

ICAR-NRIIPM Celebrates 37th Foundation Day and Showcasing of IPM Technologies

On February 12, 2025, ICAR-National Research Institute for Integrated Pest Management (NRIIPM) celebrated its 37th Foundation Day in New Delhi. Dr R.S. Paroda Padma Bhushan Awardee, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), Former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India, was the Chief Guest of the function. Dr Paroda highlighted the challenges and losses faced by biotic stresses in Indian agriculture and the projections and targets to be achieved in the future. He also mentioned the importance of collaboration, public-private partnerships and knowledge sharing. While advocating to embrace



technology, integrating innovative pest monitoring technologies to assist farmers in making informed decisions, ensuring precise and efficient pest management, finally he called upon all stakeholders to join hands in promoting IPM technologies. By embracing IPM, we can enhance crop yields, increase farmers' income, protect human health, and safeguard the environment.

Other dignitaries - Dr BL Jalali, Former Director, ICAR-NRIIPM, Dr SN Puri, Former Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal & Former, Director, ICAR-NRIIPM, Dr PK Chakrabarty, Former Member ASRB & Former ADG (PP&BS), ICAR and Dr Poonam Jasrotia, ADG (PP & BS), ICAR, were also present.

The document “Journey of ICAR-NRIIPM: Expedition towards Sustainable Plant Protection” was also released to comprising glimpse of the efforts, achievements, and various milestones of the Institute along with an extension folder on rice IPM, and other publications.



The event showcased the institute's research achievements since 1988, highlighting advancements in sustainable plant protection and addressing the challenges of biotic stress in Indian agriculture. Distinguished guests, including former ICAR leaders, discussed a new roadmap



for IPM to mitigate climate change impacts. Over 40 scientists and researchers displayed IPM technologies, engaging with over 70 farmers and stakeholders. A dedicated farmer-scientist interaction session focused on IPM strategies for various crops and honeybee management. The event included the inauguration of four new institute halls and a fruit tree planting ceremony.