

ICAR Short Course on
**“Conservation Agriculture for Climate Resilient Farming & Doubling
Farmers Income” inaugurated**

A 10 days ICAR-Short Course on “*Conservation Agriculture for Climate Resilient Farming & Doubling Farmers Income*” was inaugurated at ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on 14th October 2019. Dr R.C. Agrawal, DDG (Education), ICAR-New Delhi and Registrar General, PPV&FRA was the Chief Guest of the function. Dr S.S. Singh, Director, ATARI-Kolkata and Dr V.K. Singh, Head, Division of Agronomy, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi were the Guests of honour. Dr B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER Patna welcomed the Chief Guest, Guests of Honour and the participants, and highlighted that the Institute is involved in developing, refining and popularizing the RCTs for climate resilience and increasing farmers’ income in eastern IGP since its inception. Dr S.S. Singh in his address shared his experience on CA under Eastern IGP and said that CA technologies are very important in mitigating the adverse effect of climate change on agriculture. Dr VK Singh stressed on the need of developing the proper protocols of CA technologies for different ecologies and cropping systems. Dr R.C. Agrawal, the Chief Guest of the function, in his inaugural address emphasised on the importance and need of such training programmes for the scientists of SAUs and ICAR institutions. He further emphasised on the importance of resource conservation as well as conservation of genetic resources for development of stress tolerant crop varieties. There is a need to sensitize the scientists and the students about the rules, regulations, acts and laws related to plant variety/germplasm protection and biodiversity conservation. He also shared his valuable experiences of working in PPV& FRA related to conservation of genetic stock/materials/cultivars. He also advised to the participants to keep the records of costs and benefits from CA, so that it can be easy for farmers to identify the most remunerative practices. This training was attended by a total of 17 participants from the different states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The inaugural session was co-ordinated by Drs. Rakesh Kumar and Kirti Saurabh (Course Coordinators). Dr J.S. Mishra, Course Director and Head, Division of Crop Research, proposed the vote of thanks.

