

## ICAR-CIPHET inaugurates its “Storage-Pests Management Laboratory”

In recent past, insects’ infestation in stored food grains and processed products became more serious. Pests are affecting at various stages like production, processing, marketing and storage at farm, processor, export/ import level. During the occasion of 25<sup>th</sup> Research Advisory Committee meeting of ICAR-CPHET, Ludhiana, a state-of-art facility was inaugurated in the institute as “Storage-Pests Management Laboratory”. The lab is equipped with scientific equipment for conducting research in storage entomology. This lab will conduct research on strategies for pest management in storage of agricultural and allied commodities. ICAR-CIPHET being a nodal institute working in the area of post-harvest mechanization, processing and value addition, the addition of this lab facilities will add to its charm.

Dr. D. C. Joshi, Vice-Chancellor, Agricultural University, Kota & Chairman of RAC inaugurated the lab. During the occasion other RAC members Dr. R> Viswanathan, Former Professor and Head, TNAU, Coimbatore & Dr. Meenakshi Singh, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR, New Delhi were present. Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana appreciated the efforts of scientists Dr. Manju Bala, Dr. Guru P. N. and other staff for setting up this unique lab and taking the institute to the next level in post-harvest management research.



