

World Pulses Day Celebrated on February 10, 2022

On the eve of fourth World Pulses Day, a **Kisan Gosthi cum Pulses Field Day** was organized at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. Over 30 farmers from three villages, namely Kanchanpur, Painal and Vishnupura (of Patna District) attended the event at ICAR RCER, Patna. In the Kisan Gosthi, over 30 scientists and technical officers were also present. The event started at 11.45 AM with the ICAR song followed by lighting of the lamp by the chief guest, **Dr Anjani Kumar** (Director, ATARI, Patna). At the beginning, **Dr A K Choudhary** narrated before the farmers about the importance of pulses for sustaining health of humans, animals and soil. Scientists of the Complex also briefed the farmers about the agronomy, water requirements and protection strategies to be followed in pulses. It was followed by an interactive session. During question-answer session, farmers put a number of questions related to pulses production and protection. They got satisfied with the replies made by our experts. **Dr Ujjwal Kumar** (Director, ICAR RCER, Patna) suggested the farmers to stay in close touch with the scientists to reap maximum benefits of the technological advancements. The chief guest (Dr Anjani Kumar) emphasized on the adoption of solution to the constraints faced by the farmers. The interactive session ended with formal vote of thanks proposed by **Dr Surajit Mondal** (scientist of DCR, ICAR RCER, Patna). The Farmers visited our pulses production field under Pulse Seed Hub. They observed our quality seed production plots of lentil, chickpea and pigeonpea. They also shared their wisdom, which are indeed useful for scientists as well.

