

## **Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) meeting held at MMRS, AAU, Godhra**

**19-20<sup>th</sup>, July, 2017**

Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) visited on 19-20<sup>th</sup>, July 2017 at Main Maize Research Station, AAU, Godhra for review and assessment of last five year's research activities carried out in maize of Zone –V (Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan). This station was host for this event. ICAR has constituted this high power committee under the chairmanship of Prof. S K Datta, Former DDG (Crop Science), ICAR. The members of QRT team were Dr. Sain Dass, former Project Director (Maize), Dr. I.P.S. Ahlawat, Dr. A.K.Sharma and Dr. K. Srinivas. Dr. Sujay Rakshit, Director, Indian Institute of Maize Research, Ludhiana was also accompanied with QRT team. Over all 25 scientists from different Research Station of Zone-V has participated in this meeting.

Dr. K.B. Kathiria, Director of Research, A.A.U., Anand and Dr. H.R. Patel, ADR, A.A.U., Anand also joined the QRT team and informed about the status of maize in Gujarat. Dr. M.B.Patel, Associate Research Scientist, M.M.R.S., A.A.U., Godhra has presented the station progress report for the year 2011-16. Prior to inauguration of the programme, the field was visited by QRT team and all the participated scientists. During field visit Prof. K.H.Patel, Asstt. Research Scientist (Agronomy) and Dr.P.K.Parmar, Asstt. Research Scientist (Plant Breeding) informed R & D activities regarding maize at this station. Dr. S.K. Singh, Asstt. Research Scientist (Plant Pathology) explained about the various activities carried out in Plant Protection discipline. Dr. B.N. Thakkar, Asstt. Research Scientist (Ext. Edu.) and Dr. D.M. Rathod, Asstt. Research Scientist (Ext. Edu.) lead the QRT team to museum and explained about the extension activities.

There was an interface meeting organized on 20<sup>th</sup>, July, 2017 with starch and distillery industries to discuss the need of maize industry and challenges faced by them. The representatives from Sayaji Maize Products, Ahmedabad; Roquette Ridhdhi Sidhdhi, Ahmedabad and Tata foundation, Dahod have been participated in meeting and discussed about problems in maize procurement and basic needs of maize for industrial purpose. After a healthy discussion, QRT team recommended some ideas and gave some views. The Director, IIMR, Ludhiana has been note down the key points for future research need in maize for industry purpose and it would be further forwarded to ICAR for implementation.

At the completion of the session, Dr. S.L. Jat, Member Secretary, QRT team ended the meeting with vote of thanks.



**Group photo - QRT team & participants**



**Field visit**



**QRT team members and participating scientists**