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From the Chairperson's Desk

I am delighted to present before you the second issue of the Newsletter for the period July – September, 2013. This is a new initiative by the Authority to inform all stakeholders about the activities going on in the Authority on a quarterly basis. We are unable to maintain the timeline of this Newsletter as expected but due to priority to prepare the Annual Report of the Authority for 2011-12, the second issue of the Newsletter got ignored and delayed.



During the last three months, we have undertaken a special drive in the North-Eastern hills and Bundelkhand region, the two agrobiodiversity hotspots, during this period with the collaboration from KVKs system which has 634 KVKs throughout India. Through this system, the Authority tries to reach the unreached ones to spread the message of farmers' rights. We have also roped in the State Agriculture Universities, (SAUs) to disseminate the sermon of PPV&FR Act to the farmers. I hope this will translate into more number of applications of farmers' varieties for registration.



We are also getting a good response from the farmers and farming communities for the Plant Genome Saviour Community awards, 2012-13. However, the final recommendation for the awards, rewards and recognitions will be made after the closing of the deadline.

As, I mentioned in the earlier newsletter the registration basket of the Authority is going to increase to 66 from the existing 57 and some more are also in the finalization. We have made a satisfactory progress in the registration process and expect filing of farmers' varieties for registration for protecting the wealth of the country. The 12th Five Year Plan of the PPV&FRA is under finalisation in the DAC. I am trying my best to streamline the working of the PPV&FR Authority to expedite the registration process.

I invite your valuable suggestions and comments, if any for the improvement of the content and quality of the information/material.

(R.R. Hanchinal)
Chairperson
PPV&FR Authority



Crops ready for Registration

Ber, Barley, Apple, Peach, Plum, Coriander, Fenugreek, Grapes, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Pomegranate, Casuarina, Eucalyptus, Bitter Gourd, Bottle Gourd, Cucumber and Pumpkin are ready and published in the Plant Variety Journal. The process of the notification of these crops for the purpose of registration of their varieties is under progress in consultation with Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture.

Progress of Registry

Category wise application received and certificate issued			Applicant wise application received and certificate issued		
New	81	18	Public	11	16
Extant	59	31	Private	164	33
Farmer	3	0	Farmer	3	0
EDV	35	0			
Total	178	49	Total	178	49

Crop	No. of Application	Number of certificate
Black gram	1	–
Brinjal	16	–
Castor	2	–
Cabbage	2	–
Cauliflower	7	–
Chickpea	–	5
Cotton	52	9
Groundnut	6	2
Indian Mustard	3	–
Maize	4	3
Okra	17	–
Onion	1	–
Pearl Millet	4	3
Pigeon Pea	1	–

Rice	17	15
Sesame	1	–
Sorghum	2	7
Soybean	1	–
Sugercane	3	2
Sunflower	4	–
Tomato	33	–
Wheat	1	3
Total	178	49

Plant Variety Journal

Plant Variety Journal of India for the month of July – September, 2013 was published regularly and also uploaded on the website of the Authority in the first week of each month.

Meeting of the Task Force

Task Force on for collection of statistics data regarding plant varieties: The PPV&FR Authority has been assigned a number of functions as per section 8 of the PPV&FR Act, 2001. The sub-section 8(2)(f) states that the collecting, statistics with regard to plant varieties, including the contribution of any person at any time in the evolution or development of any plant variety, in India or in any other country for compilation and publication is one of the function of the Authority. The Authority convened a meeting on 1 July, 2013 at PPV&FR Authority Committee Room New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. J.P. Mishra, Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Govt. of India to discuss the modus operandi to call for the requisite information as assigned to the Authority.

Task Force on Banana: The validation of DUS descriptors for developing guidelines for banana were assigned to National Research Centre for



Banana, Trichi, Tamil Nadu.

The draft DUS descriptors developed by the centre were discussed in the first meeting of



the Task Force (2/2013) for validation of DUS test guidelines for Banana under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Sathiamoorthy, former Director, National Research Centre for Banana held on 2 July, 2013 at NASC Complex, New Delhi. The Centre has been advised to include the suggestions arrived in the said meeting.

Task Force meeting on Citrus: The guidelines for DUS testing on Citrus species by NRC Citrus, Nagpur was discussed in the meeting of the Task



Force held on 8 July, 2013 at N A S C Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired Dr. V.A.

Parthasarathy, former Director, Indian Institute of Species Research, Calicut with other members Dr. B.M.C. Reddy, National Project Coordinator, Bioversity International India office, Dr. S.N. Pandey and Dr. Umesh Srivastava both former Assistant Director General (Horti.), ICAR, Dr. H. Ravishankar, Director, CISH, Lucknow. Dr. I.P. Singh, PI, NRC Citrus presented the draft guidelines which were discussed in detail and suggestions were given to improve the DUS guidelines. It was decided that the revised guidelines as per suggestions given in the meeting will be suitably incorporated and

discussed in the next meeting for finalization and approval.

