

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

A three days National Conference on “Integrated Farming Systems: A Tool for Enhancing Income and Nutritional Security” is being organized at ICAR-RCER, Patna on zoom platform. On the second day of this important conference, technical session and panel discussion on Integrated Farming System for different Agro climatic situation was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr K.G. Mondal, Director, MGIFRI, Motihari. The organizing secretary, Dr Sanjeev Kumar welcomed Chairman, Co-Chairman and key note speakers and outlined the topics to be covered under technical session. Three presentations were made during the technical session in the Technical session-II, by eminent speakers. Dr N. Ravishankar, Project Coordinator, ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram presented his findings on Integrated Farming



Systems for Irrigated and flood prone ecosystem while Dr J.P. Tetarwal, Agronomist, ARS, Ummedganj, Kota, Rajasthan made presentation on Integrated Farming Systems for semi- arid and arid zones. The last key note lecture was on the topic “**Farm design and Typology**” by Dr A.K. Prusty, ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram.

The Technical session was followed by Panel discussion as well as question answer session with participants and experts. Chairman of the Technical sessions, Dr KG Mandal emphasized on need for the assessment/estimation of areas (arid, semi-arid, irrigated etc.) using weather parameters like precipitation and evaporation for a particular climatic condition. He also told that IFS is a dynamic efficient approach which can be adopted for solving many issues viz., achieving food security, alleviating malnourishment, smart tool against the changing climatic conditions for

many ecological conditions. Further, He advocated for development of location specific (district/block) IFS module. Co Chairman of the session Dr Devendra Kumar, Professor & Head, Dept. of Agronomy, RPCAU, Pusa in his concluding remarks recommended for inclusion of business planning of IFS for young students and entrepreneurs by including it in the University level courses. The seminar was attended online by more than 400 participants from different parts of India and abroad. The session ended with vote of Thanks from Dr Rakesh Kumar, Scientist, Agronomy.

