Five-Day HRD Programme on Integrated Pest Management Inaugurated at RCIPMC, Nagpur

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The five-day Human Resource Development (HRD) Programme on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) was inaugurated on 16 November 2026, at the Regional Centre for Integrated Pest Management (RCIPMC), Nagpur. The programme is being organised from 16 to 20 November 2026 with the objective of enhancing the knowledge and technical competencies of participants in IPM and promoting sustainable crop protection practices.

Shri Umesh Ghadge, Joint Director of Agriculture, Nagpur, graced the inaugural occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the importance of bioconsortia and their role in promoting sustainable agriculture. Dr. D. K. Nagaraju, Joint Director (E) and In-charge, RCIPMC, Nagpur, delivered an informative lecture on the role, philosophy, concept and principles of Integrated Pest Management. Dr. Gyaneshwar Banchhor, Deputy Director (E) and In-charge, CIPMC, Raipur, was also present on the occasion. A total of 43 participants have registered for the five-day training programme.

The training programme covers a comprehensive range of topics related to Integrated Pest Management, including different types of pest surveys and their role in IPM, agro-ecosystem analysis, pest surveillance through the NPSS application, and identification and management of major insect pests and diseases affecting important crops.

The programme also includes sessions on the mass multiplication and practical application of biocontrol agents such as ‘Trichogramma’, ‘Metarhizium’, ‘Beauveria’ and ‘Pseudomonas’. Participants will receive practical exposure to biocontrol techniques, field-based pest management approaches and the preparation of Agro-Ecosystem Analysis (AESA) charts through group activities and field visits.

A field visit to an AESA demonstration in different Kharif crops at M/s Universal Farm, Kalmeshwar, Nagpur, is scheduled as part of the programme. The technical sessions will also cover the identification and management of major pests and diseases of cotton, grapes, pomegranate, sugarcane, maize, rice, pulses, oilseeds, fruit and vegetable crops.

Other important topics include the safe and judicious use of pesticides, application of different types of traps for pest management, natural farming practices, and the role of IPM in the export of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The programme will conclude on 20 November 2026 with post-evaluation of trainees, feedback and a valedictory function. Through this comprehensive training programme, RCIPMC, Nagpur, aims to strengthen the technical capacity of participants and encourage the adoption of eco-friendly, science-based and sustainable pest management practices for improved agricultural productivity and environmental protection.



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