

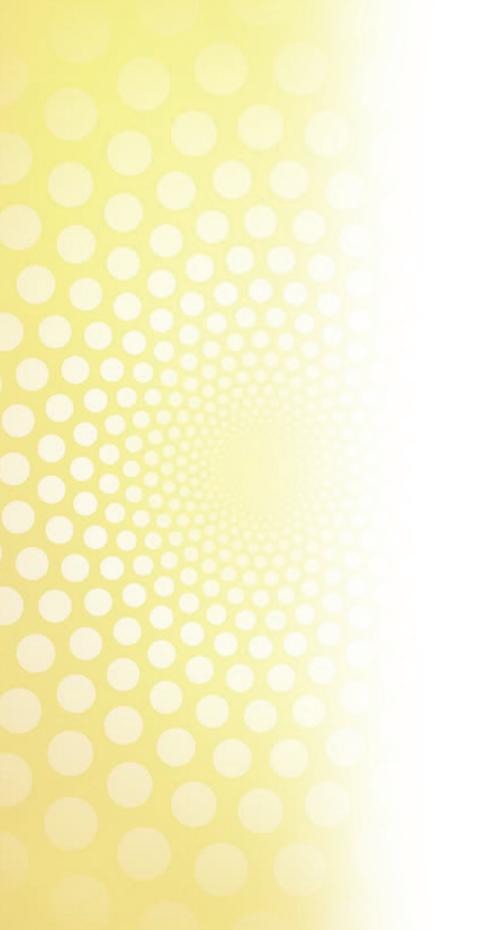
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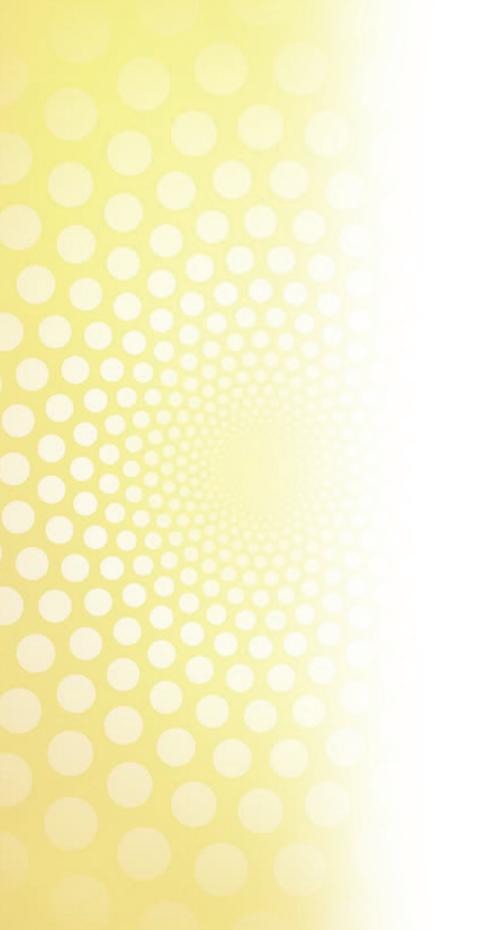
PREFACE

Wilt pathogens viz., the oomycete pathogen - Phytophthora spp., the fungal pathogen - Fusarium spp. and the bacterial wilt pathogen - Ralstonia solanacearum, have an enormous impact on the national economy. They cause havocs to a number of horticulture and field crops of the country ranging from vegetables, fruits, spices, plantation crops, ornamentals, pulses and oil seeds. On the other hand our understanding of these pathogens has tremendously improved with the advances in sequencing and genomic techniques. To harness the power of these new generation technologies and to bring in more synergy in our efforts to deal with these pathogens, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched an Outreach Project on Phytophthora, Fusarium and Ralstonia Diseases of Horticultural and Field Crops (PhytoFuRa) in the year 2008. Research was carried out under six thematic areas - biodiversity, diagnostics, epidemiology, genomics, host resistance, disease management and HRD. The project was operational initially in 19 centres distributed in ten states with Indian Institute of Spices Research (ICAR-IISR) as the lead centre and subsequently during 12th Five Year Plan, three more centres were added.

The PhytoFuRa Project was one of the flagship program of ICAR with a total outlay of ₹ 34.1 crores (2009 - 2017). It dealt with a wide range of crops including apple, banana, black pepper, brinjal, chickpea, chilli, citrus, coconut, cocoa, colocasia, ginger, guava, oil seeds, pigeon pea, potato, rubber, safflower, seed spices, sugarcane and tomato.The inter-institutional collaboration under this project was unique and exemplary. The PhytoFuRa portal (http://www.phytofura. net.in) facilitated better and faster interaction and sharing of resources among the investigators and research fellows.

Scientific articles published in peer reviewed journals are very important means of distributing research findings for the foreseeable future. Research publications continue to be a good indicator to assess the outcome of a project. During the span of last eight to nine years, PhytoFuRa project has contributed 170 research papers in peer reviewed journals and many more are in the pipeline. One third of these publications appeared in high impact factor journals which is a good measure of the outcome of this key project. This publication is a bibliography of the research publications and scientific presentations made in Seminars/Symposia by the investigators of this project.

