ICAR NBAIR organized a webinar #007 as part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on 26.08.2021



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The speaker, Dr. T. Makeshkumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR – Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI), Thiruvananthapuram delivered a talk on 'Genome editing for biotic stress management. In his talk, he discussed the basics of genome editing mechanisms. He elaborated upon the various genome editing tools with an emphasis on CRISPR -Cas9 application. The CRISPR mediated genome editing in crop plants to develop crop resistance to pathogens was discussed. The case studies on the success of employing genome editing in insect vector-like mosquitoes and wasp management were discussed. Dr.A.Shylesha, HOD, GCU proposed vote of thanks. The possibilities of altering the volatile profile emitted from crop plants to affect a shift in the behaviour of insect pests and parasitoids were suggested by the speaker. The presentation was followed by a discussion on key issues like the impact of gene editing for pest management.







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