

## **The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of VCs was held on December 20-21, 2007 at Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi.**

**Theme:-** "Diversification in India Agriculture"

### **The major recommendations are:-**

- Massive education programme backed by infrastructure and policy support is needed to change mind set of farmers to produce more, through farming systems.
- Series of network projects for high-tech agriculture at micro level needed to increase productivity of main market-led crops.
- On farm training of scientist and farmers with the involvement of public – private partnership is needed for diversification in agriculture.
- Organic farming research areas be demarcated for the best utilization of suitable crops available in different soil and climate conditions.
- Certification of organic agricultural produce be organized through referral laboratories established at the A.U.s in collaboration with state line departments; to facilitate timely proper marketing.
- Apiculture, floriculture, horticulture, vegetable production Agro-forestry, mushroom, fish and various live stocks as per the different climate offer tremendous potential for diversification in farming.
- Special emphasis be given for the crops/live stocks of export potential with the chain of value addition and quality assurance through marketing intelligence and established norms.
- Contract farming on selected high value crops/live stocks through mechanization is highly desired for diversification in farming with the support of timely inputs supply.
- Various location specific farming system perspective models be establish and popularized for higher and quality production.
- Emphasis on new applied areas of research i.e. crops modeling, nano-technology, climate change and pollution-effect on farming be given priority for diversification.
- Diversification in agriculture should lead to more economic production, employment opportunities, recycling of organic crops/animal waste and to conserve the natural resource.