We take this opportunity to salute the stewardship shown by Dr. M. Anandaraj in ably leading the project since its inception and brilliantly coordinating more than 80 scientists across the country. We thank all the investigators of the project for their commendable contribution. We would like to place on record our sincere gratitude to Dr. S. Ayyappan (Former Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR) and Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, the present incumbent for their valuable guidance and keen interest in the project. The support and guidance received from former Deputy Director Generals (Horticultural Science) - Dr. H.P. Singh and Dr. N.K. Krishna Kumar, and Dr.A.K. Singh, the present Deputy Director General (HS) are gratefully acknowledged. The financial support for the project received from ICAR is gratefully acknowledged.



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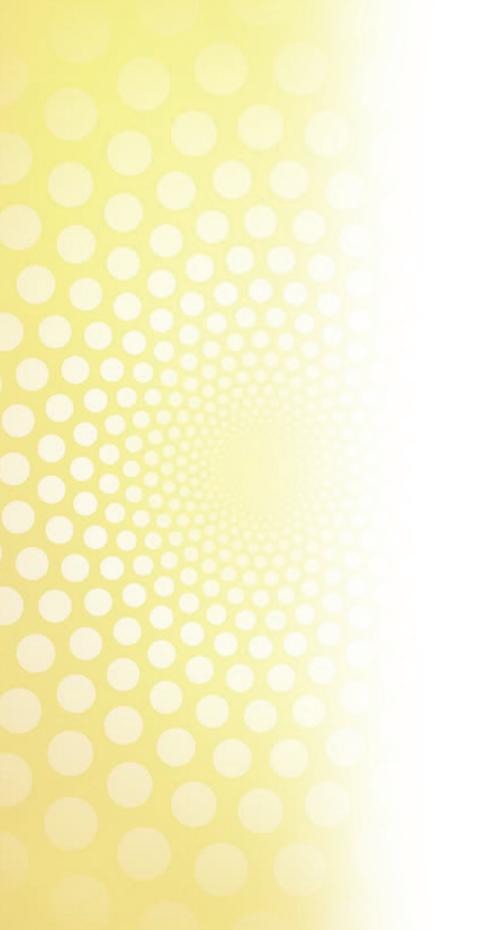
FOREWORD

The pathogens, viz. Phytophthora spp., Fusarium spp. and Ralstonia solanacearum, cause serious diseases in a number of agri-horticultural corps leading to enormous economic losses in India. Our understanding of the host plant-pathogen interactions and other associated factors are crucial for developing sound disease management strategies. Fostering meaningful collaborations and pooling of resources in research programmes and making full use of frontier technologies is the need of the hour for enhancing efficiency. Realizing this, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has supported a national level Outreach Project on Phytophthora, Fusarium and Ralstonia Diseases of Horticultural and Field Crops (PhytoFuRA) during 2009-17 at 19 Centres across the country covering six thematic areas viz. biodiversity, diagnostics, epidemiology, genomics, host resistance, disease management and the human resource development.

The project has immensely contributed to our understanding of the biology, diversity and ecology of these three pathogens of immense economic significance at national level. The concerted efforts of the collaborating institutions have largely helped in rolling out several effective field management strategies for diseases caused by these pathogens in a number of agri-horticultural crops. In addition to standardization of management technologies, the project has also accomplished several milestones of high academic value.

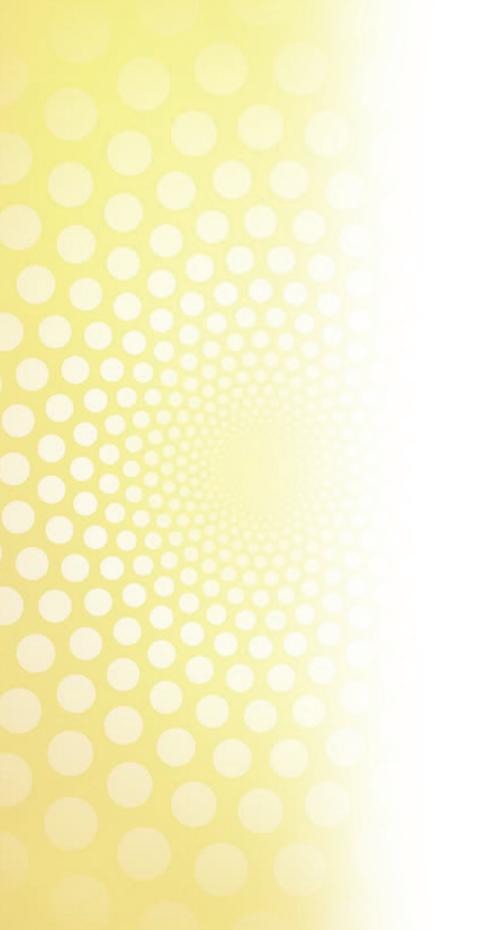
I am glad that the ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode, the lead center, has compiled and brought out three crisp publications covering technologies, protocols and scientific publications that reflect the achievement of this high impact project for the benefit of stakeholders. I take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts made by the scientists associated with planning, execution, monitoring and evaluation of the project which led to such significant outcomes. I wish that the outcome presented in this compilation will suitably be scaled up at field and help in fine tuning further research in this sector.