Task Force on Ber: The 3rd meeting of the Task force on validation of DUS descriptors of ber was held on 7 August, 2013 at NAAS, Committee III, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.B. Vashishtha, former Director, NRCSS, Ajmer to finalize the DUS testing guideline for ber. The meeting was attended by Dr. V. S. Supe, Horticulturist, MPKV Rahuri & Member and Dr. Hare Krishna, Sr. Scientist & PI, Ber Project. Dr Hare Krishna, Nodal Officer (DUS), CIAH, Bikaner, presented the guideline and described about the origin, distribution and botanical description of Ber; 36 descriptors including 7 grouping characters and essential characters on this occasion. Dr S K Sharma, Director, CIAH-Bikaner was also present in the meeting. He informed that CIAH, Bikaner is committed towards fulfilling the responsibilities in developing DUS testing for Ber and Datepalm. Sh Dipal Roy Choudhury, Joint Registrar, PPV&FRA, also congratulated CIAH, Bikaner for successful development of the descriptor perhaps being the first DUS test guideline of Ber in the world. The Task Force finalized and approved the DUS guidelines for ber with CIAH, Bikaner as the Nodal Centre and MPKV, Rahuri as co-nodal. The Chairperson and the Registrar General, Registrars were also present in the meeting.

Visit to DUS Centres

- Chairperson visited Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR), Bangalore from 29-31 August, 2013 to review the progress of DUS projects in different horticultural crops assigned to IIHR. During his stay at Bangalore he discussed with the various Heads of the Division as well as Principal Investigators of Project about the hastening the registration process of notified horticultural crops.



Seed sent for DUS testing

S. No.	Crop	No. of varieties	Centres
1	Tomato	21	IIVR, Varanasi & IIHR, Bangalore
2	Cauliflower	1	IIVR, Varanasi, IARI, New Delhi
3	Mustard	5	DRMR, Bharatpur, Rajasthan & CSAUA & T, Kanpur
4	Sunflower	5	DOR, Hyderabad and TNAU, Coimbatore
5	Chick pea	1	IIPR, Kanpur & CCSHAU, Hissar
6	Wheat	3	DWR, Karnal, IARI Regional Station, Indore
7	Rabi Sorghum	4	DSR, Hyderabad & MPKV, Rahuri

Monitoring of DUS Trials

- Monitoring of DUS trial for Soybean was conducted on 29 August, 2013 at Directorate of Soybean Research, Indore and UAS, Dharwad on 11 September, 2013
- Monitoring of DUS trial for Jute was conducted on 23-24 August, 2013 at CRIJAF, Barrackpore and CSRS, Budbud, WB
- Monitoring of DUS trials for Maize was conducted on 18 September, 2013 at DMR, New Delhi and on 30 September, 2013 at ANGRAU, Hyderabad
- Monitoring of DUS trials for Cotton was conducted on 24-25 September, 2013 at PAU, Ludhiana and on 26 September, 2013 at CCS, HAU, Hisar
- Monitoring of DUS trials for Okra was

conducted on 27 September, 2013 at IIVR, Varanasi

Training and Awareness Programmes

- **9th Inter-national Agri-culture & Horti Expo, 2013 at Pragati**

Maidan, New Delhi: The NNS Events & Exhibition Pvt. Ltd has organized in



National Seminar & Exhibition during 26-28 July, 2013 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Dr R.C. Agarwal, Registrar General and Dr Ravi Prakash, Registrar of PPV&FRA, New Delhi have given lectures on PPV&FR Act and Farmers' Rights in the Seminar. Besides, Dr. Tejbir Singh, Registrar, PPV&FRA and Shri R.R. Pradhan, Legal Advisor and Dr. D.S.Pilania, Technical Officer also participated in the event.

The Authority has also participated in Exhibition by putting a stall and displayed its activities through charts and posters and also shown video film on PPV&FRA. It was also screened during the period of exhibition. The Expo was inaugurated by Dr. Charan Das Mahant Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India. The Hon'ble Minister also visited each and every stall. This year more than 3000 progressive farmers participated in the seminar and they were quite satisfied with the outcome of the seminar.

More than 150 Exhibitors from India and Abroad participated in the exhibition and daily thousands of farmer benefitted from the objective of PPV&FRA stall. This stall was useful not only for the farmers but also for the students/SAUs and others.



- A one day awareness-cum-training program was organized by the CSHPKV at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rohru (Shimla) on 23 September, 2013. The chief guest of the programme was the Hon'ble MLA, Sh. Mohan Lal Brakta ji, Shri ID Chhuharu ji, President, Congress, Rohru. The programme was started with a formal welcome by the PC, KVK Rohru and Mandi and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CSHPKV, Palampur Dr. K.K. Katoch, has given presidential address. An apple show was also organized by the KVK and prizes were also distributed among the farmers. About 150 farmers including women participated in the programme. Dr. D.S.Pilania, Technical Officer, represented the Authority and delivered a lecture on "Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act. 2001" and highlighted the activities of Authority.



