

# NEWSLETTER

# IPL FOUNDATION

**Empowering Communities, Enriching Lives**

## From the Senior Advisor

In the May edition of our bi-monthly newsletter, we are proud to showcase the positive and ongoing impact of the IPL Foundation/ICRO's initiatives across rural communities, especially in the areas of education, healthcare, and sustainable development. These accomplishments reflect the collective commitment of our dedicated team and the steadfast support of Indian Potash Limited, guided by the astute leadership of our Managing Director, Dr. P.S. Gahlaut. We are also grateful for the meaningful contributions from Chief Agricultural Scientist Dr. U.S. Teotia, the Heads of various IPL Units, and the Education Society team.

Over the past two months, we have made considerable progress by conducting multiple Amrit Internship Closing Ceremonies, organizing farmers' meetings, hosting Sustainability Conclaves and undertaking several field visits. Indian Potash Limited also marked a key milestone with the launch of Granular Potash focused on promoting eco-friendly growth. Complementing these efforts IPL have taken monumental step towards strengthening India's agricultural and cooperative sectors with the revival and modernization of three sugar mills located in Gujarat, reflecting our holistic approach to community welfare and environmental responsibility.

As we continue our journey toward inclusive and sustainable development, we remain committed to strengthening our partnerships with local communities. We welcome your suggestions and insights for future editions of this newsletter. We are also excited to introduce a new feature—Employees' Corner—and invite team members to contribute their articles, stories, or reflections for publication. Together, let's continue building a better, greener, and more equitable Viksit Bharat.



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# A New Milestone in Education:

## Inauguration of Udbhav Shiksha Niketan's New Block

With great joy and enthusiasm, we celebrate a remarkable achievement in the field of education. On Feb 25, 2025 Dr. P.S. Gahlaut, Managing Director of Indian Potash Limited, inaugurated the newly constructed building of Udbhav Shiksha Niketan at Sakhoti Sugar Mill. The inauguration ceremony was marked by the traditional lamp lighting, ribbon cutting, and prayers, symbolizing a bright future for our young learners.



Ribbon Cutting and Lamp Lighting Ceremony by Dr. P.S. Gahlaut, MD, IPL

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Gahlaut emphasized the importance of providing quality education at an affordable cost to the children of farmers and rural communities. He assured that the school would be equipped with smart classrooms, a computer lab, and efficient transport facilities, ensuring that students receive the best possible learning environment, just like in the renowned schools of Meerut.

Fulfilling the felt need of students and the aspirations of parents, he announced the expansion of the school to Class 9 and 10 from the 2026-27 session, a decision met with resounding applause. He also expressed pride in completing this magnificent building in less than five months and assured continued support for students preparing for Olympiad competitions.



Snippets of the event

**This momentous occasion is a testament to IPL's unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds and building a brighter future!**



# Crop Seminar at Khadda Kushinagar

Innovating Farming, Empowering Farmers

On February 18, 2025, a successful Crop Seminar was conducted at Khadda, Kushinagar, with the participation of notable guests and around 150 farmers. The event saw the presence of distinguished personalities including Mr. UN Singh, GMM IPL, Mr. Ravi Aggarwal, DGM IPL Lucknow, Dr. Subhas Singh, Joint Director, Sugarcane Research Institute Seorahi, Mr. NP Singh, Unit Head, Khadda Sugar Mill, Mr. MK Dubey, Senior Sales Officer IPL Gorakhpur, Mr. Sudhir Kr, Cane Manager, and Mr. Malviya, President of the Cane Union Chairman. The seminar began with a ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the esteemed guests.



Lamp Lighting Ceremony by the Guests

Dr. Subhas Singh provided valuable insights on new sugarcane varieties and advanced farming technologies, addressing farmers' questions with great expertise. Mr. Ravi Aggarwal spoke about the company's history and highlighted the effectiveness of IPL products across various crops, especially focusing on the benefits of Gr MOP. Mr. UN Singh emphasized cost-effective farming techniques, aligning with IPL's mission to deliver high-quality products to farmers for maximum productivity.



Snippets of the event

The seminar concluded with an exciting lucky draw, where several farmers received gifts, making the event both informative and engaging for all participants.

# Siswa Sugar Mill: Cultivating Growth

## Farming Smarter, Growing Stronger

On February 18, 2025, GMM Mr. UN Singh and DGM Mr. Ravi Aggarwal visited the Siswa Bazar Sugar Unit for an insightful tour and discussion. Upon arrival, they were warmly welcomed by Sugar Unit Head Mr. Sandeep Panwar and Cane Head Mr. Dheeraj Singh. The visit provided a unique opportunity to engage in a productive conversation regarding the current state of the sugar unit and its fertilizer division.



