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As we move forward into 2026, IPL Foundation continues its dedicated efforts towards creating meaningful and lasting impact in communities across the country. With renewed commitment and purpose, the Foundation remains focused on expanding its outreach and strengthening its initiatives to improve lives and promote inclusive development.

In this March edition of our bi-monthly newsletter, we are pleased to present highlights of the continued contributions of Indian Potash Limited and IPL Foundation in empowering rural communities, with a special focus on education, healthcare, youth engagement, and sustainable development.

The past two months have witnessed several initiatives, including the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony between IPL Foundation and Viswa Bharati University, One Health Medical Camps, Farmers' Meets, and AMRIT Internship Orientation Programmes. Through our internship programmes and outreach activities, we have connected with over 2,600 youth and extended benefits to more than 2,27,000 farmers across Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Haryana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Rajasthan. These efforts not only provide valuable experiential learning opportunities to Amrit interns but also nurture leadership, social awareness, and community engagement.

As we continue our journey towards inclusive and sustainable growth, we remain committed to strengthening our partnerships and deepening our engagement with communities to create long-term impact.

We are also delighted to continue our special segment, Employees' Corner, which provides a platform for team members to share their insights, experiences, and creative expressions. We encourage everyone to actively contribute and be a part of this shared journey. Suggestions and ideas for future editions are always welcome.

These accomplishments reflect the unwavering dedication of our team and the constant support of Indian Potash Limited, under the visionary leadership of Managing Director, Dr. P. S. Gahlaut. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Chief Agricultural Scientist Dr. U. S. Teotia, the Heads of various IPL Units, and the Education Society team for their continued guidance and support in advancing our mission.



IPL AT DHENKANAL ZILLA MAHOTSAV 2026

IPL Sugar Unit, Dhenkanal actively participated in “Dhenkanal Zilla Mahotsav”, organized by the District Administration, Dhenkanal, at Palishree Mela Ground from 20th to 24th January 2026. As part of the event, IPL showcased its wide range of products and initiatives aimed at supporting the farming community.

During the Mahotsav, IPL exhibited and promoted its key products including Sugar, Soya, and Kissan Mitra Gold (Organic Manure). Additionally, fertilizer samples and informational materials of DAP, SSP, MOP, Urea, TSP, NPK (16:16:16), NPS (20:20:0:13), Polyhalite, and Trichoderma were displayed. Informative leaflets and literature were distributed to create awareness about the products and outreach initiatives.



The stall received visits from several distinguished dignitaries. Mr. Vikash Kumar Chaudhary, General Manager & Unit Head, IPL Dhenkanal, warmly welcomed the Guests of Honour and briefed them on IPL’s products and initiatives. The visiting dignitaries included Shri Rudra Narayan Pani, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Dhenkanal; Shri Krushna Chandra Patra, Hon’ble Cabinet Minister, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare and Science & Technology; Shri Satrughana Jena, Hon’ble MLA, Kamakhyanagar; Smt. Simarani Nayak, Hon’ble MLA, Hindol; and Shri A. E. Patil, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, Dhenkanal.



Snippets of the Dhenkanal Zilla Mahotsav

The dignitaries appreciated IPL’s efforts in reaching out to farmers and promoting modern agricultural practices focused on improving productivity and sustainable growth. The participation reinforced IPL’s commitment to empowering the farming community and strengthening its presence at the grassroots level.



EMPOWERING FARMERS THROUGH SOIL HEALTH AWARENESS

As part of its ongoing CSR initiatives, IPL Foundation, in collaboration with the Dhenkanal Sugar Unit, organized a Farmers Awareness Camp on Soil Health at the factory Cane Farm on 17 January 2026. This initiative followed the successful Holistic Health Camp and Domestic Animal Health Camp, reflecting the Foundation's integrated approach toward human, animal, and soil well-being.



The programme was implemented through NGO partner Mission Reconstruction, which facilitated expert guidance from leading soil scientists. The camp was graced by distinguished experts including Dr. Bimalendu Mohanty, Sr. Scientist & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), and Dr. Dibya Sundar Kar, Sr. Scientist, KVK Dhenkanal, along with Mr. Vikash Kumar Chaudhary, GM & Unit Head, and Mr. Raj Kumar Chaudhary, HOD-Cane.



