

(October 23-25, 2024)

## National Conference on Managing Agrobiodiversity in North-Eastern India (NCMAN)

### From Biodiversity to Bio-wealth



The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), in collaboration with the ICAR-Research Complex for North-Eastern Hill Region, organized the **National Conference on Managing Agrobiodiversity in North-Eastern India (NCMAN)** from October 23-25, 2024, at Umroi Road, Umiam. Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) and other organizations were also collaborators.

The conference was inaugurated by Shri CH Vijayashankar, the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya. Dr RS Paroda, President of ISPGR and

Chairman of TAAS, presided over the inaugural session. Distinguished guests of honour included Dr T Mohapatra, Chairman of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), Dr Sanjay Kumar, Chairman of the Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board (ASRB), and Dr KM Bujarbaruah, Vice President of NAAS and Former Vice Chancellor of Assam Agricultural University. Numerous scientists and researchers from the North-Eastern Hill region also attended the Conference. Dr VK Mishra, Director, ICAR-RCNEH, Umiam, Meghalaya, coordinated the inaugural session. Dr Anuradha Agrwal, General Secretary, ISPGR, proposed vote of thanks. About 185 participants from all NEH states attended the Conference.

A captivating exhibition highlighting the rich plant genetic diversity of the North-Eastern Hill region was also inaugurate by Shri CH Vijayashankar, the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya.

A significant outcome of the conference was the unanimous adoption of the "**Umiam Declaration**." This declaration outlines a roadmap for a resilient and prosperous future for the North-Eastern Hill region.



