

## Organised 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on “Doubling farmers income for sustainable and Harmonious Agriculture- DISHA-2018”

ICAR Research Complex for eastern region, Patna in collaboration with ICAR-IINRG, Ranchi, ICAR-IIAB, Ranchi and S&T SIRI, Warangal, organised a two day national conference on “Doubling farmers income for sustainable & Harmonious Agriculture” at the campus of ICAR-IINRG, Ranchi from 11<sup>th</sup> August to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 . The conference was organized with a view to identify various critical issues relating to agriculture and farmers’ welfare and to highlight implementable social and technological interventions and management options for doubling the income of farming community. Mr Chandrashekhar Prasad Singh, Hon’ble Cabinet Minister, Urban Development, Housing and Transport, Govt. of Jharkhand, was the chief guest of the function. In his inaugural address Mr Singh stressed that mission on doubling of farmers income will be beneficial to the farming community at large. He also said that the village level training programs should be organized for the benefit of the disadvantaged farmers. In his inaugural remarks, Dr B P Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna and the Chief Patron of DISHA-2018, elaborated on the aims and objectives of the conference. Dr Bhatt highlighted the major problems faced by the farming community and stressed on developing sustainable and implementable solutions suitable for small and marginal farmers. During this event, the conference souvenir and a book titled ‘Doubling farmers’ income’ was released by the chief guest of the function. Progressive farmers from different states of India were also honoured for their innovativeness and significant contribution in popularising improved agricultural technologies. Dr. Parvinder Kaushal, Vice Chancellor, BAU, Ranchi, Dr. K. K. Sharma, Director, ICAR-IINRG, Ranchi, Dr. T. R. Sharma, Director, ICAR-IIAB, Ranchi also graced the occasion.

After the inaugural session there were 12 technical sessions covering six major themes pertaining to organic farming, breeding and biotechnology, improved crop cultivation and plant protection practices, horticultural innovations and post-harvest management, extension and market linkages and application of information technology in agriculture. In 12 technical sessions, 156 papers and 24 posters were presented by the lead speakers, scientists, professors and students from different institutions, universities and FPOs. A total of 326 delegates from all over the India participated in the conference. Valedictory session was organised on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Prof. Shailendra Singh, Director, IIM, Ranchi was the chief guest of the function. Dr Bikash Das, Principal Scientist, ICAR-RCER, RC Ranchi and the Organizing Secretary of the conference presented the salient outcomes and recommendations emanated from the deliberations during the conference. The chief guest presented various society awards to the selected delegates. The valedictory session concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Srinivas, President, S & T SIRI.



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**Chief Guest addressing the delegates**



**Release of conference publications**



**Dr B P Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER  
addressing the delegates during valedictory  
session**