# Five-Day HRD Programme on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Concludes at RCIPMC, Nagpur

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Nagpur, 22 November 2026:

A five-day Human Resource Development (HRD) Programme on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), organised by the Regional Central Integrated Pest Management Centre (RCIPMC), Nagpur, from 16th to 20th November 2026, concluded successfully at RCIPMC, Nagpur. A total of 43 participants from various districts of Maharashtra State attended the programme.

The programme was organised with the objective of strengthening the technical knowledge and field-level capabilities of agricultural officers and other stakeholders in the identification,
surveillance and eco-friendly management of insect pests and diseases affecting various agricultural crops.

During the five-day programme, participants were imparted technical knowledge through lectures, interactive sessions and practical demonstrations on various aspects of Integrated Pest Management, including identification of insect pests and diseases, pest surveillance and monitoring, economic threshold levels (ETL), cultural, mechanical, biological and need-based chemical methods of pest management, use of biocontrol agents, and safe and judicious application of pesticides.

The technical sessions were delivered by Dr. D. K. Nagaraju, Joint Director (Entomology), RCIPMC, Nagpur; Shri Gyaneshwer Banchor, Deputy Director (Entomology), CIPMC, Raipur; Dr. Ramanna Koulagi, Assistant Director (Entomology); Shri Pramod Kumar Meena, Assistant Director (Plant Pathology); Dr. Rahul Wadaskar, Entomologist and Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture, Nagpur; Dr. Vilas Tambe, Entomologist and Professor, College of Agriculture, Nagpur; Dr. Naresh Meshram, Entomologist and Principal Scientist, ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI), Nagpur; Dr. Rachana Pandey, Entomologist and Principal Scientist, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur; and Dr. Neelkanth Hiremani, Plant Pathologist and Senior Scientist, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur Sh. Mithun Dhumal, APPO, LCIPMC Vadodara.

The experts shared their technical knowledge and field experience with the participants.
The participants were also sensitised about the importance and applications of the National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS) mobile application, particularly in pest surveillance, uploading of pest and disease images, validation of field observations and dissemination of timely pest
management advisories.

The valedictory function was graced by Shri Milind Ramteke, Senior Accounts Officer, Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI), Nagpur, as the Chief Guest. During the
valedictory session, the participants shared their feedback and appreciated the technical guidance, practical exposure and interactive learning opportunities provided during the programme.

The Chief Guest and other dignitaries emphasised the importance of adopting scientific and ecofriendly pest management practices and encouraged participants to disseminate the knowledge gained during the training among farmers and field functionaries for wider implementation of IPM practices.
The programme concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, resource persons, experts from the participating institutions, participants and the staff of RCIPMC, Nagpur, for their valuable contributions towards the successful conduct of the programme.





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