

## **A brief report on One-Day Awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights (PPV&FR) Act, 2001 on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Gola, Ramgarh, Jharkhand**

ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Farming Systems Research Centre for Eastern Hill and Plateau Region, Ranchi organized One-Day Awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights (PPV&FR) Act, 2001 on **14<sup>th</sup> June 2022** in association with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ramgarh of ICAR RCER, Patna at Gola, Ramgarh, Jharkhand. **Ninty six farmers** from Gola participated in this awareness programme with a huge participation by female farmers.



**Huge participation of farmers in One day Awareness programme on PPV&FRA**

**Dr Dushyant Kumar Raghav, Head, KVK**, welcomed all the guests and described the importance of KVK and ICAR system for awareness generation among the farmers regarding the Plant Variety Protection and Registration. He explained how this act provides an effective system for the protection of plant varieties and rights of farmers. He also mentioned that out of twenty four applications received from the farmers during 2015, one application has been accepted by PPV&FRA for further process.

**Dr. Bhavana Patnayakuni, Member, Institute Technology Management Unit, ICAR RCER and PI of NAIF Component-I** said that farmers can also get monitory benefit on registration of their plant varieties as this will lead to commercialization by seed companies. She also explained the process of registration of Farmers' varieties and the various awards instituted by PPV&FRA for farmer's recognition. Farmers' role in conservation of land races and wild relatives in times of climate change was also emphasized.



**Keen attention of the participants during Awareness programme on PPV&FRA**

**Shri. Dhananjay Kumar**, Technical Officer, ICAR RCER FSRCHPR, Ranchi gave some aspects of vegetable cultivation especially pointed gourd cultivation in Gola region. **Shri Dharmjeet Kumar**, BTM, ATMA, Gola provided information on various government sponsored schemes. He also explained about the various rice varieties/hybrids suitable for different land classes for the current kharif season in Jharkhand. Progressive farmer **Shri Vijay Ojha** shared his experiences in farming.



**Shri Dhananjay Kumar, Technical Officer delivering the speech**

The speaker of the awareness programme, **Dr Arun Kumar Singh, Head (Act.), ICAR RCER FSRCHPR, Ranchi** shared his views on the farmer's rights and provided the information on the mechanism of registration of plant varieties. He further mentioned that this act provides an opportunity for the farmers to protect their own variety which are unique and have stable performance over a period of time. Dr. Singh in his speech mentioned that for the purposes of registration and development, Government of India has established an authority named as Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, situated at New Delhi and ICAR RCER is an authorized to receive application for new plant variety for this region. He also provided many examples to the local farmers to understand these criteria.



**Dr A. K. Singh, Head (Act.) interacting with the participants**



The programme concluded with formal Vote of Thanks by Dr Dushayat Kumar Raghav.