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A Training Programme of one week duration (23-29 August 2014) on ‘Soil and Water Conservation for IWMP’ was organized at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. This training programme was sponsored by Directorate of Soil Conservation, Govt. of Bihar. Thirty participants including Director, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, Engineering specialists associated with various District soil conservation departments of Bihar participated in this training programme. Shri Narendra Singh Ji, Hon’ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Bihar was the Chief Guest and Shri Amrit Lal Meena, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Agricultural Production Commissioner was the Guest of Honour in the inaugural function. Dr. B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna presented welcome address. Shri Amrit Lal Meena, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Agricultural Production Commissioner, expressed satisfaction on the training course content presented by Dr. Ashutosh Upadhyaya, Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Land and Water Management and Course Director, and hoped that this training would be beneficial in upgrading the skills of the officers as well as clarifying their doubts and confusions. In his inaugural address, Hon’ble Agriculture Minister, Shri Narendra Singh Ji said that in Bihar, earlier IWMP was operational only in 8 districts i.e. Gaya, Nawada, Banka, Jamui, Munger, Rohtas, Kaimur and Aurangabad but from the financial year 2014-15, 6 more districts i.e. Patna, Nalanda, Jahanabad, Arwal, Lakhisarai and Shekhpura have been added. He emphasized on integrated development approach which included development of natural, physical, social, economical, and human capital in the watershed, ultimately leading to income and employment generation. Dr. Ashutosh Upadhyaya proposed vote of thanks.

The training course on soil and water conservation was designed to address theoretical as well as practical aspects of agronomic, agro forestry, vegetative and engineering measures to conserve soil and water resources in a watershed. The training course also included application of remote sensing and GIS in resource planning and management in a watershed. This training programme was different from earlier programmes because three engineering experts Dr. G.P. Juyal, Er. K.P. Tripathy and Dr. D.R. Sena associated with CSWCRTI, Dehradun (One of the premier institution on Soil and Water Conservation), Er. T.R. Yadav, Ex SDE, DVC and other experts from ICAR-RCER, Patna and Ranchi Centre shared their experience and expertise on different aspects of watershed development and management. In order to provide field exposure to trainees, one day field visit on 27th August, 2014 to Gaya was also organized.

In valedictory function, Dr. B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna sought the opinion of participants about training programme. Trainees expressed their satisfaction about the lectures delivered and requested for more field visits to get the exposure of practical field problems and possible solutions. Dr. Bhatt expressed the hope for long term association with ICAR for further skill up gradation of staff of Directorate of Soil Conservation, Govt. of Bihar. At last, all the participants felt quite satisfied when they were given a Certificate on successful completion of training, Group photograph, lecture notes and presentations on DVD as well as a copy of ‘Sahbhagi Samekit Jalagam Prabandhan- Field Manual. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Senior Scientist proposed vote of thanks.

Inauguration of Training Programme by Shri Narendra Singh Ji, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Bihar along with Shri Amrit Lal Meena, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Agricultural Production Commissioner and Dr. B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna



Dr. Ashutosh Upadhyaya, Course Director presenting course content



Shri Narendra Singh, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Bihar and Shri Amrit Lal Meena, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Agriculture Production Commissioner, Govt. of Bihar interacting with participants



A view of participants listening Director's welcome address in the Training Hall



Participants of Training Programme with Course Director and Trainers

