

National Conference on “Integrated Farming Systems: A Tool for Enhancing Income and Nutritional Security” inaugurated at ICAR-RCER, Patna

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ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna is organizing a three days National Conference on “**Integrated Farming Systems: A Tool for Enhancing Income and Nutritional Security**” during October 05-07, 2021 in hybrid mode as the part of the “Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav” in the memory of completion of 75 years of India’s Independence. The Conference was inaugurated today by the Chief Guest, **Dr. B.S. Mahapatra, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, BCKV, Kalyani, West Bengal** via video conferencing. In his address to the august gathering, Dr Mahapatra outlined the importance of Integrated Farming System and emphasized on decreasing the cost of cultivation. He said that Integrated Farming system is a climate resilient practice which increases the agricultural income of farmers by integration of different components viz. crops, livestock, horticulture, fisheries etc. He called upon all the agronomist to share their experiences and expected for fruitful deliberations and useful recommendations from the conference. On this occasion, **Dr. A.S. Panwar, Director, ICAR- Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram** graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. In his remarks, Dr Panwar highlighted the importance of nutritional security for all along with food security. He stressed on development of location specific farming system models for various agro ecological conditions.

Earlier, **Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna** and Convener of this Conference welcomed the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and other dignitaries/participants of the conference



He narrated about the need for adoption of integrated farming system for small and marginal farmers of eastern region to enhance their income sustainably. **Dr Sanjeev Kumar, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) & Organizing Secretary**, in his introductory remarks, emphasized about the need for organizing this National Conference and also briefed about the importance and benefits of IFS approaches for small and marginal farmers of the country. He briefed about different technical sessions to be conducted during these three days event. *The Seminar was attended by more than 500 participants from all over the country. Hundreds of participants also attended via YouTube Live.* The inaugural session ended with vote of thanks from Dr Shivani, Principal Scientist,



Agronomy and Co-Organizing secretary of this conference. Conference will continue till 7th October, 2021 and deliberations on this important topic will be made by eminent speakers during different technical sessions of the conference.

On the first day, three lectures from eminent experts on IFS were delivered on concept and methodology of IFS model development, Vertical farming and Need of IFS in improving livelihood and nutritional security of small and marginal farmers of the country. In the concluding remarks by **Dr. R. K. Sohane, Ex. V.C. and Director Extension, BAU, Sabour and Chairman** of Technical session-I, emphasized for need of “National Mission on IFS” to be initiated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India for its better adoption at the Farmers field while the **Co-Chairman, Dr. K.K. Sarma, Professor, AAU, Jorhat** talked about need of Training programmes on IFS to be added under Skill Development Programme.

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