Mr. U.N. Singh (GMM) & Mr. Ravi Aggarwal (DGM) visit to Siswa Sugar Mill

The highlight of the visit was the Progressive Farmer Group Meeting held at the IPL Kisan Samriddhi Kendra (IPL KSK) at the sugar unit outlet. During the meeting, GMM shared valuable insights on the use of NPK 16:16:16 and Gr MOP fertilizers, emphasizing their effectiveness in improving crop productivity. DGM further explained the solubility of these products and encouraged the team to educate farmers about their benefits to maximize both sales and productivity.



Interactive Session with the Farmers

The farmers in attendance were eager to learn about the positive impact of Gr MOP, and many expressed their commitment to adopting the product for all their crops going forward. The meeting concluded on a high note, with farmers leaving empowered and motivated to implement new practices that would enhance their farm income and productivity.

The visit and discussions highlighted the importance of collaboration between industry experts and farmers, ensuring that effective, year-round solutions are accessible to improve agricultural outcomes.



## Amrit Internship- Farmers Meet, Jarwal Farmers' Growth Summit

On 8th March 2025, IPL Sugar Unit, Jarwal Road in collaboration with ICRO- IPL Foundation, hosted a successful one-day Farmer Meet at Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra, Bahraich.

Mr. Muneer, Coordinator of the programme welcomed the attendees and highlighted the importance of the Amrit Internship Program, outlining its future potential. Shri T.S. Rana ji, Unit Head then shared insights on the benefits of the program and introduced the CO 15023 sugarcane variety. He explained how this high-yielding, cost-effective variety can be sown immediately after wheat harvest, providing faster returns for farmers.



Glimpse of the Farmers Meet

The event also featured a Q&A session, where farmers and interns had their questions addressed. The meet concluded with refreshments and a vote of thanks. The session was a valuable opportunity for farmers to gain knowledge on sustainable farming practices and improve agricultural productivity.



## Uniting Sustainability, One-Health, & Agroecconomics

### SRM Sustainability Conference

ICRO- IPL Foundation organized a National conference titled “The Intersection of Sustainability, One Health, and Agroecconomics: A Global Perspective for Human Welfare” in collaboration with SRM University, Sonapat on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The event brought together policymakers, academicians, experts, and students to explore integrated approaches for sustainable human welfare. The day began with a registration session, lamp lighting, and a welcome address by Prof. Renu Choudhary, followed by the felicitation of esteemed guests. Eminent speakers including Prof. Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice- Chancellor, SRMUH, Registrar Prof. V. Samuel Raj, SRMUH, Shri Raj Kumar Choudhary, CMD, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited, and Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Retd. IAS- Senior Advisor IPL Foundation shared valuable insights on sustainable development, green energy, and policy frameworks.



Experts like Dr. Bhushan Tyagi, Animal Husbandry & Dairy, Krishi Mantralaya, Govt. of India and Dr. Neelam Taneja, HOD, Medical Microbiology, PGI Chandigarh highlighted the importance of livestock management and antimicrobial resistance within the One Health framework. A special Farmer Interaction Session, led by Padma Shri awardee Kanwal S. Chauhan, emphasized the blend of traditional and modern farming techniques for sustainable agriculture. Competitions like Poster Making and Slogan Writing encouraged participants to creatively engage with the conference themes.



Interactive Session by Dr. Rajeev Ranjan and Prize Distribution Ceremony

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Anjali Priyadarshini. The conference served as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative action towards a healthier and more sustainable future.



## Amrit Internship Program Closing Ceremony at Sakhoti Tanda

The Amrit Internship Program, successfully concluded with a grand ceremony at the IPL Sugar Unit, Sakhoti Tanda on March 22, 2025. The event marked the distribution of certificates and medals to 50 interns who actively participated in the program.

Distinguished guests, including Mr. Deependra Kumar (Sugar Unit Head, Sakhoti Tanda) and Dr. R.P. Singh (Mentor, IPL Foundation), graced the occasion. Also present were Mr. Jitendra Singh (Head of the Cane Department) and Mr. Abhay Tripathi (Secretary, Rise Foundation).



Glimpse of the event

In his address, Dr. R.P. Singh highlighted the significance of the program in equipping young individuals with modern agricultural knowledge and skills, contributing to both their career growth and the overall progress of the agricultural sector.

Mr. Deependra Kumar expressed his appreciation for the dedication of the interns and reaffirmed the Sakhoti Tanda sugar unit's commitment to fostering agricultural innovation and knowledge-sharing. He emphasized the importance of practical learning and data-driven insights in modern farming.



Interactive Session and Certificate Distribution Ceremony

The event concluded on a high note, celebrating the achievements of the interns and reinforcing IPL's mission to support the next generation of agricultural leaders.

