

ICAR–ATARI, Patna Marks 11th Foundation Day with Emphasis on Technology Application and Impact-Oriented Extension

The 11th Foundation Day of ICAR–Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute Zone-IV, Patna was celebrated with emphasis on strengthening technology application, innovation and farmer-centric extension. Dr. P. S. Pandey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The programme brought together senior officials and scientists from ICAR institutes, agricultural universities, state departments and the KVK network. Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna, Dr. Bikash Das, Director, ICAR-NRC, Litchi, and Dr. Nirmal Singh Dahiya, DEE, BASU, Patna participated in the programme, while Dr. R. R. Barman, ADG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. Sujay Rakshit, Director, ICAR-IIAB, Ranchi and Directors of all 10 ATARIs, Directors of Extension Education of BAU, Sabour, Dr.RPCAUI, Samastipur and BAU, Ranchi and Senior Scientist & Heads of KVKs and team of Bihar and Jharkhand joined virtually.

Dr. Ranjay Kumar Singh, ADG (AE), ICAR New Delhi and Director, ICAR–ATARI, Patna, highlighted the role of KVKs in technology assessment, demonstrations, capacity building and knowledge dissemination. He stressed stronger market linkages, institutional convergence and outcome-based extension to enhance the impact of interventions on farm productivity and livelihoods.

Dr. P. S. Pandey emphasized transforming KVKs into dynamic platforms for technology validation, value addition, market-oriented agriculture, digital extension, artificial intelligence and entrepreneurship. He called for systematic impact assessment and documentation of KVK interventions to strengthen technology transfer and convergence with State programmes.

Dr. Sujay Rakshit called for stronger institutional collaboration to promote climate-resilient agriculture. Dr. R. R. Barman emphasized technology adoption and market-oriented extension. Dr. Anup Das emphasized integrated farming systems for improving the resilience and income of small and marginal farmers. Dr. Bikash Das highlighted the potential for scientific expansion of litchi cultivation in Bihar, while Dr. Nirmal Singh Dahiya stressed livestock-based interventions and technical collaboration.

The ICAR–ATARI, Patna Annual Report 2025 and Hindi magazine 'Purvi Kiran' were released on the occasion. The publications capture major institutional achievements, technological interventions and extension experiences of the KVK network.

The programme concluded with a commitment to strengthen research–extension–farmer linkages, institutional convergence and impact-oriented technology dissemination for sustainable agricultural development in Bihar and Jharkhand.