- Another, one day awareness-cum-training program was organized by the CSHPKV at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dhaula kuan (Sirmaur) on 25 September, 2013. The Chief Guest of the programme was the Hon'ble Chief Parliament Secretary (CPS) Govt. of H.P. followed by welcome address by the PC, KVK Dhaula Kuan. Dr. K.K. Katoch, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CSHPKV, Palampur has given presidential address. About 170 farmers including women



participated in the programme. Dr. D.S.Pilania, Technical Officer, PPV&FRA delivered a lecture on "Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act. 2001".

- The training-cum-awareness programme at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur was held on 26 September, 2013. About 150 participants from the universities including students, faculties and women farmers from the neighboring area were present in the event. Dr. Manoj Srivastava, Registrar, PPV&FRA delivered a lecture on Farmers' Rights on PPV&FR Act. A lady Sarpanch has also come their own and participated in the programme. There was encouraging response from the farmers and students.



Chairperson, PPV&FRA participation

- Chairperson, PPV&FRA participated in the inaugural session of Zonal workshop-cum-training programme of KVKs of Zone I at PAU and to deliver a lecture on "Provisions for Farmers' in PPV&FR Act" in the Technical Session-I at Ludhiana on 4-5 July, 2013.
- Also participated in the inaugural session of Annual Zonal Review Workshop 2012-13 for KVKs of Zone VIII at Pathanmthitta, Kerala. He also chaired the Technical Session I and delivered a lecture on Special Session on "Role of KVKs on the awareness about Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights" at Kerala on 8-10 July, 2013.



- Participated as Chief Guest in the Mango Diversity Conservation Awareness Program organised by Central Institute of Subtropical Horticulture, Lucknow. During the visit to the Institute he also reviewed the progress in the development of DUS guidelines of different crops like Mango, Anola, Jamun, Bael and also maintenance breeding of reference / example varieties at Lucknow on 16-17 August, 2013.
- The Chairperson of the Authority was invited by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture to the 6th National Seed Congress held at Lucknow on 12-14 September, 2013. He chaired a Technical Sessions I and IV on Advancement in varietal improvement and seed quality enhancement and on Intellectual Property Rights, Farmers' Rights and Farmers' participation in seed production and Lead Speaker on Innovation by Farmers' and protection of their varieties.
- Chairperson was invited to chair the Research Advisory Committee Meeting of Directorate of Seed Research, MAU, Varanasi on 17-19 September, 2013. During the visit he availed the opportunity to address the scientists and staff of the DSR and near by KVKs to sensitized about their role in educating the farmers about their rights as enshrined in the PPV&FR Act, 2001.

Registrar General, PPV&FRA

- Visited Deendayal Research Institute, Chitrakoot on 11-13 July, 2013 to discuss and develop a programme for organising the state level awareness programmes on PPV&FRA in collaboration with the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and the Uttar Pradesh, the Universities, NGOs and Farming communities to cover Bundelkhand and Malwa hot-spot region situated in the state of Madhya Pradesh where

the Authority could not organise training-cum-awareness programme to spread the message of farmers' rights in the Act.

- Participated in the sensitization workshop for Farmers and other stakeholders about PPV & FR Act 2001 at Zonal Project Directorate – Zone-VIII, Bengaluru on 30 September, 2013.
- Delivered a invited lecture on “**IPR Issues and Agri-innovations in India**” during the 6th National Seed Congress organized by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture from 12-14 September, 2013 at Lucknow.
- Attended brain storming session on “**the issues relating to protection of traditional knowledge and also intellectual property in genetic resources**” organized by Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) on 18 July, 2013 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
- Participated on 19 July 2013 in Agro-tech Investors Meet organized by Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) at AP Shinde Symposium Hall, NASC Complex, New Delhi.
- Attended the meeting of experts for discussion on “**draft National IPR Strategy**” as prepared by the Sectorial Innovation Council on IPR under the Department of Industrial policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India on 29 July 2013.

Other Meetings

- **Meeting of the committee on the proposed amendments in PPV&FR Rules & Regulations:** Meetings of the Committee on consolidated proposal to amend the PPV&FR Rules and Regulations in harmonization with



the PPV&FR Act, 2001. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has requested the Authority to put forward a consolidated proposal in respect of amendments of PPV&FR Rules and Regulations in harmonization with the PPV&FR Act, 2001 to effectively implement the provisions of the said Act. Accordingly, the Chairperson, PPV&FRA constituted a high powered committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Nagarajan, former Chairperson, PPV&FRA. Dr. Swaminathan to look into the matter and suggest the required amendments in the subordinate legislations. A meeting of the above committee was convened a meeting in NAAS Committee Room III on 12 July, 2013 where the final recommendations of the committee on the amendment proposed in the Rules were discussed for onward consideration by DAC. The final recommendations as arrived in the above meeting were further discussed In-house meeting on 23 July, 2013 to prepare the draft amendments proposed in in PPV&FR Rules & Regulations for consideration by the DAC.

