

ICAR -NBAIR organized Town Talk Series - 003

Webinar on

‘The Agrobiodiversity Index in India: Leading the path for other countries’

ICAR-NBAIR in collaboration with the Alliance of the Bioversity International and CIAT, India office organised the Town Talk Series 003 as a webinar on “The Agrobiodiversity Index in India: Leading the path for other countries on 17.8.2020 at 15.00 –17.00 hrs. The programme started with the introductory remarks by Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, ICAR–NBAIR Bengaluru. He emphasized about development of wholistic agrobiodiversity index (ABDI) tool to measure agricultural biodiversity and identify measures to achieve diverse, resilient and sustainable food systems. Dr. Natalia Estrada Carmona, Associate Scientist, The Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT, Italy presented an exemplary talk on “The Agrobiodiversity Index in India: Leading the path for other countries. In her talk, she enlightened about the Agrobiodiversity Index and its aim to empower public and private decision-makers to sustainably transform what we grow, eat and conserve. She also elaborated on the skeleton of agrobiodiversity index with three measurement categories including 22 indicators and 55 sub indicators, respectively. Dr. Natalia stressed on the importance of text mining towards achieving the progress and time line under agrobiodiversity conservation and use. She also explained about, How India can lead the path for other countries in terms of databases/data sources that are available with various bureaux in transforming agrobiodiversity data for India. Selection of databases with sub-indicators linked to a pillar/measurement/indicator- quality criteria was also explained by her in detail. A total of 44 participants including former directors of NBAIR, NBPGR, staffs of Bioversity International and AICRP-BC centres were attended and actively take part in the deliberations of the webinar. The programme was chaired by Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, ICAR–NBAIR. Dr. Jai C. Rana, country representative, Alliance of the Bioversity International and CIAT coordinated the programme. The NBAIR scientific team, Drs. Kesavan Subaharan, M. Sampath Kumar, Amala UdayaKumar, M. Pratheepa and M. Mohan organized the webinar.

