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Message from the Senior Advisor:

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As we step into the month of May 2026, IPL Foundation continues to strengthen its commitment towards creating meaningful and lasting impact across communities nationwide. With renewed energy and a forward-looking approach, the Foundation remains focused on expanding its outreach and enhancing initiatives that drive inclusive and sustainable development.

In this May edition of our bi-monthly newsletter, we are pleased to showcase the ongoing efforts of Indian Potash Limited and IPL Foundation in empowering rural communities, with a continued emphasis on education, healthcare, youth engagement, and sustainable growth.

Over the past two months, several impactful initiatives have been carried forward, including Farmers' Meets, AMRIT and AGRANI Internship Orientation Programmes, along with new collaborations and outreach activities. A significant milestone during this period has been the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Odisha to revive the Badamba Sugar Mill, marking a major step towards regional economic development and employment generation, along with the foundation laying ceremony of IPL's new corporate office, which signifies a strong step towards the organisation's future growth and expanded operational capabilities.

In addition, the IPL Foundation has signed an MoU with Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan, West Bengal and KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj, to promote collaborative research and youth fellowship programmes focused on grassroots agricultural development. Through these collective efforts, we have engaged with more than 2,700 AMRIT and AGRANI interns and reached over 2,70,000 farmers across states such as Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Haryana, Gujarat, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan. These initiatives not only provide valuable experiential learning opportunities to AMRIT interns but also foster leadership, social responsibility, and active community participation.

We encourage everyone to actively participate and contribute to this collective journey, and we also invite contributions to our "Employees' Corner" section, for which we warmly encourage all employees to actively participate and share their inputs. Suggestions for future editions are always welcome.

These achievements reflect the unwavering dedication of our team and the continued support of Indian Potash Limited, under the visionary leadership of Chairman Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS and Managing Director, Dr. P. S. Gahlaut. We also extend our sincere gratitude to the Heads of various IPL Units, and the Education Society team for their constant guidance and support in advancing our mission.



"Together, we continue to empower communities, kindle hope, and build a future rooted in opportunity for all."

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF IPL'S NEW CORPORATE OFFICE



Indian Potash Limited marked a significant milestone with the foundation stone laying ceremony of its new corporate office on 20th April 2026 at Rajendra Park, Shankar Road, New Delhi. The occasion reflected the organisation's continued commitment to growth, innovation, and strengthening its institutional presence.

The day commenced with a traditional Bhoomi Poojan, conducted in the morning in an atmosphere of positivity and reverence. The ceremony was

graced by the esteemed presence of Chairman Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, IAS, and Managing Director Dr. P. S. Gahlaut, along with senior officials, stakeholders, and partners of the organisation. Their presence underscored the importance of this new chapter in IPL's journey.

Following the auspicious rituals, a luncheon was hosted for all IPL members, stakeholders, and partners. The gathering provided an excellent opportunity for interaction, collaboration, and strengthening professional relationships in an informal setting.

The celebrations continued into the evening with a dinner hosted for IPL employees. The event served as a moment of togetherness, recognising the collective efforts of the team and fostering a sense of unity and pride among employees.



This landmark event not only signifies infrastructural expansion but also reflects IPL's vision for the future—built on strong foundations, shared values, and collective progress.



CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP AND MOU SIGNING AT KSKV KACHCHH UNIVERSITY, BHUJ



IPL Foundation, in collaboration with the Centre for Water Resources and Sustainable Studies (CWRSS), KSKV Kachchh University, and Arid Communities and Technologies (ACT), Bhuj, organized a Consultative Workshop with Farmers and a High-Level Meeting on 27 February 2026 at KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj. The initiative focused on enhancing rural knowledge systems, strengthening farmer capacities, and promoting youth engagement in agriculture.

The programme brought together experts, academicians, NGOs, and farmers to discuss key agricultural challenges in arid regions like Kachchh. The event featured the presence of Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation, along with other distinguished stakeholders.



A key highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IPL Foundation and KSKV Kachchh University to promote collaborative research and youth fellowship programmes aimed at grassroots agricultural development.

Discussions emphasized critical issues such as groundwater depletion, soil health, high input costs, and limited access to scientific advisory services. Participants also highlighted the need to retain rural youth through skill-based training and meaningful opportunities.

The workshop underscored the importance of smart and sustainable agriculture, integrating modern technologies, digital tools, and community-driven approaches. It concluded with a shared commitment to strengthen collaboration between institutions and farming communities for building a resilient and sustainable rural ecosystem.