- **Meeting of the EVRC:** 21st meeting of Extant Varieties Recommendation Committee (EVRC) was held on 12 July, 2013 at NAAS Committee Room III, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Dr. D.P. Ray, former Vice-Chancellor, OUA&T. Sixty Seven extant varieties which have been notified under section 5 of the Seeds Act, 1966 were considered and recommended for registration w.e.f. their date of notification in the Gazette of India.
- **Synergy / Interface Meeting between PPV&FR Authority and National Biodiversity Authority:** Realizing the fact that there is a need for close cooperation between the two Authorities i.e. NBA and PPV&FR Authority as

both have the commonalities in their activities and programme. Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Chairman, NBA along with his officers consented to a proposal of Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&FRA to have a meeting on 17 July, 2013 at the NASC Complex, New Delhi. The meeting came out with very good suggestions to have synergy and dovetailing of their some of the programme and activities together in the interest of the farming communities.

- **PPV&FRA- National Seed Association of India (NSAI) Interface meeting:** PPV&FRA-NSAI interface meeting was conducted on 20 July, 2013 at Directorate of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad. Dr. N. K. Dadlani, Director, NSAI, congratulated Dr. R. R. Hanchinal on assuming the Chair of the PPV&FRA and urged that under his leadership the Authority will scale new heights. Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&FRA stressed the importance of private seed industry as a stakeholder in the implementation of the PPV&FR Act, 2001, coordination of public-private partnership in quality seed production, proposed fee structure and requested the seed industry to contribute generously to the National Gene Fund. Representative of the seed industry raised issues regarding the status of parental lines, sharing of database, conduct of DUS trial, maintenance breeding of reference breeding, EDV testing, development of guideline for Chilli/Hot pepper and online filling of applications etc. All these issues were discussed and clarification given to the satisfaction of the participants. All the participants expressed their happiness as the interaction meeting was very useful and clear many doubts about the provisions and guidelines about plant variety registration.



- Meeting of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Subordinate Legislation, Rajya Sabha (oral evidence) on the PPV & FR Rules, 2003 in R. No. 53, 1st Floor, Rajya Sabha, Parliament House, New Delhi was attended officials of Department of Agriculture and Co-operation and PPV&FRA on 30 July, 2013.
- **Meeting regarding multilateral exchange of Plant Genetic Resources under ITPGRFA:** A meeting under Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) was held on 1 August, 2013 in Mahalanobis Committee Room No. 138, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi with the relevant stakeholders i.e. Director, NBPGR, DDG (Crop Sciences), ICAR, National Seed Association of India, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, officers of the Seed Division including Shri A.K. Srivastava, Additional Secretary, Dr. Atanu Purkayastha, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Smt. Smriti Saran, Director (Seeds), Shri R.K. Trivedi, DC (QC) and Shri Gorelal, Assistant Commissioner (Seeds) were present. Chairperson, PPV&FRA was also invited for the meeting. Shri Hem Pande, Additional Secretary and Dr. Sujata Arora, Director from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) were also present. It was decided in the meeting that NBPGR may develop guidelines, procedures and protocols for exchange of germplasm, particularly for export under multilateral system under Treaty for seeking exemption under Section 40 of the Biodiversity Act through a gazette notification to be issued by the MoEF on the recommendation of NBA.
- Meeting to take stock of agenda of the Fifth Session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA at NBPGR: Meeting to discuss the agenda of the Fifth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) at NBPGR on 6 August, 2013. All the relevant stakeholders were invited to represent their views on the policy matter relating to the ITPGRFA. The session was chaired by Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, PPV&FRA and co-chaired by Dr. S.K. Datta, DDG (Crop Sciences), ICAR. Ms. Shalini Bhutani an independent lawyer and biodiversity researcher working for Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity was also invited. During the meeting experts discussed various agenda items and draft comments on country's position on various policy matter were prepared for consideration by the DAC, Ministry of Agriculture and the visiting delegation to Oman.
- **Meeting of the Bioversity:** The Bioversity International convened a Inception Meeting of the UNEP-GEF supported project '**Mainstreaming agro-biodiversity conservation and utilization in agricultural sector to ensure ecosystem services and reduce vulnerability**' was held in the NASC Complex, Pusa Campus, New Delhi from 2 to 4 September, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to orient national partners on the project rationale and implementation arrangements and reporting systems and finalize the management procedures and plan of action of the UNEP/GEF supported project. The Bioversity invited PPV&FR Authority as one of the partner and officers from the Authority attended the programme. Key officials from the ICAR, Seed Division, DAC, IARI, NBPGR, SAUs, NGOs, MoEF participated in three days long event.
- **National Workshop on "Outscaling Farm Innovation":** Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) in collaboration



with ICAR and APAARI organised a three day National Workshop on Out scaling Farm Innovation from the 3-5 September, 2013 at A.P. Shinde Symposium Hall, NASC Complex, New Delhi. Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority was one of the co-sponsors of the workshop.

