

Annual Group Meet on MULLaRP pulses and AINP on Arid Legumes



The Annual Group Meet of AICRP on MULLaRP and AINP on Arid Legumes was held at Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar, Gujarat during 28-30 April, 2018 to review the progress of research and finalize the technical programme for 2018-19. About 150 delegates from cooperating centres, SAUs and state departments of Agriculture participated in Meet. Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Project Coordinator (MULLaRP), while presenting the significant findings of the project, focused the progress made to speed up the breeding process by generating breeding material with the use of trait specific donors, advancing the generations by using off season generation advancement, shuttling and sharing of breeding material for rapid varietal development programme. Some centres were identified as breeding hubs in each zone. He also highlighted the progress made in identification of post-emergence herbicides and specific recommendations for Kharif pulses. Dr. P.K.Chakrabarty, Assistant Director General (PP&B; O&P), ICAR, New Delhi while inaugurating the meet emphasized that centres should take innovative programmes and advised that each centre should specialize itself with some specific objective of national importance. He also desired that efficacy trials on newer chemicals for control of pathogens, pests and weeds should be taken up with care and caution as the information so generated will be useful in the process of extending label claims for pulses. After thorough discussion, the technical programme for 2018-19 was discussed and finalized for each discipline. One variety of each of Urdbean (PU 10-23) and Horsegram (BSP 15-1) was identified for release and notification.