

## **Dr. U.S. Gautam, DDG (Extension) visited ICAR-RCER, Patna**

Dr. U.S. Gautam, DDG (Extension) visited ICAR-RCER, Patna on 15 September, 2023. He was accompanied by Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Patna. Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna, and Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Head, DSEE formally welcomed him and apprised about the research & extension activities of the institute. Dr. Gautam interacted with the scientists of the institute and expressed his admiration for the research complex, as he started his career from this institute. Next day, Dr. Gautam also visited the research farm of the main campus and Sabajpura, planted the sapling in the office premises to mark the occasion and appreciated the efforts of the scientists and all staff of the institute for well maintained farm. During the interaction, Dr. Gautam focused on the aspects like belongingness to the institute, commitment and dedication for betterment of the individual staff and institute. He also highlighted the new research areas like water footprint, ecosystem services, zero hunger etc. in which scientists should focus their research activities. On this occasion, Director, ATARI Patna also expressed his views on how extension activities can be taken further under the guidance of DDG (Extension). Considering the financial needs of the institute for both the KVKs (Buxar and Ramgarh), Dr. Gautam assured all the support for their development. This interaction meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. A. Upadhyay, Head, DLWM.