Session VIII of the workshop, held on the 4 September 2013, was devoted to Agro-biodiversity conservation. This session was Chaired by Dr. P. L. Gautam, Vice-Chancellor, CPU & Former Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority and Co-chaired by Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority. The lead speaker for the session, Dr. Mahadevappa, Director, JSS Rural Development Foundation, spoke in detail about the policy interventions for promoting innovations in Agro-biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. The panelists for the session were four innovative and progressive farmers Sh. P. Narayanan Unny (Navara Rice); Sh. Dattatreya Hedge (Apple & Mango variety); Sh. Sundaram Verma (innovation and crop improvement) and Sh. Sultan Singh (Fisheries). The session was convened by Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV&FR Authority.

- **Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) meeting at DIPP, Udhog Bhawan, New Delhi:** Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) on IPR with specific reference to WIPO General Assembly in Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi held on 6 September, 2013 was jointly attended by Shri Gorelal Dewaker, AC (Seeds) and Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV&FRA.
- A seminar on Farmers' Rights in India was jointly organized by Navbharat Education and Social Research Institute (NESRI), Faculty of Law, Mody Institute of Technology and Science

(MITS) and Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority at Barsinghpura (Khandela), Sikar, Rajasthan held on 7 September, 2013. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Dr. B.S. Chauhan, Judge, Supreme Court of India. Dr. Arijit Pasayat, former Chief Justice of India and Chairperson, Advance Ruling Authority and patron Farmers' Rights programme gave the presidential address. Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority also made a special address to the gathering and presented his views on the conservation and protection of Farmers' Rights under the provisions of PPV&FR Act by way of registration.

Foreign Visitors

Ms. M Ann Tutwiler, Director General and Dr. Stephan Weise, Deputy Director General, Bioversity International along with their South Asia Coordinator, Dr. P. N. Mathur had a courtesy call with the Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority at his office on the 13 August 2013. Various aspects including the implementation of the provisions of the PPV&FR Act, 2001 with special reference to farmers' rights and probable areas of collaboration between Bioversity International and PPV&FR Authority formed part of the discussions. On this occasion Registrar General, Registrars and the Joint Registrars were also present.



International Visit

- Indian delegation led by Dr. Atanu Purkayastha,



Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi consisting of Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson & Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV&FR Authority participated in the **Fifth Session of Governing Body of The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)** at Muscat, Oman. From 22-28 September, 2013.

National Visit

- Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson & Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV&FR Authority attended **6th National Seed Congress-2013, “Advancement in Agriculture through Quality Seeds”** at Lucknow from 12-14 September, 2013 organized by Department of Agriculture & Co-operation. Chairperson, PPV&FRA chaired a technical session and delivered a lecture on “IPR issues & Agri-innovations in India”. During the session presentations were made on issues relating to Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights and it was emphasised that the conservation and preservation of plant wealth of the country particularly in the biodiversity hotspots is of paramount importance and all stakeholders should make sincere efforts to this endeavour.
- Attend the meeting of KVKs regarding the Farmers’ Rights at Zonal Project Directorate - Zone VIII, Bangalore on 30 September to 1 October, 2013.

News from Branch Offices

Guwahati

❖ Applications received:

- A total of 127 applications were received for

registration during the period.

❖ PGSC Award & PGSF Rewards/Recognition applications:

- Seven applications for PGSC Award 2012-13 and 11 applications for PGSF Rewards/Recognition 2012-13 were also received at the branch office as on 30 September, 2013. All these applications were forwarded to Headquarters.

❖ Task Force Meeting:

- Task Force meeting for validation of DUS descriptors for Tea at T o c k l a i Experimental S t a t i o n , Jorhat was held on 23 August, 2013.



Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&FRA who was on visit to Guwahati, attended the meeting along with Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar and Dr. A. C. Sarma, Deputy Registrar also attended the meeting.

❖ DUS Project Visit:

- Visited DUS Project for Citrus at Jowai area of Meghalaya (Under ICAR U m i a m) with the Chairperson, Dr. Ravi P r a k a s h and ICAR



Umiam Scientists on 24 August, 2013.

- Deputy Registrar and Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar visited DUS Project Banana at Horticulture



Research Station Nagicherra, Tripura on 24 September, 2013.



❖ **Awareness Programmes/lectures**

- Deputy Registrar with Dr. A.K. Singh, STO attended a meeting on 16 July, 2013 with Director of Research, AAU, Jorhat along with the Head Plant Breeding and Genetics (PBG), scientists of RARS Titabar and IPR Cell of Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat for expediting submission of applications for registration.

- Interacted with ATMA officials of Jorhat on 16 July, 2013 at the office of the Extension Co-ordinator,



A T M A , Jorhat. Details regarding filling of applications and nomination

of farmers for PGSC Awards, PGSF Rewards and PGSF Recognitions was discussed and application forms were distributed.

