

Collaboration continues between IISR and Govt of Bihar

A tissue culture lab is proposed to be set up at RC, Motipur:

A fruitful meeting took place between the ICAR-IISR, Lucknow and the SID, Patna on May 22, 2024. Representing the institute were Dr. Rasappa Viswanathan, Director, IISR, Lucknow, and Dr. AK Mall, In-charge, IISR RC, Motipur. On the Govt of Bihar side, Mr. AK Jha, Cane Commissioner, along with Mr. JPN Singh and Mr. Rakesh Rajan from SID Patna, were present. The meeting proved to be highly productive. The agenda encompassed discussion on challenges in sugarcane development along with deliberations on the draft MoU for the BSP program. The major objective of the program is to ensure the smooth execution of the program in the future.

The cane commissioner has expressed his desire to increase cane productivity. Additionally, talks revolved around mechanization of cane cultivation, establishment of modern jaggery units in Bihar and exploring avenues to enhance these initiatives. It was also proposed to organize collaborative programs in the future to effectively implement mechanized cane cultivation and to establish modern jaggery units. Additionally, ICAR-IISR proposed to establish a tissue culture laboratory to rapidly multiply disease-free seed canes, and rejuvenation of elite varieties. Such an initiative is poised to benefit sugarcane growers and millers alike. Consensus was also reached on this proposal, and ICAR-IISR will submit the proposal to SID, Patna to establish sugarcane tissue culture lab at the Regional Centre in Motipur.

