

## Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary (DARE) and DG (ICAR) inaugurated the administrative building and other facilities of ICAR-KVK, Malda

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Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR) today inaugurated five facilities of ICAR-KVK, Malda, viz., the administrative building, Farmers Hostel, Carp & Catfish Hatchery Facility, Integrated livestock Unit and Integrated Fish development unit. He applauded about the significance and role played by the KVKs in the livelihood improvement of the farming community. He also distributed various inputs among the farmers.

Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata briefed that KVKs are gearing up in *Amrit Kaal* to serve as change catalyst and convergence hub for Indian agriculture to link Farm-Farmer-Farming in agro-ecosystem scale.

The ceremony was attended by Swami Biswamayananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Sargachhi, Murshidabad, Dr. V.B. Patel, ADG (Horticulture & Plantation crops), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. T. Damodaran, Director, ICAR-CISH Lucknow, Dr. Sujay Rakshit, Director, ICAR-IIAB Ranchi, Dr S.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, Dr. Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR Lucknow, Dr. Shailendra Rajan former Director CISH Lucknow, Dr D.B. Shakyawar, Director, ICAR-NINFET, Kolkata, Dr. P. Chakraborty, former Member of ASRB, New Delhi, Dr. P. Pal, former Director NRC on Pomegranate, Sholapur, Dr. Archan Kanti Das, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore, Dr. P.K. Katiyar, Pulse Seed Hub, ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur.



A *Kissan Sammelan* were also organized, where more than 600 farmers were attended this program. On this occasion three best farmers were facilitated for his contribution for adoption and dissemination of ICAR technology in Malda district. An exhibition was also organized where various technologies which are being disseminated by the ICAR-KVK, Malda and produce and products of local FPOs and framers were displayed.