## Farmers' Meet and Closing Ceremony at Khadda Sugar Unit

The grand closing ceremony of the Amrit Internship Program was held on 8th March 2025 at Khadda, marking the successful completion of this impactful initiative. The event was graced by esteemed guests from agriculture, research, and industry, who were honored for their contributions.

A Farmers' Meet was organized as part of the ceremony, fostering discussions on modern agricultural techniques, particularly in sugarcane farming. Experts emphasized the importance of research-based and sustainable farming practices. 102 interns from IPL Sugar Units Khadda and Siswa Bazar were awarded certificates and shields for their dedication.



Distinguished guests, including Dr. Subhash Singh (Joint Director, Sugarcane Research Center, Seorahi, Kushinagar), Dr. Archana (Senior Scientist, Sugarcane Research Center, Seorahi), Dr. V.K. Mishra (Senior Scientist, Sugarcane Research Center, Seorahi), and Dr. R.P. Singh (Mentor, IPL Foundation, Delhi), shared valuable insights on scientific interventions, innovation, and data-driven farming. Mr. N.P. Singh (Sugar Unit Head, Khadda), Mr. Sandeep Panwar (Sugar Unit Head, Siswa Bazaar), and Mr. Dheeraj Singh (Head, Sugarcane Department, Siswa Bazaar) applauded the interns' contributions and stressed the need for practical exposure in sugar mills.



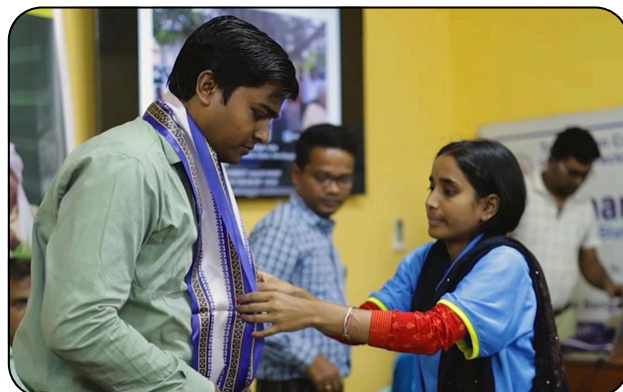
Glimpse of the event

The event concluded with the presentation of mementos, leaving attendees with a sense of achievement. The Amrit Internship Program reinforced IPL Foundation's commitment to skill development and agricultural research, paving the way for future initiatives.



## Farmers' Meet and Closing Ceremony at Purba Bardaman

The IPL Foundation Amrit Internship Program concluded with a Closing Ceremony and Farmers' Meet on March 25, 2025, at the Centre for Cooperative Management, Barsul. The event brought together 53 Amrit interns and 34 farmers from Bardaman II Block, marking the end of a three-and-a-half-month journey of learning and fieldwork.



Snippets of the event

The program opened with a welcome by Dr. Nirmala Rajak, followed by an address from Mrs. Nandini Roy, Mentor IPL Foundation who stressed increasing farmers' incomes through better crop management, storage, and marketing. Other key speakers, including Shri Gobinda Chandra Das, Shri Souvik Kumar Jana, Shri Tapas Roy, Shri Rajarshi Maji, and Shri Goutam Bhattacharjee, spoke on FPOs, MSME schemes, and agri-entrepreneurship.



Address by Mrs. Nandini Roy followed by the distribution of certificates

Dr. Abhijit Roy shared that interns reached 5,433 farmers across 16 blocks, with 73.1% being marginal farmers. The event concluded with certificate distribution and reflections, as Dr. Kiran Kumar Roy called it the start of a new journey in agri-leadership



## IPL to Revive Gujarat Sugar Mills

### Revival & Modernization of Kodinar, Talala & Valsad Sugar Mills



Chairman, IPL Welcoming Shri. Amit Shah ji

**Indian Potash Limited (IPL) has taken a monumental step towards strengthening India's agricultural and cooperative sectors with the revival and modernization of three sugar mills located in Kodinar, Talala, and Valsad in Gujarat. The announcement was made by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri. Amit Shah at a foundation-laying event on March 8, 2025, in Kodinar, Gir Somnath district.**



**This ambitious project, led by IPL—which is 60% owned by cooperative societies—is set to benefit over 10,000 farmers in the region. The mills are being upgraded with advanced technologies to produce ethanol from sugarcane, aligning with the Government of India's vision of increasing biofuel production and reducing dependency on petroleum imports. Shri. Amit Shah emphasized that this initiative transforms farmers from mere food producers ("Annadaata") to energy producers ("Urjadaata"), contributing not only to food security but also to India's green energy mission.**



The revival is a collaborative effort involving IPL, the State Cooperative Bank, the Gujarat Government, and the Central Government. It reflects the core values of the Ministry of Cooperation, which under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has consistently prioritized farmer welfare. With the modernization of these mills, the government aims to produce ethanol, compressed biogas, and organic fertilizers—thereby creating new revenue streams for farmers while supporting sustainable agriculture.



