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As we step into September 2026, IPL Foundation continues to strengthen its commitment to 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 advancing initiatives that promote inclusive and sustainable development.

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

We also take this opportunity to warmly welcome Shri S. V. Varma as the Managing Director of Indian Potash Limited. We look forward to his leadership in the journey ahead and are confident that under his able guidance, IPL Foundation will continue to receive the same encouragement, support, and direction that has strengthened our initiatives and programmes so far. We look forward to working together to further expand our outreach and create a meaningful and sustainable impact across communities.

Over the past two months, several impactful initiatives have been undertaken, including Farmers' Meets, AMRIT and AGRANI Internship Orientation Programmes, and a range of co-curricular activities at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda and Jarwal Road. These initiatives have created meaningful opportunities for learning, awareness, leadership, and community participation.

Further strengthening our commitment to sustainable agriculture, IPL Foundation signed an MoU with Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, Bihar. In addition, IPL entered into strategic partnerships with UPL Sustainable Agri Solutions Ltd. (UPL SAS) to promote sustainable sugarcane farming in Gujarat and with Jain Irrigation to advance sustainable sugarcane cultivation.

Through these collective efforts, we have engaged with more than 3,000 AMRIT and AGRANI interns and reached over 2,80,000 farmers across Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Haryana, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Bihar and Rajasthan. These initiatives not only provide valuable experiential learning opportunities to young interns but also nurture leadership, social responsibility, and active community participation.

We warmly invite our employees to contribute to the "Employees' Corner" and share their experiences, ideas, and achievements. 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. 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, let us continue to create opportunities, empower communities, and contribute towards a more inclusive, sustainable, and developed India.





Mr. S. V. Varma, MD, IPL, felicitating Dr. P. S. Gahlaut, Former MD, IPL, on his farewell and addressing the gathering

MoU Signing Between IPL Foundation and RPCAU Strengthens Sustainable Agriculture

In a significant step towards strengthening sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture, IPL Foundation, the CSR arm of Indian Potash Limited (IPL), and Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), a Central University, Pusa, Bihar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 20 August 2026 during the Sustainability Conclave on “Productivity and Green Growth.”





Glimpse of the event

The partnership aims to foster joint research, development of location-specific agricultural technologies, farmer training, capacity building, soil health management and efficient use of agricultural inputs, with particular emphasis on balanced potash application and sustainable farming practices.

A key highlight of the collaboration is the induction of 57 RPCAU students enrolled in the Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) programme into the AMRIT Internship Programme. Each intern will receive a monthly stipend of Rs. 6,000 and will be mentored and evaluated by university experts. Through direct engagement with farming communities, the interns will contribute to awareness and adoption of soil health management, balanced fertilisation and sustainable agricultural practices.







Shri P. K. Pranav, Registrar, RPCAU, and Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Adviser, IPL Foundation signing the MoU

The MoU was signed by Shri P. K. Pranav, Registrar, RPCAU, and Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Adviser, IPL Foundation, in the presence of Prof. P. S. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, who presided over the programme. The collaboration also envisioned as a bridge between academia and industry to promote efficient nutrient management, reduce excessive chemical use and improve soil organic carbon.

The partnership marks another important milestone in IPL Foundation’s commitment to farmer empowerment, experiential learning, scientific agriculture and sustainable rural development, while creating a strong platform for students to become future leaders and agri-entrepreneurs for a greener and more resilient agricultural ecosystem.









Strengthening Cooperatives and Sustainable Agriculture Through Institutional Collaboration






Glimpse of the event

In a significant step towards strengthening farmer-centric services and cooperative institutions, Indian Potash Limited and IPL Foundation undertook a strategic visit to IPL Sugar Unit, Sakhoti Tanda, Meerut, and IPL CBG & Distillery Unit, Rohana Kalan, Muzaffarnagar. The visit brought together senior IPL management, IPL Foundation representatives, PACS, Sugarcane Cooperative Societies, and field functionaries to discuss key challenges and explore opportunities for strengthening the rural cooperative ecosystem.

The delegation included Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Chairman, IPL; Dr. P. S. Gahlaut, Former Managing Director, IPL; Shri S. V. Varma, Managing Director, IPL; and Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation.





Snippets of the event

At Sakhoti Tanda, discussions focused on pesticide availability, fertilizer supply, trained manpower, farmer services, and stronger coordination between farmers and cooperatives. Key suggestions included direct fertilizer transportation, dairy and warehouse-based business models, quality seed procurement through Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL), and manpower support through IPL Foundation's AGRANI Internship Programme.




At Rohana Kalan, discussions emphasized cooperative banking, diversification of farmer services, extension support, and agricultural demonstration plots.

The delegation also visited the CBG Plant, gaining insights into feedstock handling, anaerobic digestion, biogas purification, Bio-CNG production, and sustainable utilization of agricultural residues. A tree plantation activity highlighted IPL's commitment to environmental sustainability.

