



ICAR-INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PULSES RESEARCH Regional Research Station, Dharwad – 580 005 (Karnataka)



Hon'ble Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR Dr. Himanshu Pathak., visited ICAR-IIPR Regional Research Station Dharwad on 12th June 2023 at 9.00 AM. Hon'ble DG ICAR, had an interactive meeting with all the staff of ICAR-IIPR, RRS, Dharwad. Dr. S.L. Patil Principal Scientist and Officer-in-Charge, ICAR-IIPR, RRS Dharwad, welcomed the guest and briefly explained the research, extension and training activities carried out at the Regional Station. Further he also briefed the Hon'ble DG ICAR about the strategic importance of the Regional Research Station, Dharwad for generation advancement during the off-season for the winter pulses such as chickpea, lentil, fieldpea and rajmash during *kharif* season and mungbean and urdbean during the winter season. Further Dr. Patil explained breeding research program carried out in the mandate crops i.e. cowpea and horsegram at the Dharwad Station. Crop Protection and Crop Production Scientists briefly explained the research program in Entomology, Plant Pathology, Soil Science, and Agronomy in pulse and pulse-based cropping systems. Hon'ble DG ICAR enquired about the target geographical area for which scientists of the Dharwad Regional Station are focusing to solve the problems of farmers in pulse and pulse-based cropping systems.

Hon'ble DG ICAR, obtained information on the seed hub project, the status of breeder seed production, and details of mungbean varieties released for the south zone by the Research Station/Institute. Further, he discussed pigeonpea production in the state of Karnataka, and hybrid pigeonpea breeding, including the major diseases affecting pigeonpea productivity. Hon'ble DG ICAR emphasized the importance of the transfer of technology generated by the Regional Station for adoption by the farmers in the region. Further he also enlightened the Scientists of the Regional Station to concentrate on research and extension activities that improve the pulse productivity and income of the farmers including meeting their home requirements.

Hon'ble DG ICAR visited the farm and Dr. Patil OIC of the RRS briefed about the various facilities created in the campus such as rainout shelters, net house, glass house, and IIPR mini *dal* mill. He appreciated all the staff and made in his remarks in the Visitor's book "Good work is going on, wish lots of success in the field. Congratulations to all the staff for doing good work". Hon'ble DG ICAR was felicitated by the ICAR-IIPR RRS Dharwad staff. Later Hon'ble DG, ICAR planted a sapling in the garden area of IIPR-RRS Dharwad. Dr. B.D. Biradar, Director of Research, UAS Dharwad and Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director ATARI Bengaluru also accompanied Hon'ble DG during his visit to RRS, Dharwad and had a discussion on the issues related to pulses production in Karnataka state and the spread of technologies in the farmer's fields including seed production by the government and private organizations.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Hon'ble DG ICAR and all the Guests and staff members of the Regional Station.



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