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International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is an intergovernmental organization with headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland).

UPOV was established by the *International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants*. The Convention was adopted in Paris in 1961 and it was revised in 1972, 1978 and 1991.



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DUS TEST

NOVELTY 

+

VARIETY 
DENOMINATION

+

FORMALITIES &
PAYMENT OF FEES

+

"DUS"
Distinctness + Uniformity + Stability



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Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers Right Act, 2001

The Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers Right Act, 2001 (PPV&FR Act) is an Act of the Parliament of India that was enacted to provide for the establishment of an effective system for protection of plant varieties, the rights of farmers and plant breeders, and to encourage the development and cultivation of new varieties of plants. This act received the assent of the President of India on the 30 October 2001.



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General Functions of PPV & FRA

- Registration of new plant varieties, essentially derived varieties (EDV), extant varieties;
- Developing DUS (Distinctiveness, Uniformity and Stability) test guidelines for new plant species;
- Developing characterization and documentation of varieties registered;
- Compulsory cataloguing facilities for all variety of plants;
- Documentation, indexing and cataloguing of farmers' varieties.



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Basic Requirements for Protection of a Variety under Plant Breeder's Rights

- i. Novelty
- ii. Distinctness
- iii. Uniformity
- iv. Stability



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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Traditional knowledge (TK) is the knowledge, know-how, skills and practices that are developed, sustained and passed on from generation to generation within a community, often forming part of its cultural or spiritual identity.



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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

TK is a living body of knowledge passed on from generation to generation within a community. It often forms part of a people's cultural and spiritual identity. WIPO's program on TK also addresses traditional cultural expressions (TCEs) and genetic resources (GRs).