

## District Contingency Plan meeting under NICRA Project

11<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, KVK, Buxar

One-day district-level crop contingency plan meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 under National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture Project at KVK, Buxar.

The main objective of this meeting was to plan contingent crop plan in fallow field of kharif and management of field crops viz. Rice, Maize, Pigeonpea, Pearl Millet due to deficit and lack of rainfall in the month of August, 2023 which was hottest & driest month since ever in 121 years as per the IMD report and data. The meeting was inaugurated by the



Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Associate Dean cum Principal of VKSCOA, Dumraon as chief guest. In his inaugural address the chief guest focused on promotion and cultivation of leafy vegetables and short duration oil seed crop, Toria Var. PT303 and Bhawani varieties suitable for the region. He also urged farmer for judicious use of water and retention of crop residue in the field to increase the soil organic matter. More than 50 participants from all blocks of the district attended this meeting. Dy P.D. ATMA, Baby Kumari, Training and Veterinary officer, Sri Subhash Kumar, Block Itarhi, ADHO Itarhi, Dr. Rakesh Shukla, CEO of Ravida Baba Farmer Producer Company, Sri Putul Pandey, CEO of Dumraon Farmers Producer Company, Sri Hareram Pandey and Sri Chitranjan Tiwari, Dharmendra Rai, etc.



Dr. Deokaran, Sr. Scientist-cum Head & PI, NICRA Project, KVK, Buxar welcomed all the participants and briefed about the various activities of the NICRA Project viz. NRM, Crop production, Livestock & Fisheries and Institutional intervention through the farming system typology approaches to the farmer's field. He also invited the suggestions and best option as contingent crop from the farmers and participants to cope up the deficit rain and utilization of the fallow field till the sowing of the rabi crop.



The TVO, Dr. Subhash Kumar said that animal husbandry is the need of the hours to promote organic farming and to minimize the risk of climate change in adverse condition. He also

suggested Ivermectin 100 mg for the cattle to tackle the Lumpy Skin disease (LSD) and infestation of skin parasites and emphasized upon mineral mixture and deworming to combat the problem of anoestrous condition in cattle. Dy PD, ATMA, Buxar suggested formation of SHGs, visit of farmer in their respective block for benefits of ATMA scheme. CEO of FPO . Dr Rakesh Shukla addressed the problem of blue bull and suggested farmers for cluster approaches farming to tackle the animal menace.

Dr. Mandhata Singh, SMS (Agronomy) urged the farmers for diversified farming and inclusion of Bajra, Blackgram, Radish, Spinach as suitable contingent crop in deficit rainfall in the region and practice of foliar spray of plant nutrients rather than soil application particularly on or after 40 days after sowing. Mr. Ramkewal, SMS (Plant Protection) cleared the doubts of farmers and discussed about infestation of rice stem borer, bacterial leaf blight, leaf and sheath blight disease of rice etc, and other plant protection problems.