The visit reaffirmed IPL Foundation's commitment to farmer welfare, cooperative strengthening, sustainable agriculture, rural development, and green energy.

Chairman's Visit to IPL Dhenkanal Sugar Unit

On 31 July 2026, Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Hon'ble Chairman, Indian Potash Limited (IPL), visited the IPL Dhenkanal Sugar Unit. He was warmly received by Shri Vikash Kumar Chaudhary, General Manager & Unit Head, Shri Durga Prasad Dwivedy, Project Head, and senior officials.



Shri Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Chairman, IPL welcomed by the Unit Head, Dhenkanal Sugar Unit

During his visit, the Chairman toured the Sugar, Soya, and Distillery Units, reviewing operations, manufacturing processes, production efficiency, and quality standards. Departmental heads briefed him on key activities, technical processes, and initiatives undertaken to improve productivity and operational efficiency.

At the Soya Unit, he reviewed production performance, quality parameters, marketing, and future growth prospects. At the Distillery Unit, he reviewed the progress of the IMFL and IMIL Project, including implementation status, milestones, and the roadmap for completion. He appreciated the progress and shared valuable suggestions for successful project execution.



Snippets of the visit

A detailed review meeting was subsequently held with the General Manager & Unit Head, Project Head, and Heads of Departments. Discussions focused on sugarcane development, enhancing cane availability, increasing sugar production, improving plant efficiency, maintaining product quality, and strengthening the unit's overall performance. Future initiatives for sustainable growth were also deliberated.

Before concluding his visit, the Chairman visited the Sugarcane Demonstration Farm near the main gate and appreciated the progress of the demonstration plots. He encouraged continued efforts towards varietal improvement, higher productivity, and adoption of advanced agricultural practices.

The visit concluded on a positive note, with the Chairman appreciating the team's efforts and providing valuable guidance for operational excellence, innovation, project implementation, and sustainable growth.

AGRANI Internship Orientation Programme Inspires Future Leaders for Sustainable Rural Development







The AGRANI Internship Orientation Programme, jointly organized by SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonepat and the IPL Foundation on 3 July 2026, brought together students, academicians, agricultural experts, and policymakers to promote sustainable agriculture, rural innovation, and community development. Conducted under the AGRANI (Agriculture Growth for Rural Advancement and National Integration) Internship Programme, the conference introduced selected students to the programme's vision and the pivotal role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in advancing agricultural extension and rural transformation.

The programme featured an inspiring address by Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation, who highlighted the challenges and opportunities in Indian agriculture, the importance of innovation, technology adoption, and youth participation in nation-building. His interactive session encouraged students to think critically about sustainable rural development. 15 students from SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonepat will undertake the AGRANI Internship, receiving hands-on field exposure along with a monthly stipend.







Snippets of the Orientation Programme

Prof. V. Samuel Raj shared valuable perspectives on research and innovation, while Dr. Vinita Singh, Scientist (SMS), KVK Gautam Budh Nagar, provided practical insights into the functioning of KVKs, technology transfer, and successful rural development initiatives through real-life case studies. Interactive discussions and student competitions, including poster making, slogan writing, and rural innovation pitches, further encouraged creative thinking and problem-solving.

The programme successfully strengthened students' understanding of sustainable agriculture, rural livelihoods, and community engagement, reaffirming IPL Foundation's commitment to nurturing future agricultural leaders capable of driving meaningful change in rural India.







Planning for Sustainable Development: Expert Session on Building Resilient Communities






Snippets of the Programme

In its continued commitment to promoting sustainability and knowledge sharing, IPL Foundation, in collaboration with the Chennai International Centre (CIC) and the Stella Maris Sustainable Development Students Hub, organized an insightful session on "Planning for Sustainable Development" on 14 July 2026 at Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai.

The programme brought together eminent experts, including Dr. V. Thiruppugazh (Retd. IAS), Dr. K. Pratheep Moses, Dean, School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, and Dr. D. Karthigeyan, Assistant Professor and Urban Planner, Anna University. The session provided students and faculty with valuable perspectives on sustainable development, disaster resilience, and urban planning.





Dr. V. Thiruppugazh highlighted the importance of integrating disaster risk reduction into development planning and emphasized that sustainable development requires a collective effort involving governments, institutions, communities, and citizens. He underscored the need to strengthen community resilience through capacity building, behavioural change, and active citizenship.

Addressing the theme of sustainable urban mobility, Dr. D. Karthigeyan advocated for the development of human-centric cities that prioritize pedestrians, public transport, cycling infrastructure, and inclusive public spaces. He explained how sustainable transportation contributes to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by improving accessibility, reducing emissions, and enhancing quality of life.

Dr. K. Pratheep Moses emphasized the significance of integrated planning that balances environmental sustainability, social equity, and economic growth while strengthening governance and institutional capacity. He encouraged adopting collaborative and inclusive planning approaches to build resilient communities in rapidly urbanizing regions.

