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**Brain Storming on enhancement of productivity of rapeseed mustard at Pantnagar**

Pantnagar. 17 May, 2011. A national level brain storming session on enhancing productivity of Rapeseed-Mustard was organized at the College of Agriculture of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar under the aegis of All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Rapeseed-Mustard of ICAR, New Delhi and the Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research (DRMR), Bharatpur. In the session the rapeseed-mustard scientists from various corners of the country emphasized upon development of hybrid as well as disease- and pest-resistant varieties for enhancing the productivity and quality of these edible oil crops in India. About 50 scientists from various states participated in this session.

In the inaugural session the Vice-Chancellor of Pantvarsity, hailing the efforts and dedication of the Rapeseed-Mustard scientists at Pantnagar, highlighted the contribution of Pantvarsity in rapeseed-mustard research, production and development. He also felt necessity of establishment of a sub-centre in Uttarakhand hills to increase production of the crop to the required levels.

Speaking at the occasion, the Assistant Director General (Crop Science) of ICAR, Dr. B.B. Singh, emphasized upon minimizing the yield gaps in rapeseed-mustard productivity realized among different zones by adopting a sound crop improvement programme.

Director of DRMR, Dr. J.S. Chauhan, expressed a sense of gratification on account of an increasing trend in acreage and production under rapeseed-mustard in Rajasthan. However, he expressed concern on the decline of productivity in other important states, especially Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Chauhan exhorted the oilseed scientists for an enhancement in the genetic potential of these crops. He also urged for an increase in the support price of these crops by the Government which could be instrumental in the economic development of the country.

Concluding the event, the coordinator of oilseed programme at Pantnagar, Dr. R.P. Awasthi thanked all the concerned for making the event successful, fruitful and relevant. Rapeseed-mustard scientists at Pantnagar, Dr. Ram Bhajan, Dr. C.P. Singh, Dr. A.K. Tewari, Dr. Anil Shukla, Dr. Usha Bhatt, Dr. Himanshu Punetha and others made a significant contribution in organizing this session.



**E-mail Photo No. 1 : Sitting on the dais (left to right) in the inaugural function of brain storming session are Dr. B.B. Singh, Dr. B.S. Bisht, Dr. J.S. Chauhan and others.**