

## Training-Cum Awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 And Agrobiodiversity Exhibition at Chilpi Ghati, Kaverdha, Chattisgarh



## Field Visit to orchids farm at Ambica Biotech Raipur

Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFR Authority, New Delhi accompanied by Dr. Girish

Chandel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGKV Raipur visited Ambica Biotech, Tarra village, Raipur to see the Orchid cultivation and management of the Nursery. Dr. D.K. Agarwal, Registrar General, Dr Ravi Prakash, Technical Consultant, of the PPVFR Authority, New Delhi and Dr. Deepak Sharma, Prof. & Head G&PB, IGKV Raipur, were



also part of the team. Mr and Mrs Choudhary explained the maintenance of Orchid plants



and management of supply chain. More than ten popular varieties of Orchids are being grown under protected condition. The cut flowers are being supplied to the local buyer and also to the other part of the country. In addition to Orchid farming, a unit for processing of charcoal and vinegar from wood and other agri - wastes was shown along with the products being supplied to the

farmers to enrich the soil health.

## Meeting with the His Excellency Governor of Chhattisgarh

A courtesy visit was paid to His Excellency Shri Biswabhusan Harichandan, Governor of Chhattisgarh on 20th July, 2024 afternoon. Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, Dr. D.K. Agarwal, Registrar General, of the PPVFR Authority, New Delhi along with Dr. Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Deepak Sharma, Prof. & Head G&PB, IGKV Raipur, met Hon'ble Governor at



Governor House. Dr Mohapatra briefed about the activities of the Authority and



explained the importance of PPVFRA for registering varieties and protection of farmers' Rights. booklet on Farmers Rights published by PPVFRA was also presented. His Excellency appreciated the work of the Authority specially the registration of Farmers Varieties and advised to conduct the awareness program in every part of the country especially in the tribal dominated

areas where tribal farmers are still dependent on local varieties and land races. He also agreed to the request to grace the program on protection of plant varieties and farmers rights to be organized in near future in Chhattisgarh.

## Participation in the Awareness Programme and Agrobiodiversity Exhibition

A training-cum-awareness Programme and Agro-biodiversity Exhibition was organized

on 21st July, 2024 in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi Krishi Viswavidhalya, Raipur in the Auction hall of Van Vibhag at Chilpi Ghati, Kabirdham District, Chattisgarh. The programme started with the welcome address by Dr. Deepak Sharma, Prof. & Head G&PB, IGKV Raipur. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Technical Consultant, PPVFRA elaborated on the various provisions of the farmers rights and process of registration of Farmers varieties. During the



interaction and sharing of experience the PGSC Awardee farmers Shri Shiv Kumar



Chandravansi, Karvadha, highlighted the difficulties being faced by the farmers in carrying out conservation activities and requested for financial support for the gene bank and in-situ conservation. Dr S.R.K. Singh, Director, **ICAR** Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, ATARI - Jabalpur, M.P., highlighted the importance traditional varieties and informed that ATARI and KVKs this Zone will work together towards conservation and registration of these varieties.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Agarwal, Registrar-General, of the PPVFR Authority in his special address highlighted various provisions under the PPVFR Act, 2001 and appealed to the farmers to come forward for filing of application to register their varieties and avail the other



benefits of the farmers rights under the PPVFR Act, 2001.

Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, of the



PPVFR Authority, New Delhi in his address as Chief Guest highlighted the role of farmers particularly in tribal areas, in conservation of traditional varieties and land races. He shared the importance of protection of farmers' varieties in realization of benefits following commercialization and creation of value chain. He cited the example of Jackfruit farmer of Karnataka State.

The program was attended by more than 100 farmers, students from nearby school, Gram Pradhan of Chilipi Ghati, representatives of KVKs, officer from state Agriculture department of Chhattisgarh and members of the Kabirdhaam Krishak Kalyan Samooh Dhawaipaani, Chilphi ghati. During the function 88 applications





on rice varieties from Dhanwantari Vidha Seva Sansthan, Jagdalpur and 86 applications of rice, millets, pulses, oil seeds, vegetable and meditational plants from Kabirdham Krishak Kalyan Samooh, Dhawaipaani were also submitted. An exhibition was arranged where traditional varieties of rice and vegetable crops were displayed by the farmers. Programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Tripathi, Program coordinator, KVK, Kabirdham District, Chhattisgarh.













