

## **MEETING OF SEED INDUSTRY EXPERTS RECEIVES GOOD RESPNSE**



CMIA President Mr.Sacheen Mulay addressing the participants at the meeting of experts in seed industry. CMIA Hon.Secretary Mr.Ashish Garde, Shri Ravi Barwale of Barwale Foundation are also seen in the photograph.



CMIA President Mr.Sacheen Mulay, Hon.Secretary Mr.Ashish Garde & Ravi Barwale of Barwale Foundation at the programme



Mr.Ravi Barwale of Barwale Foundation addressing the participants during the programme.

Chamber of Marathwada Industries and Agriculture (CMIA) in association with Barwale Foundation had organized a meeting of experts in the field of Seed Industry to create an industry platform for catering to the needs of the seed industry and Crop Biotech in this region.

The meeting was convened with the intention that all the players in the seed industry come on a common platform so that jointly they can further promote the development of the seed industry in the region with the active support from Govt. of Maharashtra.

The Common Platform for the Seed Industry & Crop-Biotechnology is being set-up on the lines of FICCI-DBT "Industry Platform" initiative at the national level. CMIA is keen to replicate the model at the regional level. Specifically, the idea is to create an "Industry platform" to foster research and innovation in the Seed Industry & Crop Biotech sector, considering the fact that the Marathwada region is home to leading seed firms & private entrepreneurship that led to the establishment of seed industry originated from here. It is estimated that the 12-15 seed & crop biotech firms located in the Marathwada region contribute approximately Rs.300 Crores to the state (Maharashtra) GDP on an annual basis.

Key stakeholders of the SCBIP would be the private seed & crop biotech industry, public sector research organizations, NGO's & GoM. The meeting was largely consultative & exploratory in nature. There was complete consensus & unanimity amongst all seed & crop biotech players on the need for the common platform - SCBIP. The role & governance mechanism for the

proposed platform, pressing issues of the industry & next steps were discussed.

The platform would seek to enable networking and pooling of resources for industry led academia partnered research, product and process development. Industry Platform has the potential to significantly impact the research agenda, not just in industry but also in the public institutions.

Mr.Ashish Garde, Hon. Secretary, CMIA welcomed the gathering & provided the background note. Dr. Ravi Shankar, Head Knowledge Services, Barwale Foundation presented a "suggested framework for the SCBIP". Sacheen Muley, President, CMIA proposed the vote of thanks.

The meeting was well represented by the captains and thought leaders of the seed & crop biotech industry from the Marathwada region - Mahyco, Nath Seeds, Green Gold Seeds, Ajeet Seeds, Kirtiman Seeds, KrishiDhan, BeejoSheetal, East-West Seeds, Monsanto, Maharashtra State Seed Corporation, KVK Aurangabad, Basant AgroTech, Akola etc. Recognizing the need for a common platform for the seed & crop biotech firms in the Marathwada region, the CMIA has resolved to facilitate the process of creating an 'industry platform' - "Seed & Crop Biotech" industry platform (SCBIP).