The programme concluded with an engaging interaction between the speakers and students, reinforcing the importance of informed policymaking, multidisciplinary collaboration, and responsible citizenship in advancing sustainable development. The session served as a meaningful platform for inspiring young minds to contribute towards creating resilient, inclusive, and sustainable communities.

IPL and UPL SAS Partner to Promote Sustainable Sugarcane Farming in Gujarat

Indian Potash Limited (IPL) and UPL Sustainable Agri Solutions Limited (UPL SAS) have entered into a three-year collaboration to promote sustainable and technology-driven sugarcane cultivation in the command area of IPL's Kodinar Sugar Mill, Gujarat. The initiative aims to improve farm productivity, strengthen resource efficiency, enhance farmer incomes, and encourage climate-resilient agricultural practices.

The programme will cover nearly 2,000 acres of sugarcane cultivation and provide farmers with support in scientific agronomy, crop protection, crop nutrition, regenerative farming, and digital advisory services. The initiative targets an increase of at least 15% in sugarcane yields, while promoting efficient use of water, fertilisers, energy, and other agricultural inputs.



MoU signed between IPL and UPL SAS at IPL, New Delhi Office

UPL SAS will deploy a dedicated Programme Officer to coordinate field-level implementation and engage with farmers. The project will focus on improving seed material, soil health, irrigation management, fertiliser application, crop residue management, and integrated crop protection based on local farming conditions.

Digital technologies will play an important role in the programme. Farmers will be onboarded through the nurture.farm platform for field mapping, geofencing, monitoring of agronomic interventions, and impact assessment. WhatsApp and YouTube will also be used to provide technical guidance and promote recommended farming practices.

The programme will include farmer advisory services, group meetings, training sessions, demonstration plots, field days, and harvest events to encourage the adoption of improved practices. The initiative is expected to improve cane productivity and availability for Kodinar Sugar Mill, support better utilisation of crushing capacity, increase farmer incomes, and reduce resource consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Speaking on the collaboration, Dr. U. S. Teotia, Chief Agricultural Scientist, IPL, highlighted IPL's commitment to helping farmers adopt scientific and sustainable agricultural practices. The partnership aims to establish a productive, resource-efficient, and climate-resilient sugarcane farming model, supporting both farmer prosperity and long-term sustainability.

IPL Foundation & Galgotias University Strengthen Collaboration with MoU Signing and AMRIT Internship Orientation







Snippets of the MoU Signing and AMRIT Internship Orientation Programme

Strengthening their commitment to collaboration in agricultural education and rural development, IPL Foundation and Galgotias University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 31 July 2026, on the occasion of the AMRIT Internship Orientation Programme. The MoU marks an important step towards deepening institutional collaboration and creating greater opportunities for experiential learning and engagement in the agricultural sector.

The AMRIT Internship Orientation formally inducted aspiring agricultural professionals into an experiential learning journey aimed at bridging classroom knowledge with the practical realities of Indian agriculture.





The programme brought together academicians, agricultural experts and representatives of IPL Foundation, who guided interns on the programme's vision, objectives, field responsibilities and expected outcomes. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation, elaborated on the internship framework, highlighting experiential learning, community engagement and professional development.

Technical sessions covered ethical field practices, safety, scientific data collection, digital reporting, communication and documentation. Interns were also introduced to participatory engagement with farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and rural institutions.

A key focus was placed on understanding farmers' perspectives, documenting agricultural innovations and exploring opportunities in climate-resilient agriculture, digital technologies, agribusiness, value addition and rural entrepreneurship. The programme also featured a plantation drive, symbolising environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

Overall, the initiative strengthened interns' communication, leadership, teamwork, analytical and problem-solving skills, while fostering greater sensitivity towards sustainable agriculture and rural communities.

Empowering Rural Youth through the AMRIT Internship Programme Organised at IPL Sugar Unit, Kodinar, Gujarat

IPL Foundation, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kodinar, successfully organized the Orientation and Capacity Building Programme for the AMRIT Internship Programme at IPL Sugar Unit, Kodinar, Gujarat, on 23 July 2026. The initiative aims to equip rural youth with practical agricultural knowledge, leadership skills, and field experience while strengthening the dissemination of scientific farming practices among farming communities.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of distinguished dignitaries, including Dr. Rajeev Ranjan (IAS Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation, along with officials from IPL Sugar Units, Kodinar & Talala scientists from KVK Kodinar and representatives of RISE Foundation. In his keynote address, Dr. Ranjan emphasized the vital role of youth in transforming Indian agriculture by bridging the gap between scientific research and farmers through the promotion of sustainable farming practices, modern technologies, and government schemes.



Snippets of the AMRIT Internship Orientation Programme held at IPL Sugar Unit, Kodinar

The orientation featured expert technical sessions conducted by KVK scientists on soil health management, climate-resilient agriculture, integrated pest management, crop management, and sustainable farming practices. These sessions provided interns with practical insights into modern agricultural techniques and their application in the field.



Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation Interacting with the AMRIT Interns

A total of 65 interns were inducted into the three-month programme. They will engage directly with farming communities on soil health, crop management, water conservation, plant protection, digital farmer surveys, and agricultural extension activities. The programme also included hands-on training on the AMRIT Internship Portal, digital data collection, e-learning modules, and effective farmer communication techniques, preparing interns to serve as catalysts for sustainable agricultural development and rural transformation.

IPL and Jain Irrigation Join Hands to Promote Sustainable Sugarcane Cultivation

Indian Potash Limited (IPL) and Jain Irrigation Systems Limited (JISL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote scientific, sustainable, and technology-driven sugarcane cultivation across Gujarat. The partnership aims to strengthen the adoption of efficient irrigation and fertigation technologies while supporting farmers in improving productivity, crop quality, and farm incomes.



MoU signed between IPL and JISL at IPL, New Delhi Office

Under the collaboration, IPL and JISL will jointly undertake surveys, design, supply, and installation of drip irrigation systems, along with farmer training, capacity building, awareness programmes, workshops, and field demonstrations. These initiatives will provide sugarcane growers with practical knowledge of modern irrigation solutions, precision input management, and improved agronomic practices.

A key focus of the partnership will be facilitating access to credit and grant support for eligible farmers to adopt Micro Irrigation Systems. Wider adoption of drip irrigation is expected to enhance water-use efficiency, optimise input utilisation, reduce cultivation costs, and contribute to higher yields and better crop quality.

The collaboration brings together IPL's strong presence in the sugar sector and JISL's expertise in drip and micro-irrigation technologies. It reflects a shared commitment to empowering farmers with innovative and practical solutions while conserving precious water resources.

The initiative is expected to contribute to the development of climate-resilient and sustainable sugarcane farming in Gujarat, while supporting the broader growth of India's sugar and biofuel sectors. As articulated by JISL Gujarat State Head Girdhar Loh, the partnership seeks to accelerate drip irrigation adoption, enhance farmers' incomes, and promote sustainable agricultural growth.

"This partnership aims to accelerate the adoption of drip irrigation in sugarcane, improving water-use efficiency, enhancing crop productivity, reducing cultivation costs, increasing farmers' incomes, and promoting sustainable growth of India's sugar and biofuel sectors."
— Girdhar Loh, State Head of JISL, Gujarat

Ganpat University and IPL Foundation Join Hands to Nurture Future Agricultural Professionals through AMRIT Internship



Strengthening its commitment to practice-oriented agricultural education and youth empowerment, Ganpat University, Gujarat and IPL Foundation have joined hands to provide agriculture students with paid internships, practical training and meaningful field exposure.

The AMRIT Internship Orientation Programme, organised on 4 August 2026, marked the first major initiative under this collaboration. A total of 64 B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture students from Ganpat University's K K Institute of Agri Sciences and Research (KKIASR) participated in the programme.

The orientation was virtually attended by Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation, who briefed students on the objectives of the AMRIT Internship Project and introduced upcoming IPL Foundation initiatives, including AGRANI Internship Programme.







Snippets of the AMRIT Internship Orientation Programme

Dr. Maurvi Vasavada, Executive Dean, GUNI-KKIASR, encouraged students to undertake the internship with sincerity, dedication and integrity, emphasising the importance of hands-on learning. Dr. R. A. Patel, Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ganpat University, highlighted the importance of communicating with farmers in their local language, understanding their concerns and sharing agricultural technologies in simple and practical ways.







During the internship, students will interact with farmers, identify farm-level challenges, study local crop and environmental conditions, and support the dissemination of improved agricultural practices and technologies.

The collaboration brings together academic learning, industry expertise and grassroots engagement, contributing to the development of skilled, responsible and field-ready agricultural professionals for a self-reliant India.

Strengthening Farmer Awareness in Hooghly, West Bengal

As part of its continued commitment to empowering farmers, Indian Potash Limited (IPL) organized two farmer-focused knowledge-sharing programmes during the visit of Mr. U.N. Singh, General Manager (Marketing), to Hooghly, West Bengal, on 11th and 12th June 2026. The programmes collectively engaged 148 farmers at Tarakeswar Municipality Hall and Kamarpukur.





Mr. U.N. Singh, GMM, IPL welcomed during his visit to Hooghly, West Bengal

A PM-PRANAM Sangosthi was organized at Tarakeswar Municipality Hall on 11th June, bringing together 50 farmers. The session focused on sustainable agriculture, balanced nutrient management, and improving soil health. Mr. U.N. Singh highlighted IPL's commitment to providing quality agricultural inputs at affordable prices, while Mr. Sanjeev Chandra Sinha, Deputy General Manager, discussed fertilizer availability and encouraged farmers to adopt balanced fertilization and organic alternatives such as Kisan Mitra Gold (FOM).