Shri. Amit Shah ji at the ceremony

MD, IPL

To enhance productivity, IPL has introduced several modern practices, including the use of high-yielding sugarcane seeds, mechanized harvesting, drone-assisted fertilizer spraying, and efficient drip irrigation systems. These innovations will help increase sugarcane yield and optimize resource utilization.

Highlighting the government's continued support for the agriculture sector, Amit Shah noted the increase in the agricultural budget from ₹22,000 crore in 2013–14 to ₹1.37 lakh crore in 2023–24. Farm loan disbursements have also tripled—from ₹8.5 lakh crore to ₹25.5 lakh crore. Despite a global rise in DAP fertilizer prices, the government has ensured price stability through consistent subsidies.

This revival initiative is a testament to IPL's commitment to driving sustainable growth, fostering innovation, and empowering India's farmers through meaningful, long-term impact. As these sugar mills are transformed into ethanol production hubs, they mark the beginning of a new era in cooperative-driven agricultural development.



# Media Coverage of the Events

## अमृत इंटरशिप कार्यक्रम का समापन



दौराला (जनवाणी): सकौती में अमृत इंटरशिप कार्यक्रम का शनिवार को समापन किया गया। इंटरशिप में प्रतिभाग करने वाले प्रतिभागियों को प्रमाण पत्र वितरित किए गए। आईपीएल सीएसआर के तहत राजड़ फाउंडेशन के तत्वावधान में अमृत इंटरशिप कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया था। मुख्य अतिथि चीनी मिल के यूनिट हेड दीपेंद्र खोखर रहे। उन्होंने 50 इंटरशिप प्रमाण पत्र वितरित किए। दीपेंद्र खोखर, डॉ. आरपी सिंह, जितेंद्र सिंह, अभय त्रिपाठी ने कहा कि अमृत इंटरशिप कार्यक्रम ने युवाओं को कृषि क्षेत्र में नवीनतम तकनीकी और अनुसंधान से परिचित कराया। यह कार्यक्रम न केवल युवाओं के कैरियर निर्माण में सहायक होगा, बल्कि देश की कृषि उन्नति में भी महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देगा। इस दौरान नितिन, मुनीर, अमित राणा, आदेश

## आईपीएल चीनी मिल में अमृत इंटरशिप का समापन



सिसवा बाजार (आज) आईपीएल सीएसआर के द्वारा राजड़ फाउंडेशन सिंह, कृषि वैज्ञानिक डॉ अर्चना, डॉ रमप के सिसवा व खड्डा शहर मिलों में द्वारा क्रियान्वित इस अमृत इंटरशिप वी.के.मिश्रा और आईपीएल चल रहे अमृत इंटरशिप कार्यक्रम का कार्यक्रम के समापन के अवसर पर फाउंडेशन के डॉ आर पी सिंह ने कार्यक्रम की तारीफ करते हुए अपने सुझाव साझा किए और इस अमृत इंटरशिप कार्यक्रम के सफल क्रियान्वयन की तारीफ की। इस दौरान यूनिट हेड सिसवा संदीप खवार, यूनिट हेड खड्डा एन.पी. सिंह, महाप्रबंधक गन्ना



Indian Potash Limited to Revive Gujarat Sugar Mills: Amit Shah Highlights Ethanol's Role in Farmer Prosperity

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Shri Amit Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the Ministry of Cooperation has launched several initiatives that have opened pathways for the development of millions of farmers in a country dependent on agriculture. He noted that as part of such an initiative, the revival of these three sugar mills has been carried out through Indian Potash Limited, in which 60 per cent of the share capital is held by cooperatives. Shri Shah said that Prime Minister Modi has transformed our food-producing farmers into energy-producing farmers by integrating energy production with several sugar mills through ethanol and seeds. He said that ethanol-producing cooperative sugar mills not only contribute to food security but also help reduce the country's petroleum import bill. Additionally, our farmers will transform from local producers to global bio-fuel producers. He mentioned that in the coming days, we will increase ethanol production and enter the global market to export it.



## सम्मेलन में मानव कल्याण की रणनीतियों पर विचार-विमर्श



## किसानों को किया गया सम्मानित



At IPL Foundation, we are committed to keeping you up-to-date with the latest news and developments across all areas of the organization. Our goal is to offer you a unique platform for accessing important information. We appreciate your ongoing support and encourage you to continue being a part of this journey.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your contacts to keep them informed about the recent activities of IPL and IPL Foundation. We'd love to hear your thoughts! Share any suggestions or ideas for new features you'd like to see in future newsletters. Your feedback is always welcome!

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