EMPOWERING FARMERS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION

Under the Amrit Internship Programme sponsored by IPL Foundation, a Farmers' Meet, Valedictory, and Certificate Distribution Ceremony was successfully held on 18th March 2026 at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), West Bengal. The programme marked the culmination of a focused initiative aimed at strengthening sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing soil health awareness among farmers and young interns.



The programme emphasized integrated soil health management, promoting the adoption of modern agricultural techniques such as soil testing, balanced fertilizer use, and biofertilizer application. A key highlight was the experiential exposure visit to the SSMP unit at BCKV, where farmers and interns observed biofertilizer production

processes and gained practical insights into their application across different crops.



The event was graced by eminent dignitaries, including Dr. A.K. Patra, Vice Chancellor, BCKV, Dr. Pallab Dutta, DEE, BCKV, Dr. S.C. Kole, Professor & Head, Dept. of Soil Science and Agril. Chemistry, BCKV and Ms. Nandini Roy, Mentor, IPL Foundation. Their addresses highlighted the critical role of scientific farming, knowledge dissemination, and youth engagement in building a resilient agricultural ecosystem.

The initiative not only empowered farmers with actionable knowledge but also provided interns with hands-on field exposure, enabling them to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical implementation. The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates, recognizing the successful completion of internships and encouraging participants to contribute actively towards sustainable agriculture and improved soil health practices.



SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY DRIVING TARGETED RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The IPL Foundation has undertaken a comprehensive socio-economic survey to enable more focused and impactful community interventions. The survey was conducted across 31 villages in collaboration with NGOs, covering key sectors such as education, healthcare, infrastructure, and livelihoods.



Extensive field inputs were gathered from Anganwadi workers, ANMs, school authorities, and village representatives, ensuring a holistic understanding of grassroots challenges. The findings revealed critical gaps in school infrastructure, Anganwadi centres, healthcare facilities, and access to basic amenities.

Based on these insights, IPL Foundation identified priority needs including improved educational resources, enhanced healthcare facilities, access to clean drinking water, sanitation, and strengthened community infrastructure.



In Phase I, targeted interventions were successfully implemented across 24 villages in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha. Key support initiatives included the provision of ceiling fans, RO systems with water coolers, student desks, wheelchairs, sports kits, and dustbins, aimed at improving quality of life and community well-being.

Additionally, focused infrastructure support was extended to Shri Gandhi Intermediate College, Khadda, and Amrit Inter College, Rohana Kalan addressing critical shortages in classrooms, sanitation, and essential facilities.

Over Rs. 1.5 crore has been utilized out of the Rs. 3 crore allocation, with the remaining funds being deployed in Phase II to further drive sustainable and impactful interventions. Through this structured, impact-oriented approach, IPL Foundation continues to drive meaningful change, ensuring sustainable development and improved living standards across its intervention areas.



STRENGTHENING SUGARCANE FARMING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION

The IPL Foundation, in collaboration with IPL Sugar Mill, Siswa Bazar, organized a large-scale farmer engagement program on 22nd February 2026 in Village Khesrahi, Maharajganj. The initiative brought together over 500 farmers, along with agricultural experts, government officials, and industry leaders, to promote sustainable and efficient sugarcane cultivation practices.



The session was graced by Hon'ble MLA Shri Prem Sagar Patel, who emphasized the importance of strengthening rural infrastructure. He assured support for improving road connectivity and drainage systems to address waterlogging challenges, ensuring smoother transportation of produce and better crop yields.

Experts from the Sugarcane Research & Breeding Institute and senior officials provided valuable insights on modern farming techniques, pest and disease management, and cost optimization. Farmers were encouraged to adopt advanced methods such as trench planting and to shift towards high-yielding, climate-resilient sugarcane varieties.

A key highlight of the program was the focus on mechanization in agriculture, particularly the introduction of sugarcane harvesters to address labor shortages. Farmers were also informed about improved seed availability, nursery development, and best practices like soil management and crop care to enhance productivity.



Additionally, guidance on sugarcane supply systems, quota management, and access to agricultural equipment through cooperative support structures was shared to strengthen farmers' economic resilience.

The program concluded with the distribution of seed premium payments to farmer-producers, reinforcing IPL Foundation's commitment to recognizing and supporting grassroots contributors.

BUILDING RURAL FUTURES: IPL FOUNDATION SIGNS MOU WITH VISVA-BHARATI

In a step towards strengthening rural development and academic collaboration, the IPL Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, Palli Samgathana Vibhaga, Visva-Bharati, during the 104th Annual Sriniketan Festival held on 6th February 2026.



