

## Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs visited ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna

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Shri S. S. Ahluwalia, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India visited ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017. Hon'ble Minister, in his address, urged the scientists of ICAR to initiate target oriented work strictly adhering to time frame. He urged the scientists to keep in mind while formulating research projects the three hurdles in agricultural development namely population pressure, shrinkage of cultivable land and global warming. As a nodal institute of Second Green Revolution in eastern states, he



stressed on the need to work for the poor farmers of all the eastern states keeping in view their economic status and nutritional needs. He also expressed his concern about damage of crop by Blue Bulls and possible remedy measures should be looked into keeping in view the socio-cultural-religious issues associated with it. He desired that students should be attracted to agriculture through their visits to the research institutions. Hon'ble MoS also visited the experimental farm and animal shed and interacted with the scientists about the ongoing research programme of the institute. He lauded the integrated farming system models



developed by the institute and emphasised that these types of models are need of the hour for all eastern states where farmers are facing natural calamities. He stressed on the need for research efforts on *Snell farming* and *Emu farming* for supply of low cost protein. He appreciated the efforts being made by the Institute for conducting the research as per the need of the farmers of eastern region.

Earlier, Dr. B.P.Bhatt, Director of the institute welcomed Hon'ble MoS and apprised about the major activities and achievements of the institute. The meeting was attended by all the Scientists, officers & staff of the Institute. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Shivani, Pr. Scientist.

