

## Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) visits ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata

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Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR), visited ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kolkata today. In his interaction with scientists and staff of the institute, he imparted insightful perspectives on strategic measures undertaken to strengthen the KVK system and extension landscape. Dr. Pathak applauded the institute's scientific accomplishments and its pivotal role in advancing agricultural practices. He urged for envisioning the modus operandi to transform KVKs as business incubation-cum-skill development centre. He also released publications on fostering climate-resilient technologies for sustainability and accelerating natural farming to the grassroots for sustainability in Eastern India.



Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, briefed the recent activities and achievements of the institute. He briefed Hon'ble DG that ICAR-ATARI is making efforts to transform KVKs to serve as a change catalyst and convergence hub for Indian agriculture during the *Amrit kaal* to accomplish the aspirations of the nation by 2047.



Dr. F.H. Rahman, Head, ICAR-NBSS&LUP RC, Kolkata, was present during the programme. Dr. P.P. Pal, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, coordinated the programme.