

## **Visit of Honorable Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR to ICAR-CPRI Regional Station, Modipuram, Meerut (UP)**

On 4 November 2024, Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, visited the ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, Regional Station at Modipuram, along with Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhary, Deputy Director General (NRM), ICAR.

The visiting dignitaries were welcomed by Dr. R. K. Singh, Head of the Regional Station. The visit commenced with a ceremonial tree plantation of fruit-bearing plants within the cold storage premises, and then DG, ICAR and DDG (NRM) inspected the newly established potato cold store facility, the aeroponics-based seed production unit at the station.

The Director General showed keen interest in the aeroponics and net house-based seed production techniques being adopted at the Regional Station. Dr. Singh briefed the distinguished guests on ongoing potato research activities and technological interventions being undertaken at the center.

This visit provided an opportunity for the senior ICAR officials to get firsthand information about the research and developmental initiatives of the ICAR-CPRI Regional Station, Modipuram. The insights gained during the visit will help in further strengthening the research and outreach efforts of the institute towards improving potato production and productivity in the country.









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