

Review Meeting on Further Developments of IFS project under NAHEP-CAAST

A review meeting was held at the Vice-Chancellor's Board Room on 24th August 2021 with the resource person Dr. Amal Ghosh (Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi) in the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Onkar Nath Singh. A summary presentation on outline and achievements of the "Standardization of Integrated Farming System Models for the State of Jharkhand" project was made by Dr. M.S. Malik (PI of the project) and thorough discussions were held on all aspects and future programmes of the project. Dr. Ghosh advocated the prioritization of rainfed areas based on natural resources and socio-economic status as well as category of the farmers to develop the suitable IFS models. He also focused on the integrated plan encompassing convergence of different schemes, farmer's crop choice, risk mitigation, etc on sustainable basis. He explained that Jharkhand has a vast rainfed area; cropping is not possible in winter and summer season in various parts; water availability is less and therefore livestock and horticultural components have significant importance in uplifting the rural economy. He also gave the emphasis on seed production of different crops in areas where production is surplus. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Ghosh appreciated the efforts made by NAHEP-CAAST on IFS project, BAU, Ranchi. He also highlighted the importance of integrated farming system as it holds the key to achieve sustainable way of doubling farmers' income. On the next day (24th August 2021), Dr. Amal Ghosh, Dr. M.S. Malik, Dr. A. Rabbani, Dr. K.S. Risam along with the NAHEP-CAAST team visited all the farming system models established at BAU, Ranchi.

