

## Out reach program at Harinagar, District West Champaran (Bihar)

ICAR-IISR, Lucknow scientists participated in the one-day farmers training program organized by KVK, Narkatiaganj, Harinagar sugar mills, and Sugarcane Directorate, Patna on October 28, 2023, at Harinagar, West Champaran District, Bihar and discussed the challenges faced by farmers and potential solutions, along with updates on policies related to sugarcane cultivation. A total of 300 farmers under the command areas of Harinagar sugar mills participated in the training program. At the outset, Deputy Director of Agriculture, SID, Patna (Bihar) introduced all the resource persons and described the different welfare programs of the department. The ICAR-IISR team discussed in detail the associated issues with the cultivation of sugarcane farming in the region. The team discussed the recommended sugarcane varieties for Bihar and advised them to adopt disease-resistant varieties like CoLk 14201. Furthermore, the team also addressed the red rot epidemiology, use of Sett Treatment Device for administration of agro-inputs at the time of planting and integrated management of the disease. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chief General Manager of Harinagar Sugar Mills, expressing gratitude for the informative and collaborative session.