- An inter-action meeting on PPV&FRA, 2001 was conducted on 17 July, 2013 with the

Scientists and Officers of TRA in presence of Dr . N. Muruleedharan, Director, TRA. A talk was delivered on



of PPV&FR Authority and its Branch Office,

PPV&FR Act, 2001 and PGSC Awards, PGSF Rewards and PGSF Recognitions.

- An interaction meeting with the scientist of RFRI, Jorhat was conducted on 18 July, 2013 regarding highlighting t h e



provisions of farmers' rights under P P V & F R Act, 2001 and the

activities of the Authority, its achievements including PGSC awards, rewards and recognitions.

- Addressed the DAO, SDAOs, Sr. ADOs and ADOs of Jorhat district at the chamber of DAO, Jorhat, Mr. Kalpa Ranjan Gogoi on 19 July, 2013 requesting to file applications for registration.

- Deputy Registrar also visited the following



places to discuss with the scientists and officers R A R S , K a r i m g a n j and KVK, K a r i m g a n j

and District Agricultural Office Silchar on 5 August, 2013, visited farmers field at Salganga, Adoibasti, Koiribasti and Desualibasti villages on 6 August and also interacted with the Agriculture officials of Kachar district on 6 August, 2013.

- Deputy Registrar delivered a lecture on PPV&FR Act to the scientists of KVKs at CIFRI Regional Centre, Guwahati.



- ❖ National Seminar on “Wetland Ecosystem: Conservation and Management with special reference to North –East India was organized by the Botanical Society of Assam at Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati on 21-22 June, 2013. Two days seminar was attended by Economic botanists, professors of Botany, scientists and academician including students. Deputy Registrar, PPV&FR Authority also availed the opportunity and highlighted the provisions of farmers’ rights including Plant Genome Saviour Community (PGSC) awards in one of the sessions in above seminar.

Ranchi

- ❖ Shri Umakant Dubey, Deputy Registrar has courtesy call with Vice-Chancellor, Director (Research) & Director (Extension) and Plant breeders, scientists & researchers of Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour (Bhagalpur) about varietal registration including farmers varieties and inviting applications for PGSC awards, rewards & recognition constituted by the Authority for the farmers. He also addressed meetings of Subject Matter Specialists (SMS Horticulture) about different provision of PPV&FR Act, 2001 and apprised them about the farmers’ rights and their registration of farmers’ varieties and also discussed about award, reward and recognition.
- ❖ Visited Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur (Bihar) and had meetings with Director (Research), Director (Extension), Chairman, Deptt. of Plant Breeding, Chairman,



Department of Agricultural Biotechnology & Molecular Biology and Plant Breeders, scientists about varietal registration including farmers Variety and different types of awards, rewards & recognition and other provisions of PPV&FR Act 2001.

- ❖ Visited farming community at Sasaram in District – Rohtas and contacted Shri Dilip Singh, Mohaddiganj, Leader of the village community and other farmers and apprised them about farmers variety registration and Plant Genome Saviour Community award and Plant Genome Saviour farmers, rewards & recognitions constituted by PPV&FR Authority under the provisions of PPV&FR Act, 2001.
- ❖ Deputy Registrar also participated as the representative of the Authority in the DUS Monitoring of Jute at CRIJAF, Barrackpore, West Bengal and its regional centre Budbud on 23-24 August, 2013 respectively.

- ❖ PPV&FR Authority organized a training-cum-awareness programme with Agricultural



Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Department of Agriculture at Vill- Sontai &

Rundai. Panchayat- Bariyatu, Distt. Ramgarh, Jharkhand where Deputy Registrar interacted with the farmers and sensitize them about their rights under PPV&FR Act, 2001.

- ❖ The Deputy Registrar, Ranchi was deputed to Bhubaneswar





in connection with collecting information regarding 50 farmers' rice varieties applied for registration under PPV&FR Act, 2001 and submitted to Headquarters by Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Govt. of Odisha.

Special drive for registration of farmers' varieties in North-Eastern Hills

Meeting with the Senior Officials of the State

Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar along with Dr. A. C. Sarma, Dy. Registrar Branch Office Guwahati visited the Directorate of Horticulture and Agriculture, Govt. of

Tripura on 20 September, 2013. They had discussion with Dr. Abdul Haque, Director



of Agriculture, Dr. D. P. Sarkar, Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Tripura regarding filing of applications for the notified crops and requested to render their co-operation for filing of applications and also met with the Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, IFS, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Tripura, and requested him for the co-operation in filing of applications for registration.

Training-cum-Awareness programme at ICAR, Tripura

A one day training-cum-awareness programme was organised at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Center, Lembucherra, Agartala, Tripura on 21 September, 2013. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar, Dr. D. P. Sarkar, Director of Horticulture, Govt. of Tripura., Dr. R. C. Chamui, Principal, College of Agriculture and Dr. A. C. Sarma, Dy.

Registrar Branch Office Guwahati attended the programme and delivered lectures on various provisions on PPV & FR Act, 2001. The farmers also displayed some of their



traditional varieties. A demonstration about the filling of the application form was also arranged for the benefit of farmers.

