

Proceeding of the convergence meeting-cum-training programme held on 3 June, 2026

A convergence Meeting-cum-Training programme of ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur, was conducted under the National Pulse Mission in the forenoon of 3rd June 2026 in virtual mode. The meeting was facilitated by ICAR-ATARI Patna and joined by more than 217 participants from KVKs and State Department of Agriculture and State Agricultural Universities of both Bihar and Jharkhand state.

At the outset, Dr. GP Dixit, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, (IIPR) Kanpur, in his remarks, emphasized the goal of National Pulse Mission to achieve complete self-sufficiency in pulses. He expressed concern over the drastic reduction of area under *Kharif* pulses in Bihar and pointed measures to overcome this. He suggested to focus more on high area-low productivity districts out of the potential districts identified under the mission and to promote improved varieties through awareness programme as well as to enhance their seed-availability. Dr. GP Dixit appreciated the positive impact of the previous meeting held during October 2025 and expressed the same hope for the present meeting. Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIPR Kanpur, presented the improved varieties of *Kharif* pulses, suitable for the region. He also showcased the climatic conditions, land use pattern, land classification, soil nutrient-deficiency and overall pulse cultivation scenario of both the states. He also enlisted the number of seed-hubs from where one can avail the quality seeds of pulses. Dr. Kali Krishna Hazra, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-IIPR Kanpur, in his presentation detailed about the complete package of practices of all the *Kharif* pulses emphasizing strategy for self-sufficiency. He also enlisted a number of crop-specific IIPR- Strains of *Rhizobium* for increased root nodulation and nitrogen fixation. Dr. RK Mishra, Principal Scientist, presented the management and preventive measures to be taken against major diseases followed by insect-pest management by Dr. Anup Chandra, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-IIPR Kanpur. The presentations were followed by detailed discussions and interactions between the experts and the participants. Dr. DV Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI Patna, conveyed his sincere thanks to ADG/Director I/c ICAR-ATARI Patna, Director, ICAR-IIPR Kanpur, experts as well as all the officials from State Agricultural Department, State Agricultural Universities and KVKs of both Bihar and Jharkhand States.