

Brainstorming session cum seminar on “Positive aspects of Natural and Organic farming” organized at ICAR RCER, Patna

A Brainstorming session cum seminar on “Positive aspects of Natural and Organic farming” was organized at ICAR RCER, Patna on July 14, 2023. Chief Guest of the function Dr Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna in his address informed the gathering about the research work being conducted at 39 KVKs across Bihar and Jharkhand. He emphasized on data generation regarding components, procedures, and varieties suitable for



Natural farming. He also suggested relative yield comparison among Natural Farming, Organic farming and conventional fertilizer based farming through long term trials. Dr Anup Das, Director, ICAR RCER, Patna in his remarks emphasized on need for developing and standardizing package of practices for natural farming in different agro-ecosystem. He also suggested to develop integrated natural/organic farming system model with different components like perennial crops, animal, fodder etc. He said that except yield decrease, there are many positive aspects of natural farming like good quality produce, better soil structure, no pollution, safe environment etc.

Earlier, the programme started by a brief presentation on “Natural & Organic farming Vs. Chemical farming” by Dr Shivani, Principal Scientist (Agronomy). She advocated the need for natural farming in low input small land holding areas. She also suggested that institutional arrangement through KVKs & FPOs are required for its promotion and market linkage for premium price for the products. All Heads of Division, scientists from ICAR RCER Patna and FSRCHPR, Ranchi also expressed their opinion and view on positive aspects of natural farming and need for generation of more scientific evidences in favour of natural farming through research activities. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr Manisha Tamta, Scientist, ICAR RCER, Patna.

