

## Farmer-Scientist Interaction organized on the Occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary

(Motihari 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018)

On the Occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare unveiled a large statue of Mahatma Gandhi for general public and laid the foundation stone of Farmer's Hostel and Training Hall of Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute, Motihari on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018 at the institute campus in Piprakothi (Motihari). Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated a Farmers-Scientist Interaction programme during this auspicious occasion.



In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Chief Guest, Shri Radha Mohan Singh narrated many inspiring quotes of Mahatma Gandhi and his vision about the farmers' welfare and sanitation. He urged farmers to take advantage of agricultural development schemes launched by the Government, like Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojna, Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana, Gokul Mission, Integrated Farming System, Irrigation schemes etc. A Swachhata Pledge was also taken by all the participants facilitated by the Chief Guest.

Shri Pramod Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Govt. of Bihar graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. He talked about ideology of Mahatma Gandhi and Swachh Bharat Mission. Earlier, Dr. B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna and OSD, Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute, Motihari welcomed the Chief Guest and other



dignitaries. In his welcome address, he thanked Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Honøble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra , Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR for their support for construction of Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute.

Public representatives of East Champaran district; Mr Akhilesh Prasad, non official member of Governing Body, ICAR, New Delhi; Dr S Bhaskar, ADG (AAF & CC) ICAR, Dr. Vishal Nath, Director, NRC Litchi, Muzaffarpur; Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna and Dr B. Singh, Director, IIVR, Varanasi, Officials of Central and State Government and Scientists of ICAR institutes and more than 6000 of farmers participated in this event.

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. A. Raizada, Principal Scientist Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute, Motihari.



*(Source: ICAR RCER, Patna)*