

## **SUMMARY OF AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON NCS-TCP AT SECUNDERABAD**

Awareness Programme on NCS-TCP for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh was organized on May 10, 2016 at Manasarovar-The Fern, Chiraan Fort, U.S. Consulate Lane, Begumpet.

A total of **70 persons** from various segments attended this programme as listed below:

- Official from State Agriculture/Horticulture Department: 13
- Representatives of tissue culture units: 38
- Progressive farmers: 10
- Experts of NCS-TCP: 9

The programme started with a welcome address by **Dr. Purnima Sharma**, Managing Director, Biotech Consortium India Limited. **Dr. K. Gurumurthi**, Expert Member, Accreditation Panel of NCS-TCP & Former Director, Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore appreciated the initiative of Department of Biotechnology, Government of India delivered the special address. The keynote address was delivered by **Shri C. Parthasarathi, IAS**, Agricultural Production Commissioner & Secretary, Government of Telangana, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. **Dr. Renu Swarup**, Senior Adviser and Scientist H, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India inaugurated the event and highlighted the background and genesis of NCS-TCP. Dr. Swarup emphasized need of doing such events at District level and request the State Government to take suitable initiatives for the same. **Dr. Shiv Kant Shukla**, Assistant General Manager proposed the vote of thanks.

Presentation on Overview and Current status of NCS-TCP was delivered by **Dr. Shiv Kant Shukla**, Assistant General Manager, BCIL. **Dr. V. K. Baranwal**, Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi & Member Accreditation Panel of NCS-TCP delivered presentation on Mechanism of Recognition and Renewal of Tissue Culture: Production Facilities/ Hardening facilities. Presentation on Procedure of testing & certification, procedures under SOPs was delivered by **Dr. K. T. Rangaswamy**, Professor, Plant Pathology, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.

Interactive session with the stakeholders including State Government, Tissue Culture Companies and farmers was chaired by **Dr. K. Gurumurthi**, Expert Member, Accreditation Panel of NCS-TCP & Former Director, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore to obtain feedback on NCS-TCP. **Dr. Purnima Sharma**, Managing Director, Biotech Consortium India Limited, New Delhi; **Dr. Manoj Kumar Modi**, Scientist-D, Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi; **Dr. V. K. Baranwal**, Coordinator, Referral Centre for Virus Indexing at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi; **Dr. Amol U. Solanke**, Project Investigator, Referral Centre for Genetic Fidelity at National Research Center for Plant Biotechnology (NRCPB), New Delhi, **Professor K. T. Rangaswamy**, Coordinator, Accredited Test Laboratory (ATL) at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and **Shri K. Suresh**, ADH-I, Department of Horticulture, Telangana are the panellist for answering any queries of the participant. Participants particularly from industry appreciated the role of NCS-TCP in helping them to produce and distribute quality tissue culture plants. Participants also raised issues regarding electricity rate, non-availability of ammonium nitrate, mandatory registration with State government as suppliers. Representative from State horticulture department assured to extend assistance in resolving such issues.



Dignitaries on the dias during the Inaugural session

Lighting of the auspicious lamp in the inaugural session



Dr. Renu Swarup, Senior Adviser and Scientist H, DBT delivering the inaugural address



Participants of the awareness programme



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Panellist of the interactive session