

IAS Probationers visited ICAR-RCER, Patna

A group of eight IAS Probationers of batch 2023 visited the ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on 1st February, 2024. This visit was organized under Tour-cum-Bharat Darshan Phase of IAS training on the theme of “Exposure to Agricultural Scenario in Eastern India”. During field visit, probationary officers had discussion with the Project Scientists at experimental sites, and showed their interest towards research perspective of technologies like-Micro irrigation system, Nutri-Garden, Integrated Farming System Model, Rainout Shelter, Livestock and Fisheries Unit etc. They were interested to know the reasons behind low adaptation of micro irrigation facility even though the government is promoting PMKSY, less market availability of Magur and Singhi fish species so that some alternate strategies can be suggested at policy front. Issues like sustaining food & nutritional security in changing climate was the major focus of interaction.

Under the chairmanship of Acting Director and Head, DLWM, Dr. Ashutosh Upadhyaya an interaction session was also organized among I.A.S. probationers, Heads of Divisions and principal scientists of the institute. Dr. Upadhyaya made a detailed presentation about the research activities of the Research Complex. During interaction session, various important topics like organic farming, grafting technology, information technology, weather forecasting, livestock and fisheries, extension and training, E-Governance tools like GeM, e-office file system etc. were discussed. Strategies for enhancing adaptation rate of organic farming, nutri-garden was also a topic of discussion. Probationary IAS Officer Mr. Aditya Pandey expressed his views that “reading any topic like integrated farming system model for UPSC, which was a question of UPSC mains for 15 marks as a theory seems easy, but its execution at field level with scientific research perspective as seen today is truly a herculean task. We appreciate the work done by scientific team and research exposure visit provided by this Research Complex. After reporting to our state cadre we will try to reach RCER, Patna and its Ranchi Centre for technical guidance and will definitely try to replicate the technologies of ICAR-RCER, Patna in fields”.

It is worth mentioning that the programme was organized under the guidance of Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna. Dr. Upadhyaya, Head DLWM, Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Head DSEE, Dr. Manisha Tamta, Scientist, Mr. Sanjay Rajput, T.O. and Mr. Umesh Kumar Mishra, Translator played important roles for successful conduct of the programme.

