

**7<sup>th</sup> Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur**  
**(8-9<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**



The 7<sup>th</sup> Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting of ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur was conducted under the Chairmanship of Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay, Former Vice-Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam and attended by members RAC: Dr. T.K. Adhya, Former Director, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack; Dr. Chandish Ballal, Former Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru; Dr. A.R. Sharma, Director (Research), RLBCAU, Jhansi; Dr. R. Srinivasan, Former Director, ICAR-NIPB, New Delhi; Dr. V.K. Baranwal, National Professor, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi; Dr. P.K. Ghosh, Director, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur; Dr. S.C. Dubey, ADG (PP & B), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. P.N. Sivalingam, Member Secretary & In-charge, SCRSR) This meeting was also attended by the Directors of Plant Protection institutes as special invitees: Dr. Subhash Chander, Director, ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi; Dr. J.S. Mishra, Director, ICAR –DWR, Jabalpur; Dr. M. Nagesh, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru; and Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh, Director, ICAR-NBAIM, Mau. Other special invitees from ICAR-NIBSM were also attended this meeting: Dr. P. Kaushal, Joint Director (Research); Dr. S.K. Ambast, Joint Director (Academic); Dr. Anil Dixit, Joint Director, SCHBR Dr. R.K. Murali Baskaran, In-charge, SCHMR, Dr. S.K. Jain, I/c PME & In-charge, SCHPSR; and Dr. P. Mooventhan, Senior Scientist (Agricultural Extension). In the inaugural session Dr. T.R. Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop Science) also joined virtually in this meeting. Dr. P.K. Ghosh welcomed the Chairman RAC, DDG (CS) and all members of RAC, special invitees and presented an overview about the ICAR-NIBSM. In his address, Dr. T.R. Sharma, DDG (CS) appreciated the efforts of NIBSM in developing research leads and identifying areas of national interest to be targeted. He emphasized NIBSM and related institutes to develop strong linkages in addressing researchable key issues of common interest in an interactive mode.

The Chairman, RAC appreciated major transformation in the infrastructure development of the institute and released the publications such as (i) success story on uplifting tribal farmers of Chhattisgarh; an NIBSM initiative through FARMER First Project (ii) Role model extension and outreach initiatives of ICAR-NIBSM- Way to doubling farmers' income (iii) National awareness campaign and special programme (iv) Mobile app on "KADAKNATH INFO" and (v) ICAR-NIBSM You tube videos. Dr. P. Kaushal Joint Director (Research) presented an overview of research progress of NIBSM and the new programmes initiated. Dr. S.K. Ambast, Joint Director (Education), presented the road-map, progress and challenges in education at NIBSM. Action Taken Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> RAC meeting was presented by Dr. S.K. Jain, In-charge, PME. The committee expressed satisfaction on addressing the recommendations and confirmed the proceedings. Thereafter, Heads of each school presented the aim, thrust areas, developing state-of-the-art laboratories, research programmes and progress of their schools. Committee expressed satisfaction over the project initiated and programmes planned for the future based on EFC (2021-26) and national priorities. Dr. P. Mooventhan, Senior Scientist (Agrl. Extension) presented outreach and extension programme of ICAR- NIBSM, different projects DBT-BIOTECH KISAN, FFP, Foldscope Project and DST Schemes. RAC committee appreciated the extension and outreach activities conducted by the institute on project site and also transfer of technology to enhance the livelihood and doubling farmers' income.

Discussion on collaboration with the plant protection institutes was held as a sideline meeting with RAC under the Chairmanship of Dr. A.N. Mukhopadhyay. This meeting was attended by the Directors of ICAR-NCIPM, ICAR-NBAIR, ICAR-NBAIM and ICAR-DWR along with members of RAC. The RAC committee also visited the facilities created at NIBSM like IFS sites, laboratories in different schools, solar panels, hostels, library and auditorium, and interacted with scientists of different schools. A special session was organized where RAC interacted with scientists and students. Students and scientists briefed about the research work carried by them. Finally, RAC meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and members of RAC.