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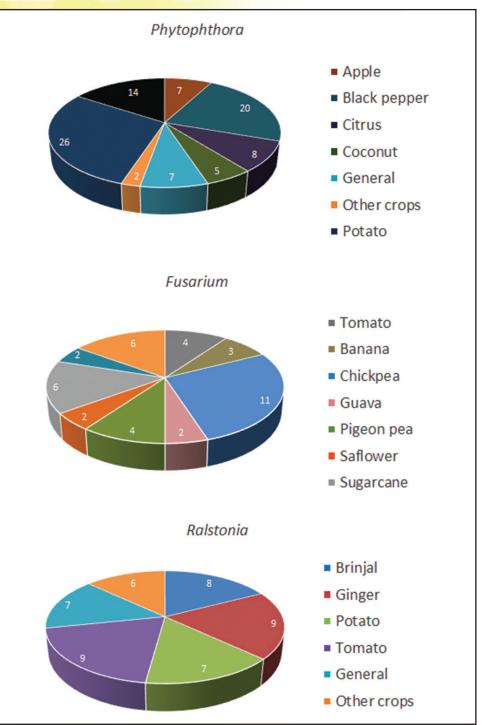
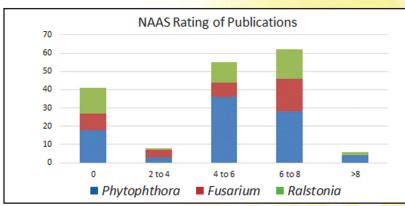
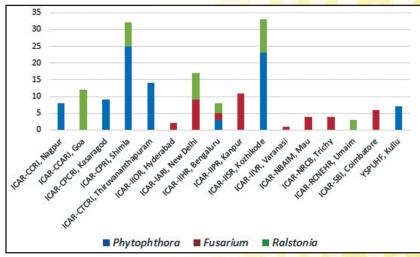


Fig. 1 Crop wise distribution of research papers published in PhytoFuRa Outreach Project.











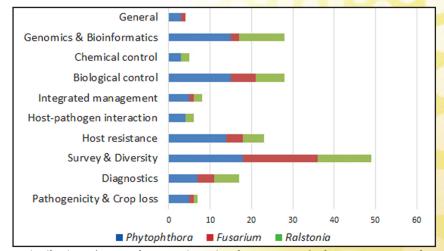


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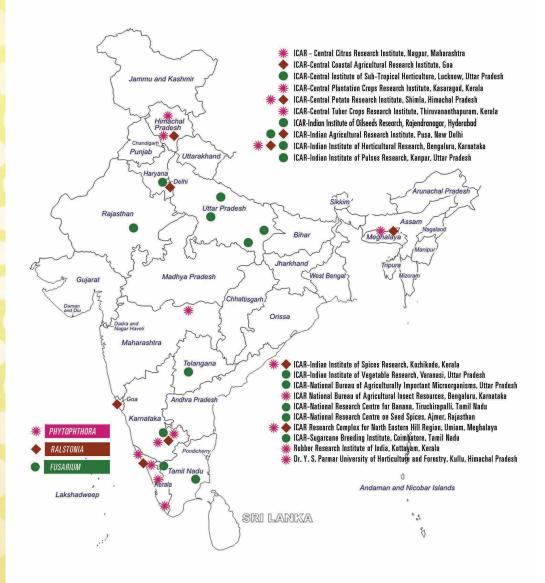
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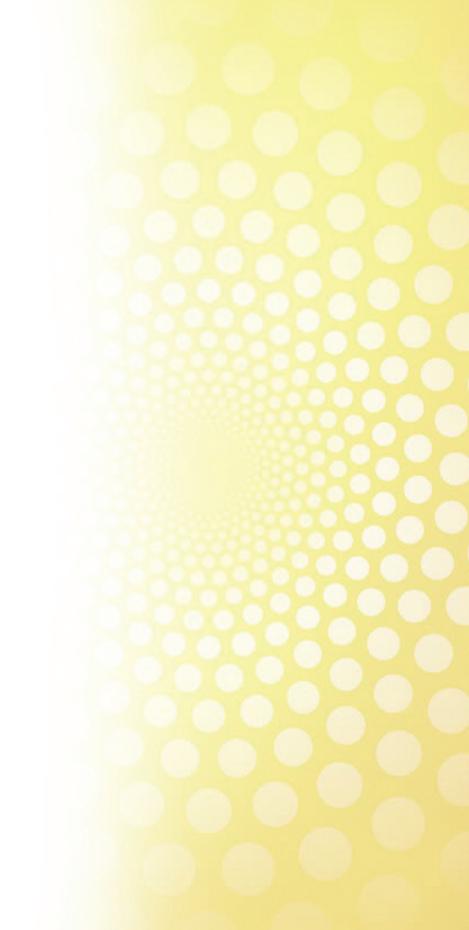
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