

## **ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING OF AINP ON VERTEBRATE PEST MANAGEMENT ORGANIZED AT PJTSAU, TELANGANA**

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Annual Review Meeting of All India Network Project on Vertebrate Pest Management was organized from 22 to 23 September, 2023 at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad. The Meeting was presided by Dr. M. Venkata Ramanna, Registrar, PJTSAU, Hyderabad. Dr. S.C. Dubey, Assistant Director General (PP&B), ICAR was the Chief Guest and Dr. P. Raghu Rami Reddy, Director of Research, PJTSAU, Hyderabad was Guest of Honour. The meeting was attended by about 50 delegates from various parts of country. Dr. P. Raghu Rami Reddy, welcome all the participants to the meeting and show his gratitude to ICAR for choosing the university as the venue for this prestigious review meeting. Dr. Vipin Chaudhary, Network Coordinator presented the progress report of the project, wherein he specifically emphasized upon the constraints faced for the management of these animals, since most of the animals are protected by Wildlife Act, 1972. The preventive measures developed for the protection of crops from these animals needs regular refinement, as being developed animals they acclimatized to any measures in know time. In his Inaugural address, Dr. Dubey, ADG (PP&B) and chief guest appreciated the efforts of Coordinator and express his satisfaction on the progress made by the project. He emphasized the need for close cooperation among the various Institutes of Crop Science and advised that the technology developed for vertebrate pest management should be transferred to all the ICAR institutes. The services of KVKs may also be utilised for effective transfer of technologies. Dr. M. Venkata Ramana in his address also appreciated the efforts of the Project and expressed satisfaction on the progress made so far. He opined that pests you are dealing with are intelligent and protected, therefore concerted efforts from the project is needed for their management. The dignitaries released the various publications of the project. Inaugural function ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. V. Ravinder Reddy, PI & Principal Scientist.

The progress made by different centers during the period was presented in various Technical Sessions held from 22 to 23, September by Principal Investigators of the respective centers. A separate session of collaborating Institutes and Industry was kept. In the plenary session a thorough discussion on the output of the Project along with various recommendations and future technical program was made.

Photos



Dignitaries Inaugurating the Meeting



Release of publications



Technical Session in progress