

**Visit of Hon'ble Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR
(Ranchi, 23rd July, 2017)**

Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi visited the State of Jharkhand during July 22-23, 2017. The **Foundation stone of Farmers' Hostel** of the KVK, Ramgarh of ICAR RCER, Patna was laid by the DG On 22nd July 2017. He took stock of all the activities being carried out at the KVK, Ramgarh. He also addressed the farmers attending the **Kharif Workshop** of the KVK and interacted with the farmers. In his address, he was



highly appreciative of the pace of progress made by the KVK in a short period since its inception in 2014. He made an appeal to the farmers to adopt the technologies being promoted by the KVK, viz, vegetable cultivation, high density orcharding, goatary, duckery, fishery etc for doubling their income. Dr B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR RCER, Patna, Dr Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna, Dr K.K. Sharma, Director, ICAR-IINRG, Ranchi, Dr T.R. Sharma, Joint Director, ICAR-IIAB, also graced the occasion with their presence. On this occasion, the Hon'ble DG also planted a sapling of Rudraksha (*Elaeocarpus ganitrus* Roxb.) in the premises of the KVK.

After the foundation ceremony, Hon'ble DG visited Central Rainfed Upland Rice Research Station at Hazaribagh (Jharkhand). He took an account of the ongoing research activities of the Station and interacted with the Scientists and Staff. He also reviewed the progress of different works being undertaken at ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand.

On 23rd July, On 23rd July, the Hon'ble Secretary DARE & DG visited the ICAR-Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology and reviewed different research activities being carried out by the Institute.

The **Foundation stone of Hi Tech Nursery** at Research Centre, Ranchi of ICAR-RCER, Patna was laid by Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & DG on 23rd July, 2017. Through The Hi Tech nursery the centre aims to bring about five times increase in the multiplication of quality planting material of different fruit crops. Dr Mohapatra also visited the experimental farms of the research centre and interacted with the scientists regarding

different ongoing trials. The DG, ICAR visited crop residue recycling unit, germplasm bank of pointed gourd, field trials on fruit based multitier system, standardization of basin enrichment and gave his valuable suggestions. He emphasized on generation of adequate and intensive research data under each of the experiments for improving the scientific validity of the findings. He also advised scientists to identify the gap of seed supply in the state and plan accordingly with state department of agriculture and horticulture to overcome those gaps. On this occasion, Dr Parvinder Kaushal, Vice Chancellor, Birsa Agricultural University; Dr B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna; Dr K.K. Sharma, Director, ICAR-IINRG, Ranchi; Dr Anjani Kumar, Director, ATARI, Patna and Dr T.R. Sharma, Joint Director Research, ICAR-IIAB, Ranchi were present.



After the foundation ceremony, Hon'ble DG visited the ICAR-Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums where he reviewed the research activities of the Institute and addressed all the staff of IINRG along with VC, Birsa Agriculture University, members and representatives of State Agriculture Department, ICAR- Institutes and KVKs of Jharkhand.

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