

### NAAC Peer Team interaction with IARI (Day 3<sup>rd</sup>)

On 10.08.16, Peer Team visited the sister institutes of IARI. They first visited the National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology (NRCPB). It is a premier institute in the field of agricultural biotechnology and also engaged in teaching postgraduate students with regular PhD and M.Sc. degree programs in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. Then, peer team visited the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR). It is a nodal agency for germplasm exchange in India and abroad. Any germplasm which is being exchanged in India or with other countries must go through NBPGR. Germplasm evaluation activities, earlier carried out by Plant introduction division of IARI, further systemized with the creation of germplasm evaluation division which later on in 1976 shaped up in to full-fledged institute as NBPGR. NBPGR provides PG course and Ph.D. degree in plant genetic resources. After paying a visit to NBPGR, Peer team visited Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute where appraised the facilities for Agricultural statistics, Computer application and Bioinformatics.

Later on Peer team glimpsed Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC). It directly deals with farmers and provide them necessary information and popular seeds. ATIC of IARI, New Delhi was established in 1999 as a 'single window' delivery system for the technology, services and products of the Institute for the benefit of the farming community. ATIC provides farm advisory services and facilitate information-based decision making among farmers and also provides various services to farmers such as Farm advisory services, Pusa helpline, Pusa seeds sale counter, Sale of Farm publication etc. Then peer team reviewed the IARI's ZTM & BPD Unit. This unit has a network of twenty research institutions and hundreds of researches in almost all domain of agricultural science. 3rd day ended with the sharing of issues among peer team, Director, Joint Directors and Dean of IARI.



NAAC Peer team visiting the ATIC Unit



Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Director- IARI, Dr. R.K. Jain, Joint Director (Edu.) and Dr. K.V. Prabhu, Joint Director (Res) sharing various issues with peer team.



**Peer Team reviewed the ZTM-BPD Unit**