Two Awareness programmes organised at Cherimai Village and ADC village in Mandwi area

Two Awareness meeting were conducted on 22 September, 2013 in the Cherimai Village



of Sipahijhola district and Habang, ADC village in Mandwi area along with Dr. M. Datta, Joint Director, ICAR Tripura,

Dr S.P Das Sr. Scientist, ICAR, Tripura, Mr. Niladri Sekhar Das Agriculture Sector Officer and Mr. Kabir Deb Barma, Local Agriculture Sector Officer of the concerned village. The farmers displayed their varieties and shown interest for registration.

Training-cum-Awareness programme organised at Dibiyadaya KVK of Khowai district Tripura

Training-cum-Awareness Programme was conducted on 23 September, 2013 by Dibiyadaya KVK of Khowai district of Tripura at Jibanananda Kristi Kendra, Sontala. More than 100 farmers participated.



The meeting was also attended by Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar, Dr. A. C. Sarma, Dy. Registrar Branch Office Guwahati, Mr. Mrinmoi Deb Nath, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Khowai district. (District Agricultural Officer), Mr Biswajit Dass, Superintendent of Agriculture, Khowai. The farmers displayed seeds of their traditional varieties.



After the training a field visit was undertaken where the farmers and the scientists of Dibyadaya KVK participated.

Awareness programme at College of Agriculture, Tripura

A one day awareness programme was convened by Registrar and Deputy Registrar of the Authority on 24 September, 2013 at the auditorium of College of Agriculture, Tripura. College teachers and the students participated in the programme. A power point present on the activities of PPV&FR Authority was made by the official.



A awareness programme attended at Horticulture Research Station Nagicherra. Mr. Saumitra Das, Joint Director, horticulture and progressive farmers participated in the Programme.

The officials also met Dr. A.K. Gupta, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest, Tripura along with Dr. M. Datta, Joint Director, ICAR, Tripura, and requested him for his assistance in the registration of farmers' varieties. Dr. A.K. Gupta, Secretary, State Biodiversity Board assured them his best co-operation.

Awareness -cum-Training Programme at KVK, Dhalai

Awareness and Training Programme was organised at KVK, Dhalai on 25 September, 2013. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar, Dr. A. C. Sarma, Dy. Registrar Branch Office Guwahati, Dr. Subrata Shib, Programme Coordinator, Scientists of the KVK, Dhalai, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Dhalai and Superintendent of Agriculture, Khowai in addition to the Sector Agriculture Officers and Village Level Extension Workers and large numbers of the farmers participated in the programme. The film on Farmers Rights and Agro Biodiversity Hot Spot were also displayed. Farmers displayed their varieties. The farmers were demonstrated how to fill up the applications. Leaflets and Application forms were also distributed.



Awareness -cum-Training Programme organised at KVK, South Tripura

Awareness and Training Programme was organised at KVK South Tripura on 25 September, 2013. Dr. A. C. Sarma, Dy. Registrar Branch Office



Guwahati,
Dr. A.K.
Singh,
Programme
Coordinator
and



Scientist of KVK and large numbers of the farmers participated in the programme. The film on Farmers Rights and Agro Biodiversity Hot Spot was also displayed. The farmers came with their varieties and after the meeting farmers were assisted and guided to fill up the application forms. A total of 52 applications were completed for endorsement from the District Agricultural Officer.

Hindi Chetna Mah

The PPV&FR Authority celebrated one month Hindi Chetna Mah in the office from 1 – 30 September, 2013. The promote to use of Hindi



in the office among officials a competition on Hindi Essay on “पौधा संरक्षण में किसानों के अधिकार से देश के

विकास में सहयोग” was organized on 13 September, 2013. During one month drive efforts were made to popularise the use of Hindi in day today work.



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- During the period July to September, 2013 six applications were received in the Authority and replies to the same were provided to the applicants.



NATIONAL GENE FUND

GENEROUS CALL FOR ENRICHING NATIONAL GENE FUND

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Contribute generously to National Gene Fund.*

*Dr. R.R. Hanchinal
Chairperson
PPV&FR Authority*



Announcements

The Authority has invited applications/nominations for the next Plant Genome Saviour Community Awards (PGSC), Rewards and Recognition for the period 2012-13. The advertisement for the same has been published in Times of India and Hin Barrackpore tan Times Newspapers and other vernacular languages on 30 June, 2013. The advertisement is also available on the website of the Authority (www.plantauthority.gov.in).

Applications are now invited for the award, which is open to all Indian group of farmers, community of farmers, particularly the tribal and rural communities engaged in conservation, improvement and preservation of genetic resources of economic plants and their wild relatives particularly in the areas identified as agro biodiversity hotspots. The Authority confers the "Plant Genome Saviour Community Award" annually on the basis of shortlisting and site verification of the applications received from the community of farmers/farming community based organizations who have a long track record for conserving plant agro-biodiversity.