The ceremony was held as part of the larger Sriniketan festival, which celebrates the spirit of rural reconstruction, community engagement, and experiential learning. The programme brought together academicians, students, development professionals, and extension workers, and also featured key segments such as the inauguration of the Agrani Internship Programme and youth engagement activities like Broti O Yuba Samabesh.

The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation; Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati; Professor Amit Kumar Hazra; Dr. Subhrangsu Santra, Programme Coordinator, and Ms. Nandini Roy (Mentor, IPL Foundation) who played a key role in shaping this collaboration.

Under this partnership, AMRIT and AGRANI Internship Programmes will provide students with hands-on exposure to rural realities. While AMRIT focuses on field-level engagement with farmers to understand agricultural practices and challenges, AGRANI enables selected students to work on solving identified village-level issues over an extended duration.



The MoU also reflects IPL Foundation's holistic development approach through support for farmers' meets, orientation programmes, and youth-focused sports and wellness initiatives.

This partnership reinforces IPL Foundation's commitment to fostering sustainable development by integrating academic learning with meaningful field action.

AGRANI INTERNSHIP ORIENTATION: BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR RURAL IMPACT

In a significant step towards strengthening rural livelihoods, the IPL Foundation, in collaboration with Visva-Bharati, conducted the Orientation Programme for the Agrani Internship Programme on 23rd February 2026. Focused on Agricultural Literacy & Farmers' Wellbeing, the initiative is designed to create on-ground impact by empowering future changemakers with practical, field-ready knowledge.



The programme was graced by esteemed dignitaries including Dr. Sujit Kumar Pal, Prof. Shantanu Rakshit, Prof. Amit Kumar Hazra, Dr. Subhrangsu Santra, Shri Nilanjan Sinha (Regional Director, NCDC, Kolkata), and Ms. Nandini Roy (Mentor, IPL Foundation), whose presence added depth and value to the initiative.

Through expert-led sessions, interns were introduced to critical aspects of sustainable agriculture—ranging from crop diversification and soil health management to disease control and cooperative-led development. The discussions highlighted how scientific farming practices, combined with institutional support, can enhance productivity, reduce risks, and improve farmers' income security.



What set the programme apart was its strong emphasis on real-world application. Interns gained first-hand insights into grassroots challenges, enabling them to better understand the socio-economic realities of rural communities. The interactive sessions further reinforced the importance of empathy, ethical engagement, and community participation in driving meaningful change.

By bridging knowledge with action, the Agrani Internship Programme is not just preparing interns for fieldwork—it is nurturing a generation committed to sustainable agriculture, resilient communities, and long-term rural transformation.



EMPOWERING FARMERS THROUGH AGRANI INTERNSHIP OUTREACH

On 29th March 2026, an impactful farmers' meeting was organized in Rahamatpur village, West Bengal under the AGRANI Internship Programme, supported by the Indian Potash Limited Foundation in collaboration with Visva-Bharati University. The session aimed to engage directly with farmers, understand grassroots challenges, and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Key discussions focused on crop diversification, pest management, soil health improvement, and awareness of government schemes such as Kisan Credit Card, Crop Insurance, and Soil Health Card. Allied livelihood opportunities like poultry, goat rearing, fisheries, and training in mushroom cultivation and nursery development were also highlighted.



Farmers shared concerns regarding declining soil health, ineffective pest control methods, and heavy dependence on paddy cultivation. A notable lack of awareness about government welfare schemes was also observed.

AGRANI interns addressed these issues by assuring continued support through training programmes, awareness campaigns, and technical guidance. Sustainable solutions such as rainwater harvesting and improved resource management were emphasized.



The meeting saw enthusiastic participation from farmers, women SHG members, and community workers, reflecting strong local engagement. The initiative reinforced the commitment to enhancing agricultural productivity, increasing farmers' income, and fostering sustainable village development.

6TH PHASE BEGINS: 1ST AMRIT INTERNSHIP ORIENTATION PROGRAMME SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED

The IPL Foundation, under its IPL Centre for Rural Outreach (ICRO), in partnership with the VIT School of Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning (VAIAL), organized the Orientation Programme for the AMRIT Internship on 6 March 2026 at Vellore. The initiative is designed to equip agriculture students with practical exposure and strengthen their role in advancing rural development.



