

## ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar signed MoU with Vikas Trust, Bhubaneswar for Rural Development

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar and Vikas Trust, Bhubaneswar for facilitating rural development. Five other institutes namely Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal: ICAR-RC NEH, Umiam: ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack: ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata: and Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) Bhubaneswar also had signed similar agreement. Implementation of outreach activities of all these six institutes and reaching out to under privileged and unreached farming communities such as SC/ST and other disadvantages groups is the stated objective of the agreement. Besides, research and development activities as per the mandates of the respective institutes to be carried out for the benefit of the people in association with Vikas Trust. Dr R N Mandal Principal Scientist had signed the agreement on behalf of Director ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar. Smt. Mridula T. Pradhan, Chairperson of Vikas Trust was present.