Snippets of the Farmers Awareness Programme

Farmers from across the district actively participated and gained practical insights on soil testing, nutrient management, and sustainable farming techniques to improve productivity and soil fertility. Farmer kits were also distributed to support their agricultural activities.

The encouraging response highlighted the programme's relevance and reaffirmed IPL Foundation's commitment to strengthening rural resilience and promoting sustainable agriculture.



ODISSI DANCE WORKSHOP AT UDBHAV SHIKSHA NIKETAN, MEERUT

As part of its commitment to holistic student development, IPL Foundation organized a two-day Odissi Dance Workshop at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda, Meerut. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Disha Kannan, Programme Manager who is also a professionally trained Odissi dancer, with Ms. Rakhee Kumari accompanying the visit for official interactions related to Agrani interns and student skill development.



The workshop introduced students to the fundamentals of Odissi, including basic postures, footwork, hand gestures, and expressions. Through structured practice and guidance, students showed great enthusiasm and improved confidence, while gaining exposure to India's rich classical dance heritage.



Glimpse of the Dance Workshop

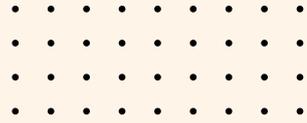
A key highlight was a demonstration performance by Ms. Disha Kannan, which helped students understand stage presentation and performance techniques. The performance was highly appreciated by students and school staff.

The programme concluded with certificate distribution and students' feedback, reflecting their excitement and appreciation for the learning experience.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan School, Sakhoti Tanda

This initiative highlights IPL Foundation's continued efforts to promote cultural education, nurture young talent, and support the overall personality development of students through meaningful skill-building opportunities.



AMRIT INTERNSHIP ORIENTATION PROGRAMME AT RANCHI

As part of its CSR commitment to strengthening the agricultural ecosystem and empowering future agriprofessionals, IPL Foundation, in collaboration with Birsa Agricultural University, organized an Orientation Programme on 19 January 2025 at Ranchi for RAWE students under the AMRIT Internship Programme.



The programme aimed to prepare students for their industrial attachment and field engagement with farmers. Senior university officials emphasized the importance of accurate field data collection and meaningful farmer interaction to support sustainable agricultural development.

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Glimpse of the Programme

Expert sessions on good agricultural practices, soil health, pest management, crop diseases, and government schemes provided valuable practical insights.

This initiative reflects IPL’s continued commitment to capacity building, knowledge sharing, and nurturing young agricultural professionals who can contribute to improving farmers’ livelihoods and strengthening rural communities.



AMRIT INTERNSHIP ORIENTATION PROGRAMME AT DHANBAD

In line with its vision of promoting sustainable agriculture and empowering the next generation of agri-professionals, the IPL Foundation, in collaboration with Birsa Agricultural University, organised the Orientation Programme for RAWE students under the AMRIT Internship Programme for Dhanbad district. The programme was held on 20 January 2026 at the RAC Auditorium, Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi.

The inaugural session brought together senior officials from BAU and IPL Foundation to guide and motivate the students. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation, highlighted IPL's role in strengthening the agricultural sector and emphasized the importance of accurate and ethical data collection, which will contribute to informed decision-making and policy development.



Glimpse of the Programme

The technical session included expert lectures on major crop diseases, insect pest management, and Good Agricultural Practices specific to Dhanbad district. These sessions provided students with essential field-oriented knowledge and practical insights to enhance their effectiveness during fieldwork.



The programme concluded with block allocation, registration guidance, and interactive discussions, ensuring that students were well-prepared and confident to undertake their responsibilities. This initiative reflects IPL Foundation's continued commitment to capacity building, rural development, and strengthening the agricultural ecosystem through youth engagement.

CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMME STRENGTHENS AMRIT INTERNS' FIELD ENGAGEMENT

The SRM College of Agricultural Sciences (SRMCAS), Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the IPL Foundation, organized a one-day Capacity-Building Programme on 31 January 2026 for interns under the AMRIT Internship Programme. The initiative aimed to document interns' field experiences and enhance their understanding of farmer-centric challenges and practical solutions.



