

ICAR-IISR, Lucknow displayed Institute's technologies and development at exhibition stall in the Regional Agriculture Fair for Eastern Region 2024 at KVK, Diyankal, Torpa Block, Khunti (Jharkhand) during February 03-05, 2024

ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow (U.P.) displayed the Institute's technologies and development at exhibition stall in the Regional Agriculture Fair for Eastern Region (RAFER) -2024, under the theme "Sustainable & Circular Bio economy- A Catalyst for *Atmanirbhar Evam Viksit Bharat*" at KVK, Diyankal, Torpa Block, Khunti (Jharkhand) during February 03-05, 2024 organized by the ICAR-National Institute of Secondary Agriculture (NISA), Namkum, Ranchi (Jharkhand). During the inaugural session of Regional Agriculture Fair for Eastern Region-2024, the Chief Guest, Shri Arjun Munda Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Tribal Affairs, Government of India; Padam Bhushan Shri Kariya Munda Ji, Former Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha; Shri Koche Munda Ji, Hon'ble MLA, Torpa; Shri Nilkanth Singh Munda Ji, Hon'ble MLA, Khunti; Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR; Dr R.K. Singh, ADG (Agr. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr K.P. Singh, ADG (Farm Machinery), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. Abhijit Kar, Director, ICAR-National Institute of Secondary Agriculture, Namkum, Ranchi (Jharkhand) and other dignitaries visited the exhibition and stall of ICAR- IISR, Lucknow.

On February 03, 2024, the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Tribal Affairs, Government of India suggested the need for the training on sugarcane cultivation, sugarcane based value added products and socio economic and livelihood development for the farmers of this region. On February 05, 2024, during the closing ceremony of Regional Agriculture Fair for Eastern Region-2024, the Chief Guest Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan Ji, Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand; Dr S.C. Dubey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Birsa Agricultural University, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand and other dignitaries visited the exhibition and stall of ICAR- IISR, Lucknow.

The sugarcane production and protection technologies and developments of IISR *viz.*, control of insect-pests, ratoon management, improved technologies of sugarcane cultivation, mechanization in sugarcane, quality jaggery production and sugarcane-based byproducts *etc.* and key efforts made by the Institute to enhance the income of sugarcane growers were showcased by Dr. Om Prakash. More than 3,500 persons including dignitaries, farmers, farm women, scientists, teachers, students and visitors from abroad visited the exhibition stall of the ICAR-IISR, Lucknow and interacted regarding the new technologies to enhance cane production, productivity and sustainability. The visitors expressed enthusiastic views about the Institute's research and development work.

