

ICAR RCER, Patna celebrates its 21st Foundation Day

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The ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna celebrated its 21st Foundation Day today. On this occasion, Dr. S.K. Chaudhary, DDG, NRM, ICAR New Delhi delivered the Foundation Day Lecture in online mode and applauded ICAR-RCER's performance during COVID 19 scenario. He stressed upon increasing and scaling out the impact of Institutes research in the field of rice fallow management and conservation agriculture in collaboration with the state Govt and KVKs. He also emphasised on development of Makhana value chain and business models through formation of FPO and farm entrepreneurships. Intensification through vegetables and fruits based cropping system, management of bacterial wilt resistant in vegetables, livelihood options through secondary agriculture, food processing, research on local livestock breeds and precision farming in agriculture was also emphasised by him. Best worker awards were given to 10 ICAR-RCER employees in technical (Mr. Sanjay Rajput, Technical Officer, Mr. Sarfaraj Ahmad, Technical Officer, Mr. Manoj Kr Sinha, Sr. Technical Assistant, Mr. Dev Charan Kujur, Technical Officer and Mr. Akhilanand Rai, Sr. Technical Assistant), administrative (Mrs. Prabha Kumari, Assistant Admin. Officer, Mrs. Ritu Rani, LDC and Mr. Ravi Chaterjee, Stenographer Gr. III) and supporting staff category (Mrs. Munni Kesariya, SSS and Mr. Etwa Munda, SSS). One bulletin related to Makhana value chain and Institute's hindi magazine "Akhay Kheti" were also released by the DDG, NRM. In his welcome address, Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna highlighted about the achievements of ICAR-RCER, during the last year.

Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna emphasised on enhancing farmer's income through adopting new technologies and marketing. He congratulated the ICAR RCER employees on its 21st Foundation day. In this occasion 12 progressive farmers from Bihar and Jharkhand were also awarded for their contribution in agriculture. Nearly 200 farmers from Bihar and neighbouring states were given quality seed of new rice varieties *Swarna Shreya*, *Swarna Shakti* and *Swarna Samridhhi*.

Media personnel and retired employees of the Institute were also felicitated during the occasion. The farmers' Scientist interaction and exhibition stalls related to various agricultural and allied sectors technologies, improve farm implements were also displayed during this occasion. More than 500 farmers including scientists and officials participated in the event.