Interns Capacity-Building Programme

The AMRIT Internship Programme enables postgraduate agriculture students to engage directly with farming communities through village-level surveys. The session provided a structured platform for 50 M.Sc. (Agriculture and Horticulture) interns from Chengalpattu district to share insights, reflect on their learning, and discuss key agricultural issues observed during their fieldwork.

Interns highlighted valuable exposure gained in understanding cropping systems, farmer interactions, and rural livelihoods. They also shared challenges such as limited farmer awareness of government schemes, irrigation constraints, and digital connectivity issues. The technical sessions encouraged interns to propose practical recommendations, including strengthening irrigation infrastructure, promoting Farmer Producer Organizations, simplifying scheme access, and increasing awareness initiatives.



Snippets of the Training Programme

The programme proved highly impactful in strengthening interns' analytical skills, improving data collection quality, and reinforcing their readiness to contribute meaningfully to farmer outreach and rural development efforts.

INTEGRATED CSR INITIATIVE AT KHURSHAIDPURA, UTTAR PRADESH

On 31 January 2026, IPL Foundation, in collaboration with IPL Cattle Field and Dairy Plant, Sikandrabad and its implementation agency RISE Foundation, organized an integrated CSR programme at Khurshaidpura School and the nearby Anganwadi Centre. The initiative focused on strengthening educational infrastructure and enhancing farmers' knowledge through technical guidance.



Under the Socio Economic Survey–Based Community Development Project, essential educational assets including benches, chairs, tables, steel almirahs, ceiling fans, learning materials, notebooks, and sports kits were handed over. This support has improved classroom facilities, seating arrangements, and the overall learning environment for school children and Anganwadi beneficiaries.



Snippets of the Programme

A mega farmers' technical meeting was also organized, with participation from over 350 farmers and around 150 students. Agricultural experts shared practical knowledge on scientific seed selection, soil test-based nutrient management, balanced fertilization, pest and disease control, and efficient water use. Farmers actively interacted with experts and received solutions to improve productivity and reduce costs.



The initiative created a dual impact by strengthening education and empowering farmers, reflecting IPL Foundation's commitment to sustainable rural development.

ONE HEALTH CAMP AT IPL SUGAR UNIT, ROHANA KALAN STRENGTHENING RURAL WELL-BEING

IPL Foundation organised a Two day One Health Medical Camp at IPL Sugar Unit Rohana Kalan, Muzaffarnagar on 13-14 February 2026, focusing on integrated human, animal, soil, and plant health for sustainable rural well-being.



One Health Medical Camp held at IPL Sugar Unit, Rohana Kalan

Under the human health component, 425 individuals were screened for non-communicable diseases. Key concerns such as pre-hypertension, pre-diabetes, and lifestyle-related disorders were identified, and beneficiaries received counselling on diet, stress management, and healthy living.

The animal health camp examined several cattle and buffalo, where issues like mastitis and reproductive disorders were addressed, along with guidance on improved livestock care and nutrition.



A Team of Skilled Doctors assessing Patients During the Health Camp

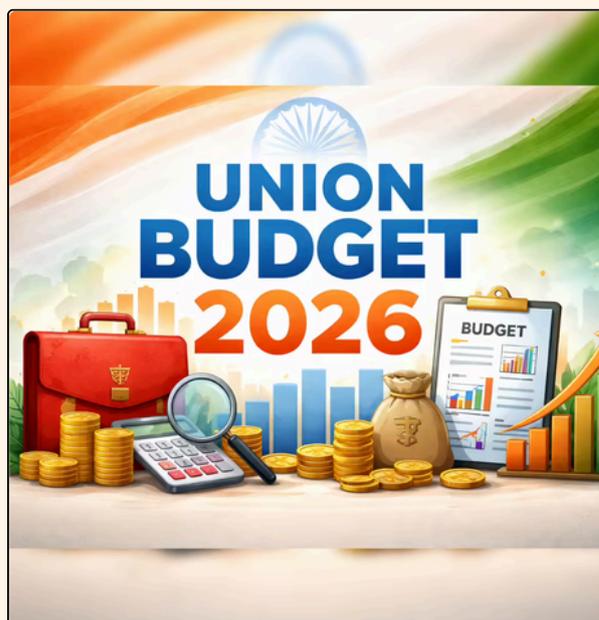
In the soil and plant health segment, 41 soil samples were analysed, revealing low organic carbon and micronutrient deficiencies. Farmers were advised on balanced fertilization, organic matter incorporation, and soil improvement practices. Experts also highlighted red rot disease and pest infestation in sugarcane and recommended resistant varieties and scientific crop management techniques.

