

Steering Committee Meeting of Second Green Revolution Held

A Steering Committee Meeting of Second Green Revolution was held at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on 27th June, 2016. Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India inaugurated the



programme as the Chief Guest. Dr. J.S. Sandhu, DDG, Crop Science chaired the session. Vice Chancellors of OUAT, Bhubaneswar, RAU, Pusa and BCKV, Kalyani, West Bengal, Directors of various ICAR institutes of eastern region, Governing Body member of ICAR, CGIAR, CYMMIT and IRRI representatives, Bayer Crop Science member, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Bihar, State Govt. Officials, Scientists and Farmer representative of Eastern region participated the meeting.

At the onset of the programme, the Chief Guest Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India inaugurated the Second Green Revolution Cell at the institute



Dr. B. P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR RCER, Patna in the inaugural session presented a brief introduction on the Second Green Revolution, its member, and role of different committees. He stressed that the Steering Committee of Second Green Revolution programme will discuss the various policy, development, researchable and other issues of agriculture development across the states and disciplines for effective implementation of the programme.

Dr. J.S. Sandhu in his opening remarks also discussed that to bring second green revolution, we should give importance to all the enterprises of agriculture, including horticulture, fisheries, livestock, poultry etc. in a holistic manner. However, these interventions should be region and area specific. He also mentioned that due importance should be given on seed, variety and mechanization.

Hon'ble Minister in his inaugural address stated that the coordination and convergence between different agricultural activities, being implemented in different Eastern states will expedite the overall agricultural development in the region. Though the eastern region is contributing 50, 45 and 38% of the total production of rice, vegetables and fish, respectively at the national level, it also has the potential to achieve significant production of milk, meat, pulses and oilseeds through overall development of the agriculture.

The Chief Guest also urged the Scientists to initiate the work on climate change impact since it could worstly affect the food production system in Eastern Gangetic Plains. In this situation, there is need to develop and popularize climate smart technologies like short duration crops, application of conservation agriculture (zero tillage wheat, rice, direct seeded rice, protective cultivation under polyhouse, laser levelling, vermi and bio-compost, water management). There is also need to rehabilitate the waterlogged areas through integrated farming system approach. Chief Guest further suggested that the co-ordination committees shall also be constituted at district level so as to have the better linkages and co-ordination for implementation of various programme of government of India.

The programme was attended by more than 50 participants.

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