

## ICAR-RCER, Patna Organized Coordination Committee Meeting for Addressing Researchable Issues of Agricultural Sector in Bihar

Patna, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022

As a follow-up action of recommendations of 25<sup>th</sup> Regional Committee Meeting No. IV held on 27/11/2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> State Level Coordination Committee Meeting was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022 at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. Shri Amrendra Pratap Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar graced the occasion as Chief Guest. In this meeting, besides various issues on agricultural development, focused discussion on climate resilient agriculture and crop residue management was held.



In his address, Shri Amrendra Pratap Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar urged all the institutions to work together with state government officials for overall agricultural development of the state. He also desired to launch a campaign on zero residue burning and asked all the institutions to take part to the campaign. He stressed on the need of adoption of climate resilient agricultural practices in the state and expressed his concern about the integrated nutrient and pest management for improving human as well as environmental health.

Earlier, Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Director ICAR-RCER, Patna welcomed the Chief Guest, and other dignitaries in the meeting and apprised about the scope and importance of the meeting for better coordination between different government departments, agricultural & animal sciences universities and research institutes for science based approach to agricultural development in Bihar. He also apprised the dignitaries about the ATR of the last meeting. It was followed by release of book on natural farming and leaflets published by ICAR-Research Complex of Eastern Region.



In his remark, Shri N. Saravana Kumar, Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar, stressed upon the holding of this kind of meeting at regular interval. He also asked the research institutions to promote natural and organic farming in the state. Vice Chancellors of Bihar Animal Sciences University and Bihar Agricultural University expressed their views and achievements.



Various ICAR institutes and its regional centres situated in Bihar like ICAR-RCER, Patna including its Research Centre on Makhana at Darbhanga ; ICAR-NRC on Litchi; ATARI, Patna; ICAR-CPRS, Patna ; ICAR-IARI Regional Station, Pusa; ICAR-MGFRI, Motihari participated in the meeting. BISA, National Seed Corporation, Cocconut Board, National Horticulture Board were also present in the meeting. The senior officials from Bihar Animal Sciences University, Bihar Agriculture University, Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University and state government participated in the meeting. Each institute and university presented their research activities and pointed the researchable issues in Bihar which needs to be done jointly with coordination of State Departments.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr Ashutosh Upadhyaya, Head, Division of Land and Water Management of ICAR-RCER.