

Maize Germplasm Field Day
organized by ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research at its Winter Nursery
Centre, Hyderabad on 27th February 2017

Indian Institute of Maize Research (IIMR) organized a Maize Germplasm Field Day at its 'Winter Nursery Centre', Hyderabad on 27th February, 2017. A total of 1401 maize accessions were grown in a compact block for assessment and selections by breeders, pathologists, agronomists and entomologists from 27 AICRP centres from SAUs and ICAR institutes. The material included inbred lines from CIMMYT, NBPGR, and large segregating materials with sub-tropical and temperate background from IIMR and seven AICRP Centres, Thirty-eight participants from AICRP, SAUs and ICAR institutes participated in the field day.



The field visit was followed by a discussion on various issues like development of high yielding hybrids in *kharif*, drought and disease tolerant lines, importing of exotic material, strengthening of germplasm on sweet corn and pop corn.

Dr. D. Raja Reddy, Director of Research, Professor Jayashanker Telangana State Agricultural University (PJ TSAU), Hyderabad graced the occasion as Chief Guest has appreciated theme based field days *viz.* stem borer/PFSR/Blight/temperature and drought tolerant lines, by IIMR. He also suggested having a set of hybrids ready for various contingency conditions. He lauded the initiative of IIMR for sharing the germplasm among the coordinating centers through 'Field Days' at 'Winter Nursery Centre', IIMR, Hyderabad.

Dr. Vinay Mahajan, Director, ICAR-IIMR encouraged the participants from various centers to work in close collaboration for maximum utilization of genetic resources and extended full cooperation from IIMR in this regard. He also highlighted the need to come up with the hybrids with yield potential of 10t/ha during *Kharif* and tap germplasm for various processable types *viz.* corn flakes etc., apart from the baby corn, sweet corn and pop corn. He thanked the collaborators for their active participation in field day.

Dr. J.C. Sekhar, In-Charge, Winter Nursery Centre gave details of the germplasm on display and also thanked PJ TSAU and Director, IIMR for all the support and facilities for organizing the field day. Dr. N Sunil proposed vote of thanks.