

Visit of Dr. G. Byju, Director & Project Coordinator, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram to AICRP on Tuber Crops, Ranchi Centre

Dr. G. Byju, Director CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram visited Ranchi centre during 01-02, February, 2023. He arrived Ranchi in the morning of 01.02.2023 and throughout 02.02.2023 presided over various activities of Ranchi centre thoroughly.

- 1. Experimental Field Vist:** Dr. G. Byju at first visited experimental field of AICRP on Tuber Crops, Ranchi and gone through details of various experiments, seed production and germplasm collection activities and suggested measures for promotion of on- farm activities of the project.
- 2. Visit to Department of Horticulture:** He visited Department of Horticulture met and discussed with the Head of the Department Dr. S. Misra and other faculty members. He also made a long visit of the experiments and other activities of the Department of Horticulture and Seed Storage unit of AICRP on Tuber Crops. Here also suggested valuable points for promotion of all the activities of tuber crops.
- 3. Integrated Farming System of BAU:** He visited AICRP on IFS, BAU and met with I/c IFS and Director Seed and Farm Dr. S. Karmakar and other IFS scientists over there. He gone through detailed visit of IFS activities discussed with scientists and told for the promotion of tuber crops which are already incorporated in the IFS.



4. **Visit to Agril. Engg. Department and Plasticulture Engg.** As Dr. Pramod Rai i/c AICRP on PEASEM (Plasticulture) do various activities with horticultural crops and there are immense scope of good trials of tuber crops with PHT and plastic engg., Dr. G. Byju visited this unit also and along with incharge AICRP TC Ranchi centre Dr. S. Sengupta discussed for chalking out good scientific experiments on tuber crops. Some good trials of tuber crops also done previously with plasticulture.



5. **Meeting with hon'ble Vice-chancellor and Director research BAU Ranchi.** Dr. G. Byju thoughtfully discussed Vice-chancellor Dr. O. N. Singh and Director Research Dr. S. K. Pal for upcoming activities and promotion of AICRP TC, Ranchi centre. He also presented them recent publications made by ICAR-CTCRI.



6. **Visit to Choreya village of Chanho block:** On 02.02.2023, Dr. G. Byju presided over an awareness-cum – training programme of Sheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) of AICRP on Tuber Crops at Choreya village under Chanho Block of Ranchi district. He visited the farmer's field and rendered his valuable suggestion for promotion of Tuber crops over there. In the training programme, he delivered long talk on scientific production technology of tuber crops. He also suggested small low cost technologies by which farmers can increase their farm income with the



cultivation of tuber crops and also asked farmers to be farmers as decentralized certified seed growers. He also distributed university fabricated small tools like maize sheller and grubber to the farmers. About 60 farmers were benefitted from this training and distribution programme.

