

**Dr. Jeet Singh Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Science),
ICAR, visited ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore.**

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Dr. Jeet Singh Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Science) visited ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres on 15.02.2015 for an interaction meeting with scientists of the Institute. With a brief introduction about Dr. Sandhu's contributions to Indian agriculture, Director



of the Institute welcomed him. He interacted with each scientist, listened to their contributions and area of research and provided constructive suggestions to improve upon the works of each and every one. He also advised scientists to be focused in their research goal with fixed, achievable targets within definite time-frame. During the meeting, Honorable DDG also released a publication of the institute entitled 'Characterization of tossa jute (*Corchorus olitorius* L.) germplasm'. For enhancing the farm income of jute growers he advised to initiate research activities on standardization of suitable location specific intercropping along with jute fibre crop. The Honorable DDG desired that special attention may be given on allied fibre crops. He also advised to re-orient the breeding programme with due emphasis on mutation breeding, and biotechnological approach on jute and allied fibre crops on specific aspects. He also desired that the basic research on seed technology with objective for quality improvement of jute seed is to be taken up. Honorable DDG emphasized the need of maintaining linkage with other ICAR Institutes and SAUs to interact more frequently with the scientists for improvement in the research programmes.

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