

## ICAR RCER, Patna Celebrates its 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

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ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna celebrated its 16<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on February 22, 2016. **Hon'ble Union Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh** graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Local MLA from Dihga Constituency, Sri Sanjeev Chaurasia attended the function as guest of honor .

On this occasion, Hon'ble AM inaugurated the Farmers' Hostel of the Institute and the exhibition. During his address, informed that the based on second crop survey report, the projected rabi crop output will be higher this year than the last year despite of drought and other problems. The minister said that the government had taken up massive drive to improve soil fertility and irrigation facilities in order to increase productivity of crops. On this occasion, the chief guest honored 10 progressive farmers from the states of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Eastern UP besides best worker award to 08 staff of ICAR RCER, Patna and press and media personnel. A book entitled "Dutya Harit Kranti Ki Oar Rashtara Ke Badhte Kadam" compiled by Dr B P Bhatt, director of the institute was also released by the MOA.



The function was presided by Dr. A. K. Sikka, DDG (NRM ) ICAR. Dr Sikka stated that the institute has done remarkable work in the field of Integrated Farming system, Resource Conservation Technologies and wet land rehabilitation at its research stations and also in farmers' fields. He further reiterated that the institute is not only doing working praiseworthy on the production of rice, wheat , pulses, oilseeds but also on the other front of agriculture sector like diversification of crops , livestock development, fish management, water management, horticulture, forestry and soil management. Dr Sikka also facilitated 60 progressive farmers of eastern states who have excelled in the field of crop, livestock, horticulture and allied agricultural fields.



Earlier, Dr. B.P Bhatt, Director, ICAR RCER, Patna, welcomed the dignitaries and participating farmers of eastern region. Dr Bhatt narrated research and development of the institute done during last one year. He informed that the institute has developed new Makhana variety- Swarna Vaidehi; Swarna Shreya rice



variety for drought condition, 11 new varieties of different vegetables and three varieties of faba bean. Mineral Mixture costing around Rs 40/ kg has also been developed for increasing milk productivity in cattle.

On the occasion of 16<sup>th</sup> foundation day, Dr Vishal Nath, Director, ICAR-NRC Litchi, Dr A D Pathak, Director, ICAR- IISR, Lucknow, Mr R. P Singh, GB member, ICAR, Director Extension, RAU and around 1200 farmers from different states of eastern states were present.

*(Source: ICAR Research Complex for ER, Patna)*

