

Brainstorming session on biotic stress management in oilseed crops

Dr P.K. Ghosh, Director, ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management, Raipur inaugurated 'Brainstorming Session on biotic stress management in oilseed crops' organized by ICAR-NIBSM in association with ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseed Research, Hyderabad at ICAR-NIBSM on 07 September 2023. Dr P.K. Ghosh informed that the biotic stresses are major factor in low productivity of oilseeds in the country and up to 40 per cent losses are due to insect-pest, diseases and weeds. He highlighted the importance of increasing the oilseed production in India and need for development of farmer friendly climate resilient technologies in oilseeds with enhanced productivity. Dr. Ghosh stressed to identify and resolve researchable gaps through collaboration with ICAR-IIOR. Dr. R. K. Mathur, Director ICAR-IIOR, emphasized the importance of the brainstorming for developing a roadmap for research and development in area of biotic stress management in oilseed crops. During the discussions, important researchable issues were identified on which concept note will be developed and collaborative research work will be initiated. Scientists of oilseed group from Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur actively participated and involved in identified research programmes. Joint Directors and scientists of ICAR-NIBSM, ICAR-IIOR and IGKV participated. Dr. A.K. Vishwkarma, Project Coordinator, AICRP-Sesame & Niger and Dr. Sachin K. Suroshe, Project Coordinator, AICRP-Honeybee & Pollinators were also present. Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Joint Director, coordinated the session.

