

## ICAR- CCRI signs MoU with UPL Sustainable Agri Solutions Limited for Contract Research Project on Citrus Insect Pest Management

To strengthen the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI), Nagpur with UPL Sustainable Agri Solutions Limited, Pune, Maharashtra. This collaboration aims to advance research and innovation in citrus pest management through a contract research project focused on "Bio-efficacy of Fipronil 15% + Flonicamid 15% WG against the citrus insect pest." The MoU was signed in the gracious presence of Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur, and Dr. Anand Jha, Regional Head-Regulatory & Research & Development, UPL, New Delhi, on the behalf of their respective organizations in presence of other delegates and dignitaries.

ICAR-CCRI Nagpur, a premier research institution has been at the forefront of citrus research for several decades. One of its key focus areas is the development and implementation of innovative insect pest management strategies tailored to the unique demands of citrus cultivation. ICAR-CCRI commitment to innovative insect pest management in citrus farming underscores its dedication to sustainable agriculture. Through rigorous research, extension, and eco-conscious practices, the institute is not only safeguarding citrus yields but also nurturing a healthier environment for the future of citrus cultivation.

Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR-CCRI welcomed the collaboration, saying, "We are delighted to join hands with UPL SAS for this research project, which aligns perfectly with our mission to advance citrus research and promote sustainable farming practices. Together, we aim to provide citrus growers with science-based solutions to combat insect pests effectively."

