

## Webinar on Guava Cultivation: Prospects and Researchable Issues in Eastern Plateau and Hill Region

*Date of Programme: 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021, Ranchi*

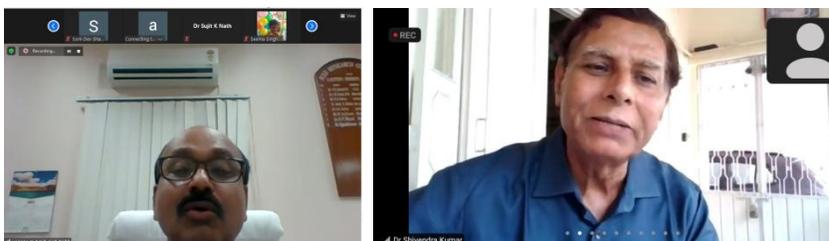
ICAR- Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence organized a webinar on "Guava Cultivation: Prospects and Researchable Issues in Eastern Plateau and Hill Region" on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021. In this programme, Dr Shivendra Kumar, Ex-Head, ICAR RCER FSRCHPR, Ranchi marked his presence as the Chief Guest and Dr Ujjwal Kumar, Director, ICAR RCER, Patna served as Convener in this Webinar.

In his address, Dr Shivendra Kumar emphasized on the nutrient replenishment in guava especially phosphorus under the acidic soil. He stressed on the diseases which are induced due to deficiency of nutrients in guava. Dr Kumar pointed out actionable research in wilt management, mycorrhiza application and phosphorus availability through amendments.

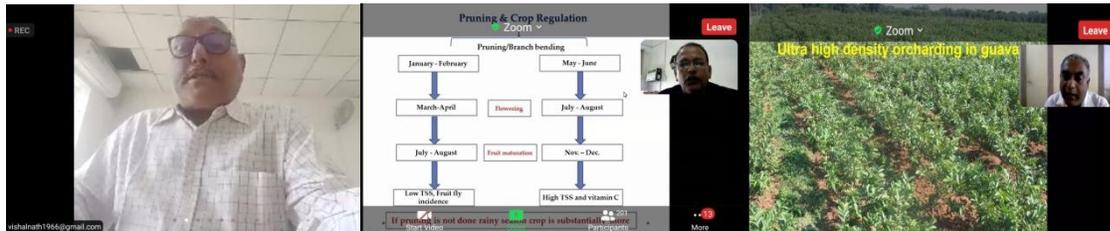
In his inaugural address, Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Director (A), ICAR RCER, Patna briefed about the importance of guava for the region. He stated that the research work carried out at ICAR RCER at Ranchi translated in to 2.5 times increase in the productivity of guava over that of traditional production systems. Dr Kumar also highlighted the medicinal benefits of the guava fruits.

On this occasion eminent speakers such as Dr Vishal Nath, OSD, ICAR-IARI, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand; Dr Kundan Kishore, Principal Scientist (Horticulture), CHES, ICAR-IIHR, Bhubaneswar and Dr Bikash Das, Principal Scientist (Horticulture), ICAR RCER, FSRCHPR, Ranchi gave a very insightful presentation on guava cultivation and shared their experiences and illustrated the challenges in Guava cultivation in the Eastern Plateau and Hill Region. They gave detailed information on technological options

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available for increasing the productivity of guava in the region. Many researchable issues were highlighted during the meeting like development of rootstock, use of biomass mulching, production of quality planting materials, wilt complex, newly emerged pest & diseases and low productivity in guava.



The main objective of the programme was to have comprehensive information on the status of guava cultivation, prospects, and region-specific researchable issues of this important fruit crop, create awareness, and update the knowledge of scientists, faculty members, students, farmers, and stakeholders regarding guava cultivation in the Eastern Plateau and Hill Region. A total of 211 participants, including State Department Officials, KVK Scientists, Farmers, Students, NGOs, and Academicians, participated in the webinar. Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, Head, ICAR RCER, FSRCHPR, Ranchi, gave the formal vote of thanks.

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