkhand” for *KVKs* of Zone-IV was jointly conducted at Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi by ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi and ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application and Research Institute (ATARI), Patna from 26 to 28 February, 2019.

Training was inaugurated by Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice-Chancellor, BAU, Ranchi and Dr. H.R. Sardana, Director ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi. Other dignitaries present on the dais were Dr. J. Orian, Joint Director (Extension), Dr. D.N. Singh, Joint Director (Research), Dr. Mukesh Sehgal Training Coordinator and Manoj Choudhary, Training Coordinator of ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi.

Dr. H.R Sardana during his inaugural message emphasized on use of eco-friendly crop management IPM packages. He also requested the fields *KVK* functionaries to promote validated IPM technology developed by NCIPM for different agricultural and horticultural crops for the benefit of farmers at grass root level. Dr. Parvinder Kausal advised *KVK*'s plant protection personnel to incorporate IPM technology in their trails and educate farmers to avoid injudicious use of pesticides. Dr. Mukesh Sehgal, emphasized the need of IPM training programme.

During this programme, a publication on “**Orientation course for IPM on important agricultural and horticultural crops of Bihar and Jharkhand**” was also released.

Valedictory session was chaired by Dr. A.K. Singh, Director ICAR-ATARI, Patna. Dr. Singh stressed on need to update the knowledge on IPM, timely and effective dissemination of IPM among famers for increasing crop productivity.

This training programme was attended by 30 field functionaries of the *KVKs* and progressive famers.

