

Exposure Visit of 45 Farmers from Adopted Villages under DST–SEED Project to ICAR–RCER, Patna

As a part of the ongoing DST–SEED funded Project on “Sustainable improvement in livelihood of Scheduled Caste community in Meskaur and Sirdala Blocks of Nawada district, Bihar”, an exposure visit was organized for farmers from the adopted villages of Siradala and Meskaur blocks of Nawada district to the ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. The visit was organized on the occasion of National Farmers’ Day and Kisan Mela on 24th December, 2025 with the objective of enhancing farmers’ knowledge of scientific and sustainable agricultural practices.

Shri Shankar Vishwakarma, a progressive farmer from Janhaul village was felicitated by Chief guest **Dr Sanjeev Chaurasia**, Hon’ble MLA, Digha and **Dr. Anup Das**, Director, ICAR–RCER, Patna for his exemplary efforts in adopting improved agricultural and livesock practices under the project and enhancing his income.



A total of 45 Scheduled Caste farmers including 23 women farmers from Janhaul, Chaugaon, Pandey Bigha, and Kopain villages participated in the exposure visit. The programme enabled farmers to directly interact with scientists, observe advanced agricultural technologies in field, and gain hands-on understanding of improved farming systems models being promoted under the DST–SEED initiative. Farmers also visited various exhibition stalls and gained knowledge and understanding of improved agricultural practices and products. A field visit was also organized under the leadership of Dr Anup Das, Director, ICAR RCER, Patna for farmers where special emphasis was laid on Integrated farming systems, including horticulture, fish farming, poultry, duck rearing, animal husbandry, and mushroom cultivation. Dr Dhiraj Kumar Singh, Sr. Scientist and PI of project interacted with farmers and apprised them about new technologies and government schemes during Kisan Gosthi. Dr. Shubha Kumari, Scientist,

Vegetable Science elaborated on horticultural interventions and low-cost technologies suitable for small landholdings. The farmers were also sensitized to income-generating models showing that even farmers with very small landholdings (1 Katha & 2 Katha) can successfully adopt diversified farming systems to enhance income and livelihood security.

The exposure visit served as an effective platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and motivation, reinforcing the objectives of the DST–SEED project to promote sustainable, inclusive, and science-led rural development.



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