

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day of ICAR-NRCL, Muzaffarpur celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The National Research Center on Litchi Celebrated its 23rd Foundation Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. Shri Ajay Nishad, the honorable Member of Parliament, Muzaffarpur graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Bikas Das, Director welcomed the dignitaries and reiterated that ICAR-NRCL will be committed to the welfare of the farmers. Shri Ajay Nishad opined that the position of the farmers cannot be strengthened without the farmer becoming strong in the field of marketing and without the availability of market. He said that with the help of the latest technology of the Centre, the benefits can be extended to all the farmers of the country. One of the RAC Member of the Centre, Shri Vikrant Upadhyay appreciated the efforts unleashed by ICAR-NRCL in disseminating novel technologies to farmers. He also drew the attention of the Member of Parliament to fill the vacant scientific posts at the Centre at the earliest. Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director, ICAR-ATARI also graced the occasion. He told that ICAR-NRCL has always been spearheading farmer centric technologies and the need of the hour is upscaling the same. As part of Foundation Day celebration, a litchi 'Stakeholders Interface Meeting' was also organized. Some of the progressive farmers actively participated and expressed their concerns of effect of climate change on litchi. Around 50 farmers attended the Stakeholders Meeting.



Dr. Bikash Das, Director, welcoming the dignitaries and farmers



Progressive farmers who were present during the foundation day programme



Member of Parliament, Shri Ajay Nishad addressing the farmers on the occasion





Scientists & Staffs of NRCL and some visiting scientist (FOCARS trainees) with the Director, Dr. Bikash Das on the occasion