## "Regional Workshop on Farmers' Rights & Agro-biodiversity Exhibition" organized at Hyderabad

30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

A joint "Regional Workshop Farmers' Rights & Agro-biodiversity Exhibition" in association with Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi; Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad; ICAR – ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad and ICAR- ATARI, Zone-IX, Bengaluru was organized at State Agricultural University, Hyderabad on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The regional workshop was inaugurated by Mr. C.Parthasarathi, I.A.S, Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Govt. Govt. of Telangana, and has been addressed by Dr. B. Rajender, IAS, Chairperson, PPV and FR authority, New Delhi; Dr. Praveen Rao, Vice Chancellor, PJTSAU, Hyderabad and Dr. RC Agrawal, Register General, PPV and FR authority, New Delhi.

Speaking in the inaugural session, Dr. YG Prasad, Director ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad, informed that the institute is associated in creating awareness on the PPV and FR act 2001 since 2013. It has organized 134 awareness programmes and created awareness to over 14442 farmers, extension officials and other stake holders.

The Agro bio diversity exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. B. Rajender, Chairperson, PPV and FR authority along with other dignitaries and visited the exhibition. 18 KVKs from ICAR-ATARI, Zone-X, Hyderabad and ICAR ATARI, Zone-XI, Bengaluru participated along with farmers and displayed bio diverse materials of different crops in the exhibition.

Over 700 farmers, officials of the State Agricultural University, State Department of Agriculture, Non-Governmental organizations etc, press and media participated in the programme.

Dr. Chari Appaji, Principal scientist, ICAR- ATARI, Zone-X and Dr. MV Nagesh Director seeds, PJTSAU, Hyderabad coordinated the event. Dr. T. Pradeep, Director of Research, PJTSAU, Hyderabad proposed vote of thanks.





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