

## Agri-Expo 2018 inaugurated at ICAR RCER, Patna

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The ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region (ICAR-RCER), Patna in collaboration with Professional Agricultural Management Services (PAMS), Gurgaon organized a three days Agri-Expo-2018 at institute campus to showcase the latest science and technological developments in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.

The inaugural function was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in which nearly 1000 farmers from different parts of Bihar participated and benefitted from visit to exhibition stalls of public and private sector organizations.

The programme was chaired by Dr BP Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna and Dr Prem Kumar Ji, Honourable



Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Bihar graced the occasion as Chief Guest of inaugural function. In his inaugural address, Dr Prem Kumar, Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Bihar lauded the efforts of organizers ICAR-RCER, Patna and PAMS, Gurgaon for organizing this event for creating the technological awareness among farming community. He talked about

*Kisan Choupal Yojana* of state Govt. where Govt. Officials and scientists will reach to large number of farmers and solve their agriculture related problems. He also invited all the farmers to take full benefit of subsidy given to farmers in purchasing of agricultural implements and other inputs through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). He also



stressed upon organic farming by the farmers which can increase their income level in near future.

Agriculture Production Commissioner, Govt. of Bihar, Sri Sunil Kumar Singh told the gathering that farmers income can be doubled by decreasing input cost, increasing production

and availability of market for agricultural produce. This important event was also attended by Dr Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor, BASU, Patna, Dr Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna and Sh . M.S. Yadav, Director, PAMS. A total of six progressive farmers from different district were also felicitated during this Expo. *Kisan gosthi* was major



attraction of this Expo where a large number of farmers interacted with expert scientists of ICAR-RCER, KVKs, SAUs and other research institutes. Queries related to crop production, plant protection, animal husbandry, fisheries etc were solved by these scientists. Nearly 40 different ICAR institutes, State Agricultural Universities and private sector organizations dealing in agricultural technological inputs including seeds, plant protection chemicals, fertilizers and farm implements/ machinery, package of practices of different crops participated in the Expo, and exhibited their technological products.



DR Abhay Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-RCER coordinated the event and proposed vote of thanks for the inaugural function of the event.

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