

## Farmer-Scientist Interaction on the establishment and Management of Nutri Garden

Under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Anup Das, Director of ICAR Eastern Research Complex, Patna, and Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director of ICAR ATARI, Patna, a farmer-scientist interaction was convened on the subject of "Establishment and Management of Nutri Gardens" in



ChhotkaDhakaich village, Buxar district on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. This initiative is part of the project titled "Development of Zero Hunger and Zero Technology Gap Village Through Innovative Intervention."



Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Singh, Senior Scientist and Principal Investigator, underscored that the adoption of Nutri-garden can significantly enhance nutritional security for families in the community.

Dr. Kumari Shubha, Scientist, Vegetable Science delivered an in-depth importance on the scientific methodologies for implementing Nutri garden and encouraged the women farmers to actively engage in this initiative.



Dr. Anirban Mukherjee, Scientist Agricultural Extension assessed the challenges faced by farmers through the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) technique and provided comprehensive solutions to

address these issues. Dr. Ram Kewal, Subject Matter Specialist, emphasized the importance of pruning fruit trees and managing diseases within nutri gardens.

The event provided hands on training to 25 farmers and farm-women from the village on the establishment and scientific management of nutri gardens. Participants received seeds and seedlings for a variety of vegetables, including carrots, radishes, peas, fenugreek, coriander, tomatoes, and cauliflower. The interaction meeting was attended by



Ajit Pal, SRF and Suraj Kumar, Field staff of ICAR RCER as well as participating farmers from Chhotka Dhakaich village, including Deep Narayan, Shyam Ji Pradhan, Prem Ji Pradhan, Chanda Devi, Baby Devi and Chinta Devi and many others.