

Dr. MangalaRai interacted with Scientists on World Food Day

On the occasion of World Food Day, Dr. MangalaRai, former Secretary, DARE and Director General of ICAR, engaged in an eloquent interaction with the scientists of ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. He highlighted on the pertinent issues of water use efficiency in India as our country has 17% of world population and holding only 4.2% fresh water resources. He highlighted the world produces enough food to feed all of its 8 billion people, yet 828 million people go hungry every day, and of those hungry populace over 40% are facing acute levels of hunger. There is an urgent need of enhancing funding in Agricultural Research in level up India's Research Intensity Ratio at par with the other developed nations. Dr. Rai urged the scientists to unite in a collaborative effort, focusing on enhancing factor productivity at the grassroots level in agriculture and emphasized on agricultural intensification and to work in system mode.

Dr. Rai also highlighted the pressing need for extensive research in the realm of oilseed crops. A considerable amount of Indian capital, about Rupees 1.57 lakh crores is spent in import to fulfill 60% of the domestic demand. The scientist of India need to take effort in Oilseed crop related Research. He also added Pulses and Millets to work on.

Dr. Rameswar Singh, Vice Chancellor of Bihar Animal Science University, commended the institute's progress in this pivotal direction. He also shed light on the achievements of BASU in veterinary and fishery research in Bihar.

At the onset of the program, Dr. Anup Das, Director of the Institute, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. MangalaRai, Dr. Rameswar Singh and providing highlights of the the ongoing research activities and contribution of the institute towards society.



Glimpses of the World Food day event organized at ICAR-RCER Patna