

Visit of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to Regional Research Sub-Station (Old Alluvial Zone), Manikchak, Malda

Dr. Swarup Chakrabarti, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor along with Dr. Ashok Choudhury, the Director of Research had made a visit to *Regional Research Sub-Station (Old Alluvial Zone), Manikchak, Malda* on 22.02.2021 to 23.02.2021. Dr. Apurba Chowdhury, Head, Department of Plant Pathology and Dr. Prateek Madhab Bhattacharya, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology were also present.

In the first day of the programme on 22.02.2021, they have visited different research trials conducted in research farms of the Sub-Station. They have monitored different germplasms of wheat and lentil, which were selected from different breeding nurseries of CIMMYT and ICARDA for crop improvement programmes and have the potential to be released as varieties. They also visited the permanent no-tilled fields, where conservation agriculture based Rice-Maize and Maize-maize cropping systems were being maintained to study the population dynamics of fall armyworm *Spodoptera frugiperda*. Moreover, foundation seed production programme of wheat (variety: DBW 187) and lentil (varieties: Pusa Ageti and KLS 09-3) as well as All India Coordinated Research Project trials of wheat were also visited.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Director of Research met with the scientists and staff of the Sub-Station and guided them for future research programmes and discussed at length on developmental issues of the Campus.

On the second day of the programme on 23.02.2021, they visited farmers' field to see the adoption of conservation agriculture technology in the district. They met with the farmers of Nihalpur village of Chanchal 2 block and visited the zero-tilled maize, unpuddled transplanted rice and zero tilled lentil seed production fields. They also met with the members of Sabuj Bahini Agro Producer Company Limited, the node level service provider of Malda district and took a glimpse of their entrepreneurship model on custom hiring centre, distributorship of farm machineries and seed business.



