## ICAR-NIBSM celebrated 7th Foundation Day

The 7<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management was celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The theme of the foundation day was doubling the farmers income through management of major biotic stress in agriculture. Dr. Jagdish Kumar, Director (Acting) delivered welcome address. Dr Pankaj Kaushal, Joint Director (Research) highlighted the major achievements of institute during last one year.

Dr. T P Rajendran former Assistant Director General (PP&B) and former OSD, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur was the chief guest of the function and delivered Foundation Day lecture about Genesis and inception of NIBSM. He stressed that, farm risk assessment due to biotic stress in agriculture.

Dr. S B Barbuddhe, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRC on Meat, Hyderabad, Dr. V K Choudhary, Senior Scientist, ICAR- DWR, Jabalpur and Mr. Saguni Paswan, former office assistant, NIBSM were special invitees and felicitated in the event. During this foundation day, Best Research Paper Award (2017-18) was given to Dr Mamta Choudhary and co-workers and Best Scientist Award for the year (2017-18) presented to Dr P Mooventhan. Further, certificates presented to various awards winner in the Hindi competition.

The event was attended by over 150 farmers including equal proportion of women farmers from nearby villages where extension activities of the institute is being carried out. All the dignitaries visited the campus and appreciated the efforts of institute in addressing the problems of biotic stress in a comprehensive way. A farmers-scientists interaction was held on the occasion. Chief guest also interacted with scientists of NIBSM and visited the newly developed laboratories, farm and new building constructions.

The function ended with vote of thanks by Dr P N Sivalingam, Senior Scientist, Chairman, Organising Committee.































