

Zonal Breeders and Plant Protection Scientists Meet of AICRP on Sugarcane organised at ICAR-IISR, Lucknow

The Breeders and Plant Protection Scientists Meet of All India Coordinated Research Project on Sugarcane was organised at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow on January 24, 2022. More than 125 scientists including Breeders, Plant Pathologists and Entomologists working on sugarcane deliberated on various issues to finalise the technical programme of varietal development programme. The promising clones in the Initial Varietal Trial were shortlisted for their further evaluation in Advanced Varietal Trials of different sugarcane producing zones of the country.

In his inaugural address during the opening session, the Chief Guest Dr T R Sharma, DDG (Crop Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi emphasized on varietal profile for different traits to meet the future challenges. Dr R K Singh, ADG (Commercial Crops), ICAR, New Delhi Chaired the technical session, while Dr G Hemaprabha, Principal Investigator and Director, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore was the Co-chairperson. Dr A D Pathak, Director and Project Coordinator (Sugarcane), ICAR- Indian Institute of Sugarcane, Lucknow welcomed the dignitaries and highlighted salient outcome of the Project and impact on increasing the sugarcane yield and recovery in India. The performance of sugarcane clones under Initial varietal trials were presented by centers and after critical discussion of the breeders, pathologists and entomologists, the Technical Programme for 2022-23 of North-West Zone, East-coast zone, North- Central Zone and North-East zone was finalised. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Dr S N Sushil, Principal Investigator (Entomology), ICAR-IISR, Lucknow.



