

## Foundation Stone Laying of Administrative-cum-Lab Building of KVK, Ramgarh, Jharkhand

Hon'ble MP, Hazaribagh, Shri Jayant Sinha and Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra , Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR virtually laid the Foundation Stone of the Administrative-cum-Lab Building of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramgarh, today.

**Shri Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble MP, Hazaribagh** said that "agriculture and farmers represent the heritage of the country. Speaking as Chief Guest, he told that the new Administrative-cum-Lab Building will give additional strength to KVK, Ramgarh. He also highlighted the role of science in improving the agricultural scenario of the region. Hon'ble MP also highlighted the role of Central

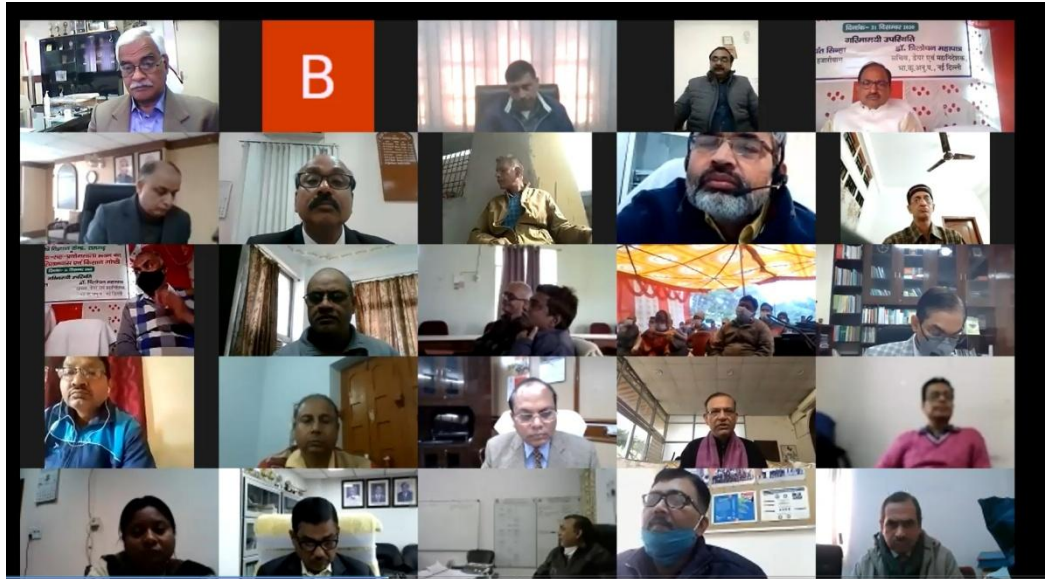


Government for adopting several developmental programmes, schemes, reforms and policies that focus on improving incomes for the farmers. .

Regarding the KVK as a livelihood institution of the farmers', **Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra** accentuated that the Eastern Region's climatic condition favours animal husbandry, fishery and horticulture. He urged the farmers to diversify the cultivation in these new income generation sectors. In his address, Dr. Mohapatra explained the effectiveness of integrated farming system models in increasing the income of farmers 2-3 times and ensuring the food and nutritional security of farmers at the same time. "The year ended with the noble work of laying the foundation stone for the new Administrative-Cum-Lab Building and giving us new energy in the coming New Year to work for farmers" opined by Dr Mohapatra.

**Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh**, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR emphasized on entrepreneurship and incubation programmes of the KVKs. He said that the KVK became the brand name among farmers and helped the farmers in their day-to-day farming. This new KVK will be strengthened as the technology-focused institution to solve the agricultural problems of this region.

**Dr. S.K. Chaudhary**, Deputy Director General (NRM) highlighted the work of KVK, Ramgarh and stressed upon increasing the farmers' income by including



secondary agriculture interventions, and capacity building of farmers, and capacity building among farmers.

Earlier, **Dr Ujjwal Kumar, Director (A)**, ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, welcomed the dignitaries and outlined the efforts being made in making of KVK, Ramgarh so far. He informed that the proposed building of the KVK, Ramgarh will be built at an estimated cost of Rs1.38 crore, and is expected to be completed by end of the year, 2021. Dr Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna highlighted the role of the KVKs in agricultural development

A Kishan Goshti was also organized on this occasion. More than 100 farmers from Ramgarh district participated in the event. The Officials of ICAR and State Agricultural Universities, directors of different ICAR institute, staff members from ICAR sister institutes, KVKs and farmers virtually participated in the event.

Dr Dushyant Raghav, Incharge PC & SMS (Plant Protection), proposed the vote of thanks for the entire event.

