<u>Proceedings of Launch and First meeting of NASF Funded Project at ICAR-NIBSM,</u> <u>Raipur</u>

Launch and first meeting of NASF funded project "Identification of host factors responsible for infection and development of nano-particle based dsRNA delivery system for imparting resistance to begomoviruses" was organized on 10th October 2018 at ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur.

During the launching programme,

Dr. P.N. Sivalingam, Senior Scientist (Agrl. Biotechnology), ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur and Principal Investigator of the project gave introductory address

Dr. Pankaj Kaushal, Joint Director (Research), ICAR-NIBSM delivered the inaugural address

Dr. Jagdish Kumar, Director (Acting), ICAR-NIBSM presented the Director's remarks.

During this event, Dr. P.N. Sivalingam, Senior Scientist (Agrl. Biotechnology), ICAR-NIBSM and Principal Investigator of the project gave an overview of the project (on objectives, activities, financial out lay and time line etc). The CCPIs of the project shared their research experiences. Dr. Bikash Mandal, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and CCPI presented on Molecular Plant Virus Diagnosis, Dr. Senthil-Kumar Muthappa, Staff Scientist-IV, NIPGR, New Delhi presented on non-host resistance to plant pathogens and Dr. Neetu Singh, Assistant Professor, IIT Delhi, New Delhi presented on nano-particle development and utilization in crop sciences.

The Co-PIs of this project (Dr. Vinay Kumar, Scientist (Agrl. Biotechnology), Dr. Sridhar, J, Scietist (Agrl. Entomology, ICAR-NIBSM) and Mr. Lalit Laxman Kharbikar, Scientist (Agrl. Biotechnology, ICAR-NIBSM), scientists and research fellows of ICAR-NIBSM were also present.

Dr. Vinay Kumar, Scientist, ICAR-NIBSM and Co-PI of the project, Raipur proposed vote of thanks.

In the afternoon first project meeting, PI, CCPIs and Co-PIs attended the meeting and discussed various activities such as recruitment of research fellows, status of equipment purchase and works, PFMS system, timeline of the project.



Address by the Dr. Jagdish Kumar, Director (Acting), ICAR-NIBSM



Presentation by PI (Dr. P.N. Sivalingam) presenting an overview of the project



Presentation by Dr. Bikash Mandal, CCPI, ICAR-IARI



Presentation by Dr. Senthil-Kumar, CCPI, NIPGR



Presentation by Dr. Neetu Singh, CCPI, IIT-Delhi