The camp created valuable awareness and strengthened IPL's commitment to holistic rural development through integrated scientific interventions.



HIGHLIGHTS OF UNION BUDGET 2026-27

The Union Budget 2026–27 introduces a set of transformative initiatives aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity, strengthening rural communities, and advancing social sector development. These measures focus on empowering farmers, improving access to finance, and promoting sustainable and resilient farming practices.



AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' WELFARE

Bharat-VISTAAR : AI-driven agri advisory platform integrating AgriStack & ICAR practices to boost farm productivity.

High-Value Agriculture Push : support for coconut, sandalwood, cocoa & cashew to enhance farmer incomes.

Integrated development of 500 reservoirs & Amrit Sarovars : to strengthen irrigation and water security.

Coconut Promotion Scheme : to increase production, productivity and value addition.

EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

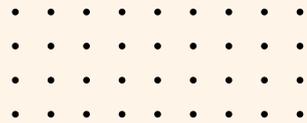
Education to Employment & Enterprise Committee : to strengthen alignment between education, skills and job opportunities.

Girls' hostels in every district : to improve access to higher education for young women.

Expansion of Allied Health Institutions : to strengthen healthcare skill ecosystems and employability

5 University Townships : near major industrial and logistics corridors to promote industry-academia linkages.

AVGC Labs in 15,000 schools & 500 colleges : to promote skills in animation, visual effects, gaming and comics, supporting the creative economy



Tourism & Heritage Skill Programmes : including guide training and hospitality education to boost youth employment in tourism.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Biopharma SHAKTI : Rs. 10,000 crore to make India a global biopharma manufacturing hub.

Mental Health : NIMHANS-2 in North India and upgrades in Ranchi & Tezpur to expand mental healthcare access.

Medical Hubs : 5 Regional Medical Hubs to promote advanced care and medical tourism.

Clinical Trials & NIPER : 1000+ trial sites and expansion of NIPERs to strengthen pharma research and skilled manpower.

Healthcare Workforce : 1 lakh Allied Health Professionals to be added in 5 years to strengthen frontline care.

3 new All India Institutes of Ayurveda to strengthen holistic and traditional medicine.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOODS

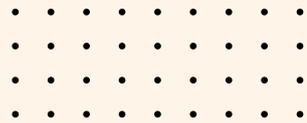
Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative : to strengthen khadi, handloom and handicrafts-based rural livelihoods.

20,000+ veterinary professionals : to expand animal healthcare services and support livestock-based incomes.

E-buses & tourism development : in Purvodaya and North-Eastern states to improve connectivity and create local employment.

Divyangjan Kaushal Yojana : to enable skill development and employment opportunities in IT, AVGC and hospitality sectors.





ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & CONNECTIVITY

Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme : to shift freight from road and rail to waterways, reducing logistics costs and carbon emissions.

Rare Earth Corridors : strengthening supply chains for critical minerals essential for green technologies and advanced manufacturing.

20 New National Waterways : to improve inland connectivity, rural logistics, and create local livelihood opportunities.

20,000 crore for CCUS : strong push for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage technologies to support long-term climate action.

Medical Hubs Support for Clean Energy Manufacturing : promoting domestic manufacturing of solar glass and battery ecosystems for energy transition.

High-Speed Rail Corridors : promoting low-carbon, environmentally sustainable passenger mobility between major growth centres.

OTHER KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Rs. 12.2 lakh crore Infrastructure Push : major investment in roads, railways, logistics and public assets to drive growth.

Manufacturing Boost : strong support for semiconductors, textiles, chemicals and capital goods to strengthen domestic production.

City Economic Regions (CERs) : planned urban growth hubs to drive regional development and economic activity.

Tax Reforms : measures to simplify compliance and improve ease of living and doing business.

Rs. 10,000 crore SME Growth Fund : to nurture high-potential MSMEs and create future industry champions.

Global Investment Push : incentives to attract foreign investment and promote India as a data centre hub.



