

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Workshop of AICRP on Sugarcane

The 32<sup>nd</sup> workshop of All India Coordinated Research Project on Sugarcane was held at the University Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru (Karnataka) on October 17-18, 2018. The Workshop was attended by the concerned scientists of the Cooperating Centers of all the five sugarcane growing zones in India under AICRP on Sugarcane. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru while Dr. R K Singh, ADG (CC), ICAR, New Delhi, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Dr Bakshi Ram Director, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore, Dr. A D Pathak, Director, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, Dr J Singh Director, UPCSAR, Shahjahanpur (U.P.), Dr. Y G Shadakshari, Director of Research, UAS, Bengaluru and Dr. S N Vasudevan, Associate Director of Research, UAS, Bengaluru attended the opening session of the workshop and gave valuable input which will be helpful to the researchers in formulating technical programme.



Dr. S.K. Shukla, Project Coordinator (Sugarcane) and Organizing Secretary of the workshop highlighted the salient achievements of the AICRP experiments. He mentioned that the present scenario of India's' sugarcane productivity (79.2 t/ha), sugar production (32.15 mt) and sugar recovery of 10.68% was mainly due to adoption of early varieties (>90% area in UP) and adoption of improved production and protection technologies developed under AICRP on Sugarcane.

Dr. R K Singh, ADG (Commercial Crops), narrated the sugarcane panorama on National perspective and congratulated the researchers for record production of sugarcane and sugar in the country. He emphasized on the development of sugarcane varieties to cope up the climate change and technological development in the same line. Publications *viz.* 'Project Coordinator's Report-2017-18', a technical bulletin on 'Low cost technologies in sugarcane agriculture' and Souvenir on 'AICRP(S) Workshop' were also released during the inaugural session.

Varietal Identification Committee meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the ADG (CC). Separate technical sessions on all the disciplines *viz.* Crop Improvement, Crop Production, Plant Pathology and Entomology were held and experimental results presented by all the centers were critically discussed. In Plenary Session, recommendations were made for further course of action.

