

Farmer's Training Programme on "Nutritional Security through Crop Diversification" organized at ICAR-RCER, Patna

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A three days Farmer's Training programme on "Nutritional Security through Crop Diversification" was organised during 22-24 November, 2023 at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. The programme was sponsored by Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Gaya, Bihar for enhancing knowledge and skills of farmers about ensuring

nutritional security and diversification of existing rice-wheat cropping system in Gaya. Interacting with all the trainees, Director (acting), ICAR-RCER, Patna; Dr Kamal Sarma inaugurated the training and advised farmers to take up pulses and oilseeds along with rice and wheat. He stressed on inclusion of livestock and poultry in farming system for increasing nutritional security of farm families. Dr Ujjwal Kumar, head DSEE and course director in his address told about the ways and means to increase farm productivity as well as income. A total of 15 technical sessions were organised covering variety of aspects like mushroom farming, crop diversification, FPOs, efficient marketing, water management, nutri-garden etc. Field visits to ICAR-RCER campus farm was also conducted for trainees so that they can see the crop experiments and livestock farms being run by ICAR scientists and learn from it.

During the valedictory session Chief guest Dr. Ashutosh Upadhayaya, Head, Division of Land and Water Management addressed the farmers and discussed the importance of information, technologies, credit, market, and infrastructure for agricultural development. Farmers also gave their feedback about the training

and were satisfied with the learnings. A total of 25 farmers of different blocks of Gaya districts participated in this training. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Anirban Mukherjee after distribution of certificates to all the trainees for successful completion of programme.





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