On 12th June, a Farmers' Meeting at Kamarpukur brought together 98 farmers for an interactive session on modern and sustainable farming practices. Mr. U.N. Singh highlighted IPL's rich legacy, diversified business portfolio, and continued efforts to support the farming community.

Technical sessions across both programmes covered the effective use of Potash-1 (MOP), NPK 16:16:16, Polyhalite, FOM, and Ammonium Sulphate, with emphasis on balanced crop nutrition, integrated nutrient management, soil health, and cost-effective fertilizer practices. The benefits of Polyhalite in potato cultivation were also highlighted.

The programmes featured engaging Q&A sessions, with sprayers distributed as prizes to participating farmers. Informational literature and utility kits were also provided to attendees. The two-day outreach strengthened IPL's engagement with the farming community and reinforced its commitment to promoting sustainable, knowledge-driven, and productive agriculture.

Galgotias University AMRIT Interns Gain Practical Exposure at IPL Sugar Unit, Rohana Kalan

As part of the AMRIT Internship Programme, IPL Sugar Unit, Rohana Kalan, Muzaffarnagar, organised an interactive introduction session and educational industrial visit for AMRIT interns of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture from Galgotias University, Greater Noida providing them with valuable exposure to practical agriculture, sustainable practices and industrial operations.

The programme began with an engaging interaction led by Mr. Lokesh Kumar, Unit Head, IPL Sugar Unit, Rohana Kalan, in the presence of Mr. K. P. Singh, HOD (Cane), and Mr. R. K. Tiwari, HR Head. The session encouraged meaningful interaction and prepared the students for an enriching experiential learning journey.



AMRIT Interns from Galgotias University visited the IPL Sugar Unit, Rohana Kalan

The students subsequently visited the IPL Distillery & CBG Unit, where they gained insights into Fermented Organic Manure (FOM), Liquid Fermented Organic Manure (LFOM), soil testing and balanced nutrient management. Practical sessions also covered advanced sugarcane varieties, scientific cultivation practices, organic farming and productivity enhancement.

The visit to the IPL Distillery provided students with an understanding of ethanol production from molasses, quality control processes and ethanol's role in India's renewable energy ecosystem.

Guided by experts from IPL's sugar and distillery units, the programme effectively bridged classroom learning with real-world industrial exposure. Through the AMRIT Internship Programme, IPL Foundation continues to empower future agri-professionals with practical knowledge, technical skills and a strong understanding of sustainable agriculture.



Glimpse of the Industrial visit

Student–Farmer Interaction Programme under IPL AMRIT Internship at UAS Raichur

As part of the IPL AMRIT Internship Programme, a Student–Farmer Interaction and Field Extension Programme was organized on 15 July 2026 at Jagir Venktapur, Raichur, Karnataka, in collaboration with the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Raichur. The programme brought together 45 internship students, agricultural scientists, and local farmers, creating a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative learning.

The interactive session aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and on-ground farming realities by encouraging meaningful discussions on crop production, soil health, water management, and market-related challenges. Farmers shared their experiences with traditional farming practices, cropping patterns, and local soil conditions, while students introduced sustainable agricultural techniques, digital weather forecasting tools, and information on government support schemes. The open dialogue enabled participants to identify practical solutions to common agricultural challenges, including irrigation constraints, fluctuating market prices, and rising input costs.



Farmers Meeting held at Jagir Venktapur, Raichur, Karnataka by AMRIT Interns

The programme highlighted the importance of integrating scientific knowledge with farmers' traditional wisdom to promote resilient and sustainable agriculture. Farmers actively engaged in discussions on resource optimization and pest management, reflecting a strong interest in adopting improved farming practices. The interaction also reinforced the need for regular extension activities and institutional support to strengthen rural farming communities.



Glimpse of the Farmers Meet

The programme concluded with recommendations to organize focused workshops on soil health testing, organic pest management, and scientific cultivation practices. By fostering continuous engagement between students, scientists, and farmers, the IPL AMRIT Internship Programme continues to empower future agricultural professionals while supporting the long-term sustainability and productivity of Indian agriculture.

Farmer Awareness & Capacity Building Programme at Umarethi Village, Gujarat

As part of its commitment to strengthening rural livelihoods through knowledge-driven agricultural interventions, IPL Foundation organized a Farmer Awareness & Capacity Building Programme on 27 June 2026 at Umarethi Village, Talala, Gujarat. The programme brought together 71 farmers for an interactive learning session focused on sustainable farming practices, modern agricultural technologies, and scientific crop management.



Glimpse of the Farmers Meet

The programme featured expert-led sessions on pest and disease management, soil health management, organic farming, sugarcane cultivation, and balanced fertilizer application. Specialists from Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), IPL Sugar Unit Talala, and the agriculture department shared practical insights to help farmers improve productivity while maintaining long-term soil health. Farmers were also introduced to digital agriculture tools such as the Dron App and were guided on registering on the i-Khedut Portal to access government schemes and agricultural support services.

