

ICAR-RCER, Patna Organizes Coordination Committee Meeting for Addressing Researchable Issues of Agricultural Sector in Bihar

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As a follow-up action of recommendations of 25th Regional Committee Meeting No. IV held on 27/11/2020, a State Level Coordination Committee Meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar on 16th February, 2021 at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna through both online and offline mode. In this meeting, besides various issues on agricultural development, focused discussions on drought & flood management and crop residue management was held.

Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Director ICAR-RCER, Patna welcomed the Chief Guest Sri. N. Saravana Kumar, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar, vice chancellors of three universities and other dignitaries in the meeting and apprised about the scope and importance of the meeting. The meeting was started with

the presentations of Dr K.V.Rao, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIDA on contingent crop management in Bihar followed by the presentations on crop management strategies for flood prone areas by Dr P.S.Brahmanand, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIWM and on crop residue management in Bihar by Dr R.K.Malik, CIMMYT, India. In his remark, Dr Rameswar Singh, Vice Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University emphasized on the development of livestock based farming system for smallholders in Bihar. Dr R.K.Sohane, Vice Chancellor, Bihar Agriculture University stressed on the representation of research institutes, universities and state government for policy framework meeting for the state. In his remark, Dr R.C. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, highlighted the potential technologies developed by the university for the farmers of flood prone areas of Bihar. The vice chancellors also discussed the initiatives that are going to take up by their universities with the support of state department. Director of Animal Husbandry, Govt of Bihar, Sri Vinod Singh Gunjijal; Director of Fisheries, Govt of Bihar, Sri Dharmendra Singh; Director of Horticulture



Govt. of Bihar, Sri Nand Kishor and Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar, Sri Aadesh Titamare assured for their coordination and gave remarks for their line of future work for overall upliftment of agricultural sector. In his address, Shri N.Saravana Kumar, Chief Guest and Secretary, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Govt. of Bihar, stressed upon the holding of this kind of meeting at regular interval. He emphasized on the re-imagining of agriculture sector with the focus on climate change impact, water conservation & crop diversification, natural resource sustainability, production centric to producer centric agriculture. He highlighted the need to establishment of NABL laboratory both at university and ICAR institute to boost agriculture trade and export.

Various ICAR institutes and its regional centres situated in Bihar like ICAR-RCER, Patna including its research centre on Makhana at Darbhanga ; ICAR-NRC on Litchi; ATARI, Patna; ICAR-CPRS, Patna ; ICAR-IARI Regional Station, Pusa; ICAR-DMR Regional station, Begusarai; ICAR-MGFRI, Motihari participated in the meeting. Various ICAR institutes working in Bihar like ICAR-CRIDA Hyderabad; ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar also participated virtually. CGIAR centres working in Bihar like CIMMYT and BISA were also present in the meeting. The senior officials from Bihar Animal Sciences University, Bihar Agriculture University, Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University and state government participated in the meeting. Each institute and university presented their research activities and pointed the researchable issues in Bihar which needs to be done jointly with coordination of State Departments.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.