

## International workshop on DUS testing of apple and pear

ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar and PPV&FRA, New Delhi jointly organized two days International workshop on “DUS testing of apple and pear” from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar, Kashmir (Hybrid Mode) under Indo-German Cooperation on Seed Sector Development. During the event speeches on DUS testing of apple and pear in India were made by Dr. K. V. Prabhu, Chairperson, PPV&FRA, Dr.T.K.Nagarathna, Fmr.Registrar, PPVFRA, Dr Ravi Prakash, Ex-Registrar, PPV&FRA and Dr Javid Iqbal Mir, PI, DUS Centre on temperate fruits & nuts project and from Germany detailed presentation was made by Dr. Erik Schulte, Head of regional DUS testing Station with Focus on Fruits in Wurzen, Germany. During the deliberations thorough discussions resolved many issues related to DUS testing of apple and pear under Indian conditions. Fine tuning of On-site DUS testing was planned after relevant and desired feedback obtained from German scientists. Workshop was attended by scientists from ICAR-CITH, Srinagar, ICAR-NBPGR, Srinagar, SKUAST-K, Srinagar, PPV&FRA, New Delhi, Dr YSPUH&F, Shimla, ICAR-CITH (RS), Mukteshwar etc. Field visit was also organized to provide on spot training on DUS testing to the participants. Farmers were made aware about protection of their varieties through PPV&FRA and the benefits of protection thereof. Dr Om Chand Sharma, Director, ICAR-CITH, Srinagar shared the achievements made by the Institute and specified the areas of collaboration with Germany for further cooperation.

