

## Monitoring of experimental trials and Awareness Camps on “Management of Rice Fallow Areas” organized at Gaya, Bihar

ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region Patna organized an awareness programme on “Management of rice fallow areas” in Guleriyachak village of Tikari Block in Gaya district on 18 August, 2023. A multidisciplinary



team of scientists consisting of Dr. Rakesh Kumar Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Singh and Sh. Sainath Banda visited the adopted villages under CRA programme for this event. Addressing the farmers, Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Sr. Scientist (Agronomy) suggested several measures for those areas which are kept fallow during rabi season due to lack of irrigation facility which included community irrigation, creation of water harvesting structures and promotion of drought tolerant crops. Cultivation of September Arhar was one of the option for which one quintal of breeder seed of high yielding arhar variety IPA-203 was distributed among farmers for demonstration purpose. Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Singh interacted with farmers for assessing their current agricultural situation for the village. Farmers told that nearly 50-60 acre area in the village is rice fallow and lack of water during rabi is major reason for the same. Some farmers told that Blue Bulls is a problem as it destroys vegetables in that region.

Earlier the team of scientists visited Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gaya and monitored the long term experimental trials at KVK farm along with Dr Manoj Kumar, Head and Sh. Devendra Mondal, SMS (Agronomy). A visit was also made to Rasalpur village adopted under CRA programme for assessing the kharif sowing status or paddy and other crops. Almost 100% sowing or paddy was completed in village as per the target.

