

**World Environment Day 2023 observed at ICAR- Research Complex for Eastern Region,  
Patna**

ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna celebrated World Environment Day 2023 to create awareness and encourage people to take actions for protecting the environment. Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Anup Das, Director of the Institute, a team of scientists took active participation in the tree plantation drive on June 05, 2023 with a thrust on the Mission Life i.e., Lifestyle for Environment. The Director explained the participants about the duty and responsibility of individual for safeguarding our environment by planting trees and to adopt right lifestyle towards making our environment clean and healthier. He also drew our attention towards ecosystem restoration, judicious use of water and avoiding use of plastics. He also encouraged the youth and children, who are the future generation of our country, to safeguard our environment by planting and taking care of trees. Scientists of the institute Dr. Amitava Dey, Dr. Kamal Sharma, Dr. Md. Monobrullah, Dr. Bikash Sarkar, Dr. P.C. Chandran and Dr. Abhishek Kumar had participated in this programme along with other staff of the institute and their children.

The team of scientist also visited Simra village of Naubtpur block, Patna, in which more than 50 farmers, youth and children participated in the tree plantation cum awareness programme. Saplings of various fruits and timber trees viz., mango, guava, lemon, teak mahogany and jackfruit were planted and also distributed among the farmers. Dr. Md. Monobrullah, Principal Scientist explained that it is our responsibility to protect the environment and if every person takes a pledge to plant at least one tree around his house or farm, then definitely our environment will be healthier and more attractive. Scientists of the Institute Dr. Dheeraj Kumar Singh, Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Dr. Rachna Dubey, Dr. Abhishek Dubey and Dr. Govind Makrana interacted with the farmers on various environmental issues like conservation of natural resources, climate change, deforestation, air pollution, water pollution, loss of biodiversity, ill effects of using plastic etc. and inspire them to join hands towards growing trees in and around their farm boundaries and village common lands to safeguard our environment. Mr. Kamakhya Prasad, a progressive farmer of the village also shared his view about importance of tree plantation towards environment protection. At the end Dr. Abhishek Kumar, organizing secretary of the program, had proposed vote of thanks.

