

Innovation Yatra 2026

Uttar Pradesh and Assam

Uttar Pradesh – Mathura | 23 September 2026



The National Innovation Foundation–India (NIF-India) commenced its Innovation Yatra in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, on 23 September 2026, with a visit to SR High School, Village Rawal. Around 30 farmers participated in the interaction and were introduced to the activities, initiatives, and objectives of NIF-India.

During the visit, the **RTB-16 mustard variety**, developed by grassroots innovator **Shri Rajkumar Jain, Baran, Rajasthan**, was disseminated among 20 farmers across four villages.

The interaction developed into a meaningful exchange of knowledge and experiences. Farmers actively shared their observations, traditional practices, and local knowledge related to animal health, plant varieties, human health, and agriculture. Participants also discussed community-level experiences concerning skin-related diseases, highlighting local knowledge and challenges that may provide scope for further exploration as potential grassroots innovations.

The NIF-India team subsequently visited **Nagla Teza village, Mathura**, where farmers enthusiastically interacted with the team. They shared information about locally cultivated plant varieties, crop patterns, farming practices, and traditional agricultural knowledge followed in the region. The interaction provided valuable insights into the diversity of local agricultural practices and knowledge developed through generations of farming experience.

Uttar Pradesh – Etah & Mainpuri | 24 September 2026



Under the Innovation Yatra, the NIF-India team visited **Chandpur village in Etah district** and **Paal village in Mainpuri district** on 24 September 2026. Around 50 farmers participated across both locations.

The interactions focused on introducing farmers to the activities, initiatives, and objectives of NIF-India. The team also highlighted the importance of traditional knowledge, locally available resources, and the potential applications of plants and natural resources in daily life and animal husbandry.

Farmers actively shared their traditional knowledge, field experiences, and concerns, particularly regarding the adverse effects associated with excessive use of chemical inputs on farming practices and soil health.

The **Riyawan Silver garlic variety**, developed by grassroots innovator **Shri Ishwar Lal Dhakad, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh**, was disseminated among farmers in both villages. In **Chandpur and Paal villages, 20 farmers in each village received the variety**, with **5 kg of seed provided to each farmer** for cultivation and further field evaluation.

An **exhibition of grassroots innovations** was also organized at Paal village, Mainpuri, providing farmers with an opportunity to observe practical solutions to local challenges and interact with the NIF-India team.

Assam – Nagaon | 23 September 2026



The National Innovation Foundation–India inaugurated the **Innovation Yatra 2026 for Assam, Mizoram and Meghalaya at ADP College, Nagaon, Assam**, on 23 September 2026.

The inaugural interaction brought together around **70 participants**, including students, faculty members, and media representatives. The programme provided an opportunity to introduce

participants to the objectives and activities of NIF-India and to highlight the importance of grassroots innovation in addressing local and community-level challenges.

Grassroots innovations were showcased during the programme, enabling participants to learn about practical solutions developed by innovators and their relevance to everyday challenges.

The Innovation Yatra in the region aims to strengthen engagement with local communities, identify grassroots innovations and traditional knowledge, and create greater awareness about NIF-India's initiatives among students, farmers, institutions, and other stakeholders.

Key Highlights

Location	Date	Participants	Major Activities
Rawal, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	23 Sept 