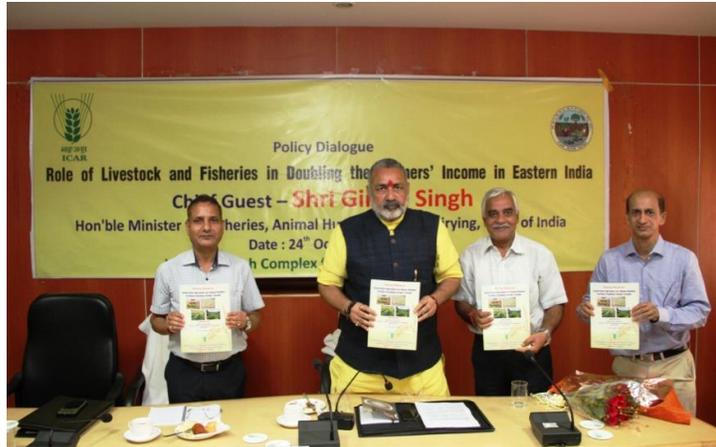


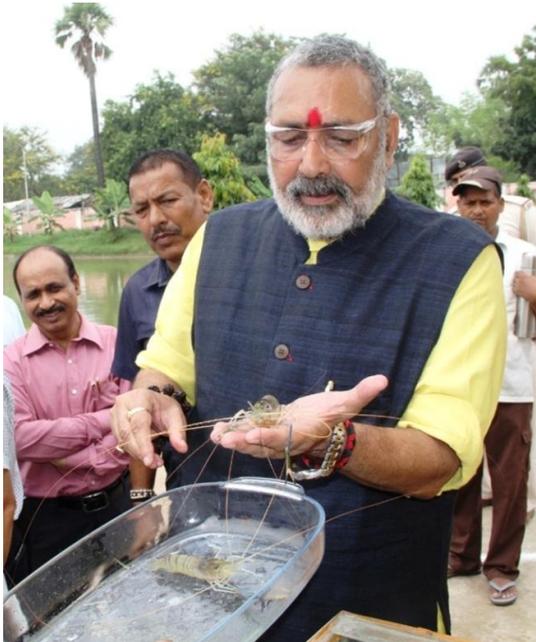
Policy dialogue on “Role of Livestock and Fisheries in Doubling Farmers’ Income in Eastern India”

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A policy dialogue on “**Role of Livestock and Fisheries in Doubling Farmers’ Income in Eastern India**” was organized at ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on 24th October, 2019. **Sh. Giriraj Singh**, Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India was the chief Guest of this programme. Sh. Giriraj Singh, in his address stressed upon production and use of earthworms as feed supplement for low input poultry production. He also urged to research institutions to adopt low input livestock production system and add value to the manure, cow urine and crop-by product through technological intervention. During his interaction with all the scientists, he shared his experiences on production of earthworms using cow dung and use of whey- water and moringa leaves for increasing milk yield if fed to cattle and buffaloes. He reiterated that moringa leaves can be utilized as organic fertilizer as it contains sufficient amount of nitrogen. On this occasion a training manual on “Conservation Agriculture for Climate Resilient Farming & Doubling Farmers Income” was also released by hon’ble minister.



Earlier, Sh. Giriraj Singh monitored the field experiments being conducted at ICAR-RCER, Patna and appreciated the efforts made by the scientists. He suggested for large scale plantation of moringa tree in the campus and experimentation of fresh water prawn culture. Among various fish species, he stressed on popularization of indigenous fish, especially Mangur in eastern part of India.



At the outset, Dr BP Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna welcomed the Chief Guest, Sh. Giriraj Singh and made a brief presentation on activities and achievements of Institute focusing on livestock and fisheries sector. Nearly 50 Scientists from ICAR-RCER, Patna and Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna participated in this programme.

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