

Assessment and Dissemination of Climate Resilient Agricultural Technology in Bihar (IARI-'World Vision' India Collaborative Project)

--A Multi Stake Holders Convergence

A launching ceremony of the project "Assessment and Dissemination of Climate Resilient Agricultural Technology" was organized on 4th November, 2017 at hotel Anamika, Hajipur, District; Vaishali. ICAR-IARI is collaborating with World Vision India, a voluntary organisation of repute to implement the project in 5 selected villages each of the Districts Muzaffarpur and Vaishali in Bihar. The project will be for 2 years duration (2017-2019) in which IARI will be the technical partner. The project team comprising of a multidisciplinary team of scientists from IARI will be spearheaded by Dr. J.P. Sharma, Jt. Director (Extn.), IARI, New Delhi.

Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Bihar Animal Science University, Patna was the Chief Guest of the function which was attended among other luminaries, by Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extn.), IARI; Dr. Vishal Nath, Director, ICAR-NRC on Litchi, Muzaffarpur; Dr. A. K. Thakur, Director, Extension, BASU, Patna and Dr. Anjani Singh, Director, ATARI, Patna. Besides, Officials from world Vision India represented by Dr. Abraham Daniel, Technical Specialist-Agriculture and Food Security; Project Scientists from IARI, Dr. Neelam Patel, (In-Charge, CPCT) and Dr. Nafees Ahmad, (Sr. Scientist, CATAT); Programme Coordinators, KVKs, Districts, Vaishali and Muzaffarpur; Officers of State Agriculture and line departments and representative of the technical input supplier companies also attended the mega event.

Addressing a gathering of about 150 to 200 farmers present on the occasion from the two project districts, the Chief Guest of the function, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, BASU, Patna appreciated the collaborative initiative by the IARI under public-private partnership mode for speedy transfer of potential and improved IARI technologies among the farming community of the backward region for upliftment of their socio-economic condition. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extn.), IARI, the Guest of honour exhorted the farmers to think beyond production and devise alternative strategies for marketing of the farm produce. He laid emphasis on value addition and processing of farm produce for increasing and doubling farm income. The other Guest of honour also shared their views on the occasion and Vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Smurti Ranjan, Manager, Vaishali Area Development Program, W.V. India.

ICAR-IARI will collaborate for rapid assessment of natural resources in target areas, design baseline tool for specific interventions, vulnerability assessment, technology demonstration, training and crop advisories. The specific interventions will include crop diversification, soil and water management, IPM and organic Agriculture, value addition, processing and marketing linkage. WV India will bear all operational costs including travel expenses. IARI Regional station, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar will be the regional partner to be

involved for technological backstopping, implementation of technological and capacity development interventions.