An interactive question-and-answer session enabled farmers to discuss field-level challenges and receive practical solutions from the experts. Educational materials, including notebooks, pens, and IPL calendars, were distributed to encourage continued learning.



Informative Interactions held between Farmers and Experts

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming IPL Foundation's commitment to empowering farming communities through continuous capacity building. The initiative enhanced farmers' awareness of climate-smart agriculture, encouraged the adoption of sustainable farming practices, and strengthened collaboration between farmers, technical experts, and local stakeholders for improved agricultural development.

Plantation Drives Strengthen IPL's Commitment to a Greener Future



Snippets of the Plantation Drive held at IPL Sugar Unit, Dhenkanal

Indian Potash Limited (IPL) strengthened its commitment to environmental sustainability through plantation drives organized at its Dhenkanal, Kodinar and Rohana Kalan Sugar Units. The initiatives reflected IPL's continued focus on ecological conservation, community participation and sustainable development.

At the IPL Dhenkanal Unit, a "Mega Plantation Drive, 2026" was organized under the theme "Inspired by Nature, For Climate, For Our Future", and the inspiring campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam." Shri Vikash Kumar Chaudhary, General Manager & Unit Head, along with senior officials, employees and workmen, participated actively in the drive. Shri Amar Jyoti Singhdeo, Yuvraj of Dhenkanal, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and planted saplings.



Snippets of the Plantation Drive held at IPL Sugar Unit, Kodinar

At the IPL Kodinar Sugar Unit, plantation activities were organized as part of Sahkarita Saptah, celebrated from 29 June to 6 July 2026 under the theme "Sahkar Se Samriddhi – Towards Sustainable Development with Cooperation." Led by Shri Yash Solanki, Unit Head, and Shri Yatendra Panwar, Head – Cane & Agriculture, the entire unit team participated enthusiastically. More than 4,000 saplings of diverse species, including coconut, neem and ornamental plants, were planted.



Snippets of the Plantation Drive held at IPL Sugar Unit, Rohana Kalan

The Rohana Kalan Sugar Unit also conducted a plantation drive with active participation from the unit leadership, employees and stakeholders, reinforcing the collective responsibility towards environmental conservation.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate IPL's resolve to promote green growth, biodiversity and climate-conscious practices, while inspiring employees and communities to contribute towards a healthier and greener future.

Farmer Awareness & Capacity Building Meeting Strengthens Sustainable Agriculture in Muzaffarpur



Snippets of the Farmers Meet

As part of its commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture and empowering farming communities, IPL Foundation successfully organized a Farmer Awareness & Capacity Building Meeting on 4 July 2026 at Rohua Apuch, Mushari Block, Muzaffarpur, Bihar. The programme witnessed the enthusiastic participation of more than 70 local farmers, providing them with practical knowledge on scientific farming practices and sustainable crop management.

The technical sessions focused on the importance of soil health management, scientific soil sampling, soil testing, and balanced nutrient application to enhance productivity while preserving long-term soil fertility. Farmers were guided on the correct use of NPK fertilizers, Single Super Phosphate (SSP), and alternative nutrient management practices during DAP shortages. The programme also highlighted the significance of organic compost preparation, crop rotation, and environmentally responsible farming techniques to improve soil health and reduce dependence on chemical inputs.



Snippets of the Interactions held between Farmers and the Agricultural Experts

An interactive discussion addressed farmers' field-level challenges, including eco-friendly weed management and effective pest control through crop rotation and sustainable agricultural practices. Resource persons also educated participants about the process of Farmer Registration and accessing various government agricultural schemes and subsidies, encouraging them to avail themselves of available support.

The meeting concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session, where farmers received practical solutions to their concerns. The initiative significantly enhanced awareness of climate-resilient agriculture, balanced fertilizer management, and sustainable farming methods, reinforcing IPL Foundation's continued efforts to build resilient rural communities and promote environmentally sustainable agricultural practices for improved livelihoods.

IPL Foundation & CUTM, Odisha Join Hands to Empower Rural Youth through AMRIT Internship Programme

The IPL Foundation, in collaboration with Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Odisha, inaugurated the IPL–Amrit Internship Programme on 3 July 2026 at the CUTM Paralakhemundi Campus, Gajapati, Odisha. The programme brought together 75 final-year students from B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and Bachelor of Fisheries Science for a three-month experiential rural engagement programme.





Snippets of the Amrit Internship Orientation Programme

The orientation focused on equipping young professionals with practical field experience while strengthening their contribution to rural communities. Each intern will engage with 100 farming households, creating an outreach footprint of 7,500 farming families across Gajapati district. The programme combines digital field surveys, geotagged farm visits, e-learning modules and preventive healthcare mapping to support informed and sustainable rural development.







