

30th Annual Review Meeting of All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues at Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan from 20-21 June, 2022 (Hybrid mode)

The 30th Annual Review Meeting of All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues was organized by Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) at Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan during June 20-21, 2022 in Hybrid mode. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. R.S. Chandel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan. Dr. T.R. Sharma, Hon'ble DDG (CS), ICAR and Dr. S.C. Dubey, ADG (PP&BS), ICAR, addressed the delegates through virtual mode.

During the inaugural session, Dr. Ravinder Sharma, Director of Research, Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan, welcomed the dignitaries and delegates in Himachal's traditional culture.



The technical bulletins on safe & judicious use of pesticides on okra and tomato published by PC Cell and two booklets published by Solan centre were released during the occasion.



Dr. Vandana Tripathy, Network Coordinator, AINP on Pesticide Residues, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, presented the annual progress report and highlighted the significant achievements of the project. Dr. Tripathy informed that the residue data generated under AINP-PR has been utilized for approval of label claim by CIB&RC and MRL fixation by FSSAI at national level and by FAO/WHO/Codex at international level.

Dr. S.C. Dubey, Hon'ble ADG (PP&B), ICAR, appreciated the role of the project in addressing the challenges related to pesticide residues affecting food safety, security and trade in the country. Dr. Dubey emphasized the importance of evaluating the dietary risk of the pesticides detected in food commodities for consumer safety.

Dr. T.R. Sharma, Hon'ble DDG (CS), ICAR, congratulated the Network Coordinator for the overall achievements of the project and highlighted that AINP-PR has established 13 NABL accredited labs across the country and has developed national and international linkages with different stakeholders. Dr. Sharma stressed on the need for development of advanced multi-residue methods with lower limit of quantification (LOQ) to meet the stringent international MRL standards. He also appreciated the project for initiating work on estimation of heavy metals and antibiotics residues in food commodities.



Dr. R.S. Chandel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan, applauded the project for its overall achievements especially in establishing linkages with FAO/WHO/Codex as Chair/Co-chair of various electronic Working Groups (eWGs). He emphasized the need to harmonize the chemical measures of pest control with other IPM techniques. He complimented the project for generating revenue which is being used for strengthening the infrastructure facilities of the laboratories.

Dr. J.K. Dubey, PI, AINP-PR, Solan proposed the vote of thanks during the inaugural session.

The in-charges of different coordinated centres presented the progress of their centres. Detailed deliberations were conducted during different technical sessions and interaction with industry stakeholders. The technical programme for the year 2022-23 was finalized during the two days' workshop.

More than 100 delegates from the different centres of AINP-PR, Directors/Coordinators/Scientists of different ICAR institutes, SAUs, HODs/Statutory Officers from Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan, industry representatives, and other Staff Members participated in the Workshop.

