

Eminent entomologist Dr. Subhash Chander appointed as Director of ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi

On 03.12.2020, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi announced the appointment of Dr. Subhash Chander as a new Director of ICAR-National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi.

Dr. Subhash Chander, graduated from from the Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Palampur (Himachal Pradesh), Post graduate and doctoral degree holder in Entomology with Gold medals from ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. He joined ICAR as Agricultural Research Service Scientist at Division of Entomology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi in the year 1991.

Prior to his current appointment, he was the Professor of Division of Entomology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and also an eminent Rice entomologist working at the Division of Entomology, ICAR-IARI. Dr. Subhash Chander has contributed to the development and validation of the InfoCrop model for simulating crop-pest interactions, development of insect population simulation models, climate change impact assessment on pests and pest management adaptations to climate change. He has also devised sequential sampling plans and established economic injury levels (EILs) for rice, wheat, and mustard pests; determined multi-species EILs for rice pests; carried out agro-ecological zoning of stem borer and planthopper incidence in rice using pest-weather models and GIS; developed spectral signatures for rice pests using remote sensing techniques. Till date he has guided 16 Ph.D. and 05 M.Sc. Students at the Division of Entomology, ICAR - IARI. He is famous as students Professor, friendly mentor, and humble human being among young researchers in Agricultural Sciences.

Dr. Subhash Chander has handled 14 external funded projects and 15 in-house projects of IARI till date and he is a prolific writer and published 150+ research papers, 50+ book chapters and also delivered 50 invited lectures in

various national and international conferences and symposia, given 90+ training lectures in different institutes and SAUs and also attended 50+ TV and Radio talks on various aspects of agricultural science and entomology in particular. He is known for his simplicity and working with farmers at the field level.

Dr. Subhash Chander is the Joint Secretary of the Entomological Society of India and also chaired various national level committees of ICAR. He was honoured with prestigious awards such as ICAR Bharat Ratna Dr. C. Subramaniam Award (2014) for outstanding teachers, Sukumar Basu Memorial award (2009-2010), Dr. Krishna Mohan Singh memorial award (2013-2015) and IARI Best Teacher Award (2007).

The ICAR – NCIPM wholeheartedly welcomes Dr. Subhash Chander to the institute and wish him all the best for his future endeavor.