

## **Inauguration of Training cum exposure visit “Vermi Compost Utpadan hetu Jai Gopal Kism ke Kechue ka rakhrakhao” for 20 farmers from Begusarai, Bihar sponsored by ATMA was organised by JDEE, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar during 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

The Joint Directorate of Extension Education (JDEE), ICAR–Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), inaugurated a four-day training programme on “Vermi Compost Utpadan hetu Jai Gopal Kism ke Kechue ka Rakhrakhao” from 9th to 12th February, 2026. The programme was sponsored by ATMA and conducted for farmers from Begusarai district of Bihar. A total of 20 farmers actively participated in the training.

The training programme was formally inaugurated on 9th February, 2026 with a warm welcome address by Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director, Extension Education, ICAR-IVRI. In her inaugural remarks, Dr. Tiwari emphasized the importance of vermi compost production as a sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practice with significant income-generating potential for farmers. She highlighted the relevance of integrating vermi composting with dairy management for enhancing farm profitability and resource efficiency. Dr. Tiwari also apprised the participants about the ICAR-IVRI-developed “Jai Gopal” vermi culture technology, elaborating on its superior productivity, adaptability, and suitability for Indian farming conditions.

During the four-day training programme, experts from ICAR-IVRI will deliver lectures and practical demonstrations covering various aspects of vermi compost production. The major topics will include preparation and maintenance of Jai Gopal vermi culture, kitchen waste-based vermi compost, slurry-based vermi compost, vermi compost preparation using spent mushroom waste, the economics of vermi compost production etc. Special emphasis will be given to scientific methods, quality control, and cost-effective practices to enhance profitability at the farm level.

In addition to classroom sessions, the programme also will include exposure visits to the IVRI mother vermi compost unit and its multiplier units, where participants would observe large-scale and scientific vermi compost production practices. A field visit to a successful entrepreneur’s farm will be organized, providing farmers with firsthand experience of practical implementation, challenges, and income prospects associated with vermi compost and dairy enterprises.

The participants showed keen interest during the inaugural session of the training and actively interacted with scientists. Many farmers shared their previous experiences with vermi compost units at their farms and discussed the constraints faced by them. They also expressed their expectations regarding technology adoption, market linkage, and scaling up of vermi compost production. The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Shruti, Scientist, JDEE, ICAR-IVRI, who appreciated the active participation of farmers and acknowledged the efforts of the organizing team.