Glimpse of the Programme

The programme was virtually graced by Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Senior Advisor, IPL Foundation. Prof. Supriya Pattanayak, Vice-Chancellor, CUTM, and Prof. Anita Patra, Registrar, CUTM, also joined the programme and shared their vision for experiential learning. Dr. S. P. Nanda, Dean (Administration), delivered the welcome address, while Dr. Ashirbachan Mahapatra, Nodal Officer, presented the programme overview.



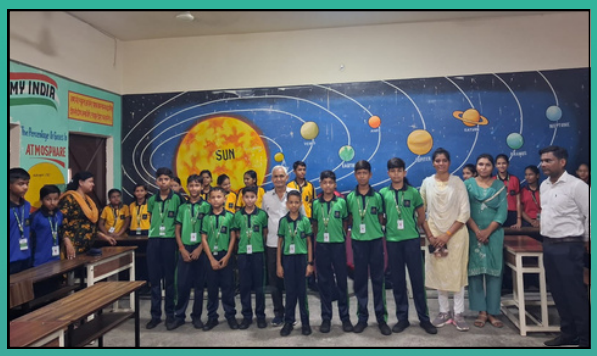
Senior officials including Sri M. Prakash Rao, Chief District Agriculture Officer, and Sri Arun Kumar Sahoo, District Fisheries Officer, Gajapati, provided valuable insights into agriculture, fisheries and government schemes.

The initiative reflects IPL Foundation's commitment to youth empowerment, experiential agricultural education and rural prosperity, enabling students to translate academic knowledge into meaningful grassroots action.

GK Quiz Competition Encourages Learning and Team Spirit at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda

Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda, organized an engaging General Knowledge (GK) Quiz Competition on 30 July 2026, providing students with an exciting platform to enhance their knowledge, confidence, quick thinking, and teamwork.





Snippets of the GK Quiz held at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda

Students from Classes 6 to 8 participated enthusiastically, representing four houses—Shivaji House, Tagore House, Ashoka House, and Azad House. The competition featured four stimulating rounds designed to test different skills and areas of knowledge.

The General Knowledge Round challenged students with questions from diverse areas, while the Rapid Fire Round tested their speed, presence of mind, and ability to respond under time constraints. In the Picture Identification Round, participants identified personalities, places, objects, and other visual clues. The final Hand Raise Round encouraged students to demonstrate attentiveness and confidence by quickly raising their hands to answer questions.





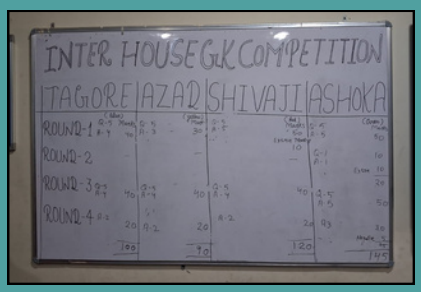


Glimpse of the event

After an exciting competition, Ashoka House emerged as the winning team. The victorious team comprised Aarush (Class 8), Yash (Class 8), Shashwat (Class 7), Priyanshu (Class 7), Mayank (Class 6), Ranvir (Class 6), Rudra (Class 6), and Vaidik (Class 6).

The quiz reflected IPL Foundation's commitment to creating enriching educational experiences that go beyond the classroom. Such activities nurture curiosity, healthy competition, communication skills, and collaborative learning, helping students develop into confident and knowledgeable young learners.









Celebrating Nature and Inspiring Young Minds at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda

Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda, celebrated Van Mahotsav on 24 July 2026, fostering environmental awareness and encouraging students to express their commitment towards nature and conservation. Students from Classes 4 to 8 enthusiastically participated in various activities organised as part of the celebration.





Glimpse of the Van Mahotsav Celebrations held at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda

The programme featured a Speech Competition and a Slogan Writing Competition, providing students with a platform to share their thoughts on the importance of trees, forests, and environmental protection. Through their creative expressions, the students highlighted the need to protect nature and adopt responsible practices for a greener and healthier future.

In the Speech Competition, Prachi (Class 6) secured the 1st position, followed by Naman (Class 9) in the 2nd position. Vani and Fatima (Class 7) jointly secured the 3rd position.

The Slogan Writing Competition witnessed equally enthusiastic participation. Hamza (Class 7) won the 1st position, Shubh (Class 8) secured the 2nd position, while Avi (Class 4) stood 3rd.





Snippets of the event

The Van Mahotsav celebration served as an engaging educational experience, helping students understand the vital role of trees and inspiring them to become responsible stewards of the environment. Such initiatives by IPL Foundation's educational institutions contribute to nurturing environmentally conscious and socially responsible young citizens.









Celebrating the Spirit of Freedom at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Jarwal Road & Sakhoti Tanda





Snippets of the Celebrations held at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Jarwal Road

Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda and Jarwal Road, celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm, patriotism and a strong sense of national pride. The celebrations provided students with an opportunity to express their love for the nation while reflecting on the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters.