There shall be maximum of five PGSC Awards

in a year, consisting of a cash of ₹ 10 lakh each, a citation and a memento. There are ten rewards for individual farmers of ₹ 1 lakh each, citation and memento. Besides, there are 20 Farmers Recognitions where a citation and memento is awarded to the individual farmers or an institution engaged in the conservation of genetic resources of landraces and wild relatives of economic plants and their improvement through selection and preservation provided that material so selected and preserved has been used as donors of genes in varieties registerable under this Act.

It is essential for the applicants to forward their application through Chairperson or Secretary of the concerned **Panchayat Biodiversity Management Committee** or Concerned **District Agricultural Officer** or **Director of Research** of concerned **State Agriculture University (SAU)** or concerned **District Tribal Development Officer**. Farmers and communities whose applications are shortlisted for Reward and Recognition shall be required to deposit specified quantity of seeds or propagating material details of which will be communicated later.

The last date for receipt of the applications is 30th September, 2013.



Crop species under Registration (57)

Crop species	Botanical name		Crop species	Botanical name
Rice / चावल	Oryza sativa L		Sugarcane / गन्ना	Saccharum L.
Bread wheat/ गेहूँ (चपाती)	Triticum aestivum L.		Black pepper / काली मिर्च	Piper nigrum L.
Maize/ मक्का	Zea mays L.		Small cardamom/ छोटी इलायची	Elettaria cardamomum Maton
Sorghum/ ज्वार	Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench		Turmeric / हल्दी	Curcuma Longa L.
Pearl Millet/ बाजरा	Pennisetum glaucum (L.) R. Br.		Ginger / अदरक	Zingiber officinale Rosc.
Chickpea / चना	Cicer arietinum L.		Tomato / टमाटर	Lycopersicon lycopersicum (L.) Karsten ex. Farw.
Mungbean / मूंग	Vigna radiata (L.) Wilczek		Brinjal / बैंगन	Solanum melongena L.
Urdbean / उड़द	Vigna mungo (L.) Hepper		Okra/ भिन्डी	Abelmoschus esculentus (L.) Moench
Fieldpea / मटर	Pisum sativum L		Cauliflower / फूल गोभी	Brassica oleracea L. var. botrytis
Kidney bean/राजमा	Phaseolus vulgaris L.		Cabbage / पत्ता गोभी	Brassica oleracea var. capitata L.
Lentil / मसूर	Lens culinaris Medik		Potato / आलू	Solanum tuberosum L.
Pigeon pea/अरहर	Cajanus cajan (L.) Millsp		Onion/ प्याज	Allium cepa L.
Indian mustard/ सरसो	Brassica juncea L. Czern & Coss		Garlic/ लहसून	Allium sativum L.
Karan rai / राई	Brassica carinata A Braun		Rose/ गुलाब	Rosa spp. other than R. damascena
Rapeseed/ रेप्सीड	Brassica rapa L		Crysanthemum / गुलदाउदी	Chrysanthemum L.
Gobhi sarson/ गोभी सरसों	Brassica napus L.		Mango / आम	Mangifera indica L.
Groundnut/ मूंगफली	Arachis hypogaea L.		Durum wheat / ड्यूरम गेहूँ	Triticum durum Desf.
Soybean/ सोयाबीन	Glycine max (L.) Merrill		Dicoccum wheat/ डिकोक्कम गेहूँ	Triticum dicoccum L.
Sunflower/ सूरजमुखी	Helianthus annuus L.		Other Triticum / ट्रिटिकम प्रजातियाँ	Triticum species
Safflower/ कुसुम	Carthamus tinctorius L.		Isabgol / इसबगोल	Plantago ovata Forsk.
Castor / अरंडी	Ricinus communis L.		Menthol Mint / पुदिना	Mentha arvensis L.
Sesame / तिल	Sesamum indicum L.		Damask Rose/ गुलाब (इद्र)	Rosa damascena Mill
Linseed / अलसी	Linum usitatissimum L.		Periwinkle / सदाबहार	Catharanthus roseus L. G Don
Diploid Cotton / कपास (द्वगुणित)	Gossypium arboreum L.		Brahmi / ब्राह्ममी	Bacopa monnieri L. Pennell
	Gossypium herbaceum L.		Coconut / नारियल	Cocos nucifera L.
Tetraploid Cotton / कपास (चतुर्गुणित)	Gossypium hirsutum L.		Bamboo Leaf Orchid or Boat Orchid/ साइमबिडम	Cymbidium Sw.
	Gossypium barbadense L.		Spray Orchid or Singapore Orchid/ जीवंती	Dendrobium Sw.
Jute / पटसन	Corchorus olitorius L.		Vanda or Blue Orchid/ रसना	Vanda Jones ex R. Br.
	Corchorus capsularis L.			

Ber, Barley, Apple, Peach, Plum, Coriander, Fenugreek, Grapes, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Pomegranate, Casuarina, Eucalyptus, Bitter Gourd, Bottle Gourd, Cucumber and Pumpkin are to be notified shortly.



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