

Sustainable Farming for a Healthy Future: ICAR-RCER, Patna Celebrates World Environment Day 2026

ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2026 under the theme “Climate Action” (#NowForClimate) and the sub-theme “Sustainable Farming for a Healthy Future.” The programme commenced with a Drawing Competition for Children, fostering awareness, creativity, and engagement on environmental conservation among young participants. This was followed by insightful addresses from the Heads of Divisions and Programme Coordinators, who highlighted the importance of environmental protection, climate-resilient agriculture, natural resource conservation, and the adoption of sustainable farming practices to ensure long-term food and nutritional security.

On this occasion, Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna, called upon all staff and members to collectively join hands in adopting practical solutions. He emphasized the urgent need for collective action involving both present stakeholders and future generations, including children, to strengthen sustainable agricultural development and build a healthier and more resilient future.

A major highlight of the celebration was the tree plantation drive, symbolizing the institute’s strong commitment to environmental sustainability and climate action. The students and children were also sensitized about the Khet Bachao Abhiyaan, a national campaign emphasizing collective efforts to conserve soil, water, biodiversity, and productive farmlands in the face of increasing environmental challenges.

Dr. Ashutosh Upadhyaya, Head, DLWM, motivated the gathering with his self-composed poem, adding a creative and reflective dimension to the programme. Dr. Kamal Sarma, Head, DLFM, Dr. A. K. Chaudhary, Principal Scientist, and Dr. Abhay Kumar, Principal Scientist, also addressed the participants, urging them to take proactive steps towards environmental protection, conservation of natural resources, and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Abhishek Kumar and Dr. Rachana Dubey and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around 200 participants, including scientists, staff members, IARI Hub students, and children.

