

The National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF) recently conducted scouting, documentation, and Dissemination and Social Diffusion (DSD) activities in Begusarai district of Bihar from 9–10 June 2026.

During this period, the NIF team engaged with over 300 students from various degree colleges, sensitizing them to their potential role in strengthening the grassroots innovation ecosystem in the region. In addition, interactions were held with more than 100 women across multiple Self-Help Group (SHG) meetings. These engagements focused on assessing technological needs and challenges, while also mapping available resources, infrastructure, community interest, and skill sets to identify opportunities for grassroots technological interventions.

A range of grassroots innovations—including a sanitary pad making machine, maize sheller, tillage-cum-banded maker with potato sowing attachment, cotton wick making machine, multi-spice grinder, and coconut shredder (producing coco fibre and coco peat), among others—were disseminated through posters and video presentations.

Interactions with farmers provided valuable insights into challenges faced in agriculture and dairy operations. The team also documented several traditional knowledge practices during the visit. These activities were carried out with the support of local volunteers and partner organizations, contributing to the broader objective of promoting inclusive and sustainable innovation.

