

New Regional Research Centre of IPR, Kanpur in Karnataka

To enhance pulses production and productivity of pulse crops in southern India the Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IPR), Kanpur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad to establish a ***Regional Research Centre cum Off-Season Nursery*** of the institute at UAS, Dharwad in Karnataka.

For the time being, the centre will operate from Sericulture Building of the University. The main mandate of the centre will be to cater the research and extension needs of the pulse crops such as chickpea, pigeonpea, urdbean and mungbean grown in southern India including Karnataka state. Besides, the centre will also act as an Off-Season Nursery during summer months for advancing breeding material of chickpea, lentil and peas; and during winter season for urdbean and mungbean to hasten breeding cycles. In addition, centre will develop location specific varieties and crop production technologies for pulses and would contribute to capacity building of officials from the Department of Agriculture of various southern Indian states. Centre will also impart need based training to pulse growers in association with UAS, Dharwad.

The MoU was signed by Dr. N. Nadarajan, Director, IPR on behalf of Secretary, DARE & Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Dr. H.S. Vijay Kumar, Registrar, UAS, Dharwad in presence of the Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Vice- Chancellor of the university. Dr. P.M. Salimath, Director of Research; Dr B.M. Khadi, Dean, Post Graduate Studies and other dignitaries of the University and Dr. N. P. Singh, Project Coordinator, All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Chickpea were also present on this occasion.

