

Field Day on Insect and Disease Management in Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) Organised in Gaya

Gaya, 18 September 2026: The ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region (ICAR-RCER), Patna, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Manpur, Gaya, organised a field day on insect and disease management in Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) on 18 September 2026 in Gaya district under the Rice Fallow Management Project. The programme was attended by the District Agriculture Officer (DAO), Gaya, the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO), the Block Agriculture Officer, and other officials from the Agriculture Department.

On the occasion, **Shri Sanjeev Kumar, District Agriculture Officer, Gaya**, emphasised the need to promote and encourage the wider adoption of DSR technology among farmers. He visited the demonstration field and inspected the rice crop established using the DSR method. Expressing satisfaction with the current crop condition and progress, he appreciated the performance of the crop. He also advised the concerned agriculture officials to facilitate exposure visits for farmers from other blocks of the district to the demonstration field so that they could observe the technology firsthand and understand its practical benefits.

During the programme, farmers were provided with technical information on the major advantages of DSR technology, the identification of important insect pests and diseases affecting rice, and integrated pest management (IPM) practices. They were advised to monitor their crops regularly, identify pests and diseases at an early stage, and adopt appropriate management measures based on the need and recommended practices.



Agricultural scientists and experts explained various aspects of DSR technology, crop management, and insect and disease control through field demonstrations. The technical queries and problems raised by farmers were also addressed by the experts to help them make informed decisions regarding crop protection and management.

Approximately **100 local farmers** participated in the programme, along with officials from the Agriculture Department, the Head and scientists/subject-matter specialists of KVK Manpur, Gaya, and scientists and technical personnel from ICAR-RCER, Patna.

The primary objective of the field day was to promote DSR technology for the effective utilisation of rice-fallow areas, reduction in rice cultivation costs, efficient use of agricultural resources, and sustainable and profitable rice production. The programme was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna**. The programme was organised with financial support under the **Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP)**.