Hyderabad: Efforts to modernise crop-breeding took a giant leap today with the unveiling of International Crops Research Institute for the Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) new facility, RapidGen that promises to accelerate plant lifecycle in light, temperature and humidity-controlled conditions. The state-of-the-art facility would significantly lower time and the cost of crop varietal development. Presently, breeding a new crop variety takes about a decade or more, with six or seven years spent in seasonal generational advancements to arrive at the elite lines that go for testing and release as varieties.