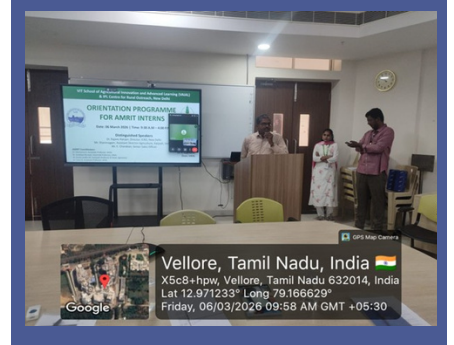
The session began with a warm welcome by Dr. Mohanraj K, followed by an insightful inaugural address by Dr. R. Rajendran, Dean, VAIAL, who highlighted the need to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and field realities. He encouraged interns to embrace community engagement with responsibility and curiosity.

Adding an industry perspective, Mr. E. Chandran from Indian Potash Limited shared valuable insights on fertilizer management and sustainable agricultural practices. Expert-led sessions by Dr. Sowbiya Muneer on emerging agri-technologies and Dr. Lincy B on sustainable pest management provided interns with a forward-looking understanding of modern agriculture.



Mrs. Shenbagam, Agriculture Officer, introduced various government schemes and digital platforms aimed at empowering farmers. The programme was further enriched by a virtual address from Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation, who emphasized the importance of translating knowledge from “Lab to Land.”

The orientation concluded with interactive training sessions, preparing interns to engage effectively with rural communities and contribute meaningfully to sustainable agricultural transformation.



IPL SPORTS MEET 2026 CELEBRATED AT DHENKANAL UNIT



Promoting team spirit and employee engagement, the Dhenkanal Unit organized the IPL Sports Meet 2026 on 5th April 2026 during the off-season period, bringing together employees in a vibrant display of enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

The event featured a variety of sports activities including cricket, volleyball, tug of war, and badminton. Employees participated wholeheartedly, showcasing not only their competitive spirit but also strong camaraderie.

The Admin Group emerged victorious in volleyball and badminton, while the Technical Team secured wins in cricket and tug of war. Recognizing their outstanding performance, the GM & Unit Head declared both teams as joint champions and awarded them the IPL Sports Meet 2026 Champions Trophy.



The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from employees, with their families and children also present, adding to the lively and festive atmosphere. The programme was conducted smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Organized with the objective of fostering a positive work culture, the initiative aimed to strengthen teamwork, mutual cooperation, and unity among employees. The event was led and guided by Mr. Vikash Kumar Chaudhary, GM & Unit Head, whose support and leadership were instrumental in its success.



In his closing remarks, he appreciated the high level of participation and expressed hope that such initiatives will continue, inspiring greater engagement and productivity across the organization.



MEDIA COVERAGE

Indian Potash to revive Badamba Cooperative Sugar Mill in Odisha

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Badamba Cooperative Sugar Mill in Odisha, which has remained shut for more than 15 years, is set to be revived, bringing renewed hope to thousands of farmers in the region. Indian Potash Limited (IPL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Odisha for modernisation & expansion of Badamba Sugar Mill with an estimated investment to ₹360 crore.

The MoU was signed by Dr PS Gahlaut, Managing Director, Indian Potash Limited, and Rajesh Prabhakar Patil, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Cooperation, Government of Odisha in august presence of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit



Shah. The occasion was graced by the presence of Union Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan; Deputy Chief Minister Odisha, Pravatī Parida; Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and MP Bhubaneswar Aparajita Sarangi. As per the MoU, the

Badamba Cooperative Sugar Mill is expected to commence operation within one year and will have a capacity of 3,500 TCD (tonnes cane per day). It will also consist of a 16 MW co-generation power plant, a 10 tonnes per day BiocNG plant, and a state-of-the-art cold storage facility. The project is expected to

directly benefit around 10,000 farmers of the Badamba Block of Cuttack district by reviving sugarcane cultivation in the State, enhancing farmer income and generating employment in the region.

Based on the successful turnaround of 3 sick sugar mills in Gujarat, IPL now under the guidance of the Union Cooperation Ministry took up the project for the revival of Badamba Cooperative Sugar Mill. It roped in National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited for a detailed technical and financial feasibility study.

As part of the MoU, the Odisha Government will provide 112 acres of land on a long-term lease basis to IPL for the establishment of the mill and associated infrastructure. The revival of the

sugar mill is aimed at improving the income of farmers by promoting sugarcane cultivation, which is increasingly being recognised as an energy crop due to its potential for producing ethanol, power, and bio-fuels. The project is expected to stimulate rural economic activity, generate employment, and encourage farmers in the region to take up sugarcane cultivation once again.

In recent years, IPL has played an important role in the revival of three sick sugar mills in the State of Gujarat, successfully restoring their operations through modernisation and improved management practices. The revival of the Badamba Cooperative Sugar Mill will follow a similar approach, combining technological modernisation with cooperative participation to ensure long-term sustainability.

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