



4 Farmers & 2 Farmer Groups from Bihar Selected for Genome Savior Award

Why is News?

According to information received from the media on August 24, 2023, 4 farmers and 2 farmer groups from Bihar have been selected for the Genome Saviour Award. These farmers will be felicitated by the Union Agriculture Ministry on September 12 in Delhi.

Key Points:

- It is counted among the best awards for farmers. All these farmers and farmer groups are associated with Bihar Agricultural University.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh each to two farmer groups and Rs 1 lakh each to four farmers. Along with this, they will be given certificates and commendation medal. This award is being given to the farmers associated with Bihar Agricultural University (BAU) for the first time.
- In this, a farmer group award will be given to 'Bhagalpur Katarani Paddy Growers Association' of Bhagalpur. This association is being given to preserve the traditional variety of Katarani paddy and its properties.
- At the same time, 'The Litchi Growers Association of Bihar' of Muzaffarpur will be given the award to preserve the variety of royal litchi
- This litchi growers association has been working for the conservation of Shahi Litchi for many years, due to which it has got a special identity.
- At the same time, four farmers will be honoured individually, in which Arjun Mandal of Jamui district will be given for medicinal plants. They have more than 100 species of medicinal plants.
- Arjun Singh of Rohtas district is being given the award for the Pumpkin named 'Sweta' and 'Natki Paddy'. The specialty of Natki Paddy is that it gives good yield even in low rainfall and its rice is digestible.
- Dilip Kumar Singh of Sasaram district will be given the award for the conservation of tomatoes named 'Gulgushan'. This tomato has more medicinal properties than other tomato varieties.
- Satyadev Singh of Munger district will be given the award for the conservation of 'Titua Masur'. The specialty of this variety is that it has high immunity.
- Dr. Satyendra, Nodal Officer of BAU's PGVFRA (Plant Varieties Protection and Farmers' Rights Authority) cell, said that this award is given to farmers for their encouragement for the conservation of plants with a particular variety or old species, which have a high qualitative value.

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