At Sakhoti Tanda, students participated in a series of inspiring activities, including a speech on Independence Day, a presentation on the "Journey of the National Flag," and a patriotic act titled "Zero: A Gift to My Bharat." The programme also featured a vibrant patriotic dance performance, showcasing the students' creativity and dedication.







Snippets of the Celebrations held at Udbhav Shiksha Niketan, Sakhoti Tanda

At Jarwal Road, the celebration came alive with patriotic songs, inspiring speeches and cultural performances presented by the students. A spirited Tiranga Rally added to the festive atmosphere as students proudly carried the Tricolour and spread the message of patriotism. The celebration also featured the hoisting of the National Flag, followed by the collective singing of the National Anthem.

The Independence Day programmes encouraged students to understand the value of freedom and remember the courage and sacrifices of those who contributed to India's independence. Through these engaging activities, the schools nurtured a sense of national responsibility, unity and pride, inspiring young minds to contribute positively towards the progress and development of the nation.









Media Coverage

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नई दिल्ली। इंडियन पोटाश लिमिटेड (आईपीएल) और जैन इरिगेशन सिस्टम्स लिमिटेड (जेआईएसएल) ने गुजरात में वैज्ञानिक एवं सतत गन्ना खेती को बढ़ावा देने के लिए समझौता (एमओयू) किया है। यह समझौता 8 जुलाई को नई दिल्ली स्थित आईपीएल के कॉर्पोरेट कार्यालय में संपन्न हुआ। समझौते के तहत दोनों संस्थाएं ड्रिप सिंचाई प्रणाली के सर्वेक्षण, डिजाइन, आपूर्ति और स्थापना के साथ किसान प्रशिक्षण, क्षमता निर्माण तथा खेतों में प्रदर्शन कार्यक्रम आयोजित करेंगी। इसका उद्देश्य किसानों को आधुनिक सिंचाई, फर्टिगेशन और उन्नत कृषि तकनीकों को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है। साझेदारी के तहत जल उपयोग दक्षता बढ़ाने, गन्ने की उत्पादकता और गुणवत्ता सुधारने, जागरूकता कार्यक्रमों एवं कार्यशालाओं का आयोजन करने तथा पात्र किसानों को माइक्रो इरिगेशन प्रणाली अपनाने के लिए ऋण और अनुदान उपलब्ध कराने में भी सहयोग किया जाएगा। जेआईएसएल के स्टेट हेड (गुजरात) गिरधर लोह ने कहा कि यह पहल ड्रिप सिंचाई को बढ़ावा देकर खेती की लागत कम करेगी, जल संरक्षण सुनिश्चित करेगी और किसानों की आय बढ़ाने के साथ चीनी एवं जैव ईंधन क्षेत्र के सतत विकास में योगदान देगी। आईपीएल ने कहा कि यह साझेदारी आधुनिक तकनीक और व्यावहारिक समाधानों के माध्यम से गन्ना किसानों को सशक्त बनाने तथा गुजरात में टिकाऊ कृषि विकास को गति देने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।

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सोनीपत (वि)। एसआरएम यूनिवर्सिटी और आईपीएल फाउंडेशन ने अग्रणी इंटर्नशिप 2026 ओरिएंटेशन कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया। राजीव रंजन और विनीता सिंह ने कृषि व ग्रामीण विकास पर चर्चा की। 20 विद्यार्थियों का चयन फील्ड-आधारित प्रशिक्षण के लिए हुआ। उन्हें प्रतिमाह 20,000 रुपये स्टाइपेंड मिलेगा। विद्यार्थियों ने प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लिया।

RPCAU, IPL Foundation sign MoU to boost sustainable farming

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Patna: Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, has signed an MoU with IPL Foundation, the CSR arm of Indian Potash Limited (IPL), New Delhi, to promote sustainable agriculture, climate-resilient farming and soil health while providing students with industry exposure.

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75 CUTM STUDENTS DEPLOYED FOR RURAL INTERNSHIP IN GAJAPATI

Paralakhemundi, 4/7(OTNS): The IPL Foundation, New Delhi, in collaboration with Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), launched the IPL–Amrit Internship Programme 2026 by deploying 75 final-year Agriculture and Fisheries students for a three-month rural extension initiative across villages in Gajapati district. The interns will each engage with 100 rural households, covering nearly 7,500 farming families to collect field data and promote modern agricultural technologies. The inaugural orientation programme was attended by retired IAS officer Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Chief District Agriculture Officer M. Prakash Rao, District Fisheries Officer Arun Kumar Sahoo, CUTM Vice-Chancellor Prof. Supriya Pattanayak, Registrar Prof. Amita Patra, and other university and IPL Foundation officials. The programme concluded with an interactive session, vote of thanks, and group photograph.





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