

## **First meeting of Institute Management Committee of National Research Centre on Integrated Farming (NRC-IF), Motihari**

The first meeting of IMC of NRC-IF was held at ICAR-RCER, Patna on 27/12/2016. At the outset, Dr. B.P. Bhatt, OSD of the Institute welcomed all the esteemed members of the IMC. Dr. S. Bhaskar, ADG (AAF&CC), ICAR, New Delhi Director (Fisheries), Govt. of Bihar, Dr. A. Dey, Head, DLFM, ICAR-RCER, Patna, Dr. V.K. Mishra, Head, CSSRI RRS, Lucknow, Sh. U.K. Saxena, F&AO, ICAR-RCER, Patna, Sh. Alok Kumar, AO(P), ICAR-RCER, Patna, Head of Division and Scientists of the ICAR-RCER, Patna attended the meeting. After brief presentation, following suggestions were made:

- The construction work of Office-cum-Laboratory Building of NRC-IF shall be taken up since the approval of the Council has already been obtained. Accordingly, the work of Boundary Wall and Farm Area Development shall be taken up after observing all the codal formalities.
- The IMC also approved the establishment of Milk Processing Plant with a total financial involvement of Rs. 140.00 lakhs at Piprakothi, Motihari with technical expertise of NDRI, Karnal. To expedite the work, the OSD informed the Committee that the allocated budget has already been transferred to NDRI, Karnal vide sanction order No. IRCER/2016-17/P&S-49/NRC on IF Motihari/5269-70, dated 05/12/2016.
- Necessary provision be made to set up Agromet Observatory.
- Emphasis be given on goat and duck farming in flood prone areas.
- BIS standards need to be followed for construction of animal shed.
- Drainage of excess water need to be looked into.
- Provision be made to set up Disease Diagnostic lab keeping in view the post flood incidence of diseases in livestock including birds.
- The institute should also establish integrated organic farming systems for quality assurance and profitability of the stakeholders.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Member Secretary.

