

ICAR-IIFSR Hosted Annual Review and Planning Meeting of Intercropping Project during 13-15 May, 2024

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (IIFSR), Modipuram recently hosted the annual review and planning meeting (ARPM) for the ACIAR-funded project, “Additive Intercropping in Wide-Row Crops for Resilient Crop Production in Bangladesh, Bhutan, and India.” This meeting, conducted in collaboration with CIMMYT, Dhaka, took place at ICAR-IIFSR campus from May 13-15, 2024. The event brought together 24 delegates from various esteemed institutions, including Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and University of Western Australia (UWA) from Australia; Bangladesh Wheat and Maize Research Institute (BWMRI) and Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) from Bangladesh; Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MOAF) from Bhutan; Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya (UBKV), Cooch Vihar, Bihar Agricultural University (BAU), Sabour, and ICAR-IIFSR in Meerut, India. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. Sunil Kumar, Director of ICAR-IIFSR. The participants of the meeting included Dr. Eric Huttner, Regional Program Manager at ACIAR, Australia, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Pratibha Singh from ACIAR, New Delhi, as the Guest of Honour. The occasion was also graced by Project Leader Dr. Alison Laing and Dr. Mahesh Gathala from CIMMYT, Dhaka. The meeting included discussions on the progress of agronomic research outcomes from on-station and on-farm trials involving maize and sugarcane with additive intercropping over the past year at various project sites. Additionally, participants deliberated on the implementation of a socio-economic survey to collect baseline information on current knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding intercropping, family nutrition, women’s empowerment, and value chain development in different agro-ecological contexts. A notable highlight was a lecture by Dr. Satish Nagaraji from CIMMYT, Hyderabad, on Digital Innovations in Agriculture. Delegates also had the opportunity to visit various on-station research activities at ICAR-IIFSR. The event was coordinated by the ICAR-IIFSR project team, which included Dr. P.C. Ghasal, Dr. Raghuveer Singh, Dr. Poonam Kashyap, and Raghavendra K.J., who ensured the successful completion of the meeting.







