## Workshop on Jute Leaf Tea at Katihar, Bihar

16<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Katihar

ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering & Technology in collaboration with the ATMA, Katihar organized a joint workshop on 'Development of Jute Lead Drink for enhancing farmers' income' at Mansahi Block of Katihar District, Bihar during July 12-13, 2024.

Dr. S.K.Jha, Deputy Director, ATMA Katihar, Bihar emphasized the upliftment of jute farmers' through planning and working in collaboration with ICAR-NINFET. He urged scientific inputs and awareness programmes at the jute growing areas is utmost requirement for the farmers; encouragement.

Dr. D. P. Ray, Principal Scientist & Head, Chemical & Biochemical Processing Division, ICAR-NINFET highlighted the importance of Jute leaf in practicing jute agriculture. He also stressed upon the need for closer association with different organizations for fruitful outcomes.

Dr. Diwakar Paswan, Principal Scientist & In-charge of Jute Research Station, Katihar briefed about the need for joint collaborative approach for economic return from jute leaves.

Mr. Narayan Kumar Moholi, In-Charge, Agriculture Office, Katihar; Dr. Sushil Kumar, Senior Scientist, KVK, Katihar and Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Senior Scientist, KVK, Katihar and many other officials from Department of Agriculture, Bihar attended and deliberated in the programme.

Dr. Ipsita Das, Senior Technical Assistant of ICAR-NINFET demonstrated the protocol for collection and processing jute leaf for development of jute leaf drinks.

More than 80 delegates from KVKs, Agriculture Department, Bihar and 50 farmers participated in the workshop and deliberated at the programme.

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