

One-Day Participatory Seed Production Workshop organized at ICAR-RCER, Patna

A one-day Workshop Participatory Seed Production was successfully organized at ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on 13 January, 2026. The program was sponsored by Bihar Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (BAMETI), Patna. The workshop witnessed the active participation of 25 farmers and extension functionaries representing six



districts of Bihar namely Patna, Nalanda, Bhojpur, Gaya Ji, Jehanabad and Vaishali reflecting strong stakeholder engagement in strengthening the seed system through participatory approaches.

Addressing the participants, Chief Guest Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR-RCER, highlighted the pivotal role of quality seed in agricultural development and the significance of participatory seed production in strengthening local seed systems. He also emphasized the need for timely delivery of quality seed to farmers to maximize crop yield and income. He asked farmers to join ICAR RCER for participatory seed production of rice and pulses.



Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head, Division of Crop Research (DCR), elaborated on the concept of Atmanirbhar Kisan and underscored the critical role of quality seed in enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability. Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Head, Division of Social and Extension Education (DSEE), emphasized seed marketing and efficient distribution systems, noting that timely availability of quality seed is vital for adoption of improved technologies by farmers. Dr.



Ashutosh Upadhyaya, Head, Division of Land and Water Management (DLWM), stressed that effective land and water management practices are essential for successful participatory seed production and consistent quality seed output.

Earlier, the program commenced with the rendition of Vande Mataram, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the ICAR song. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Senior Scientist and Organizing Secretary, welcomed the participants and highlighted the theme and objectives of the workshop, emphasizing the importance of participatory seed production for ensuring availability of quality seed at the farmers' level. A field visit to experimental farms was also organized.

The workshop concluded with interactive discussions on possibility, challenges and strategies for participatory seed production which enhanced participants' practical understanding and its role in promoting sustainable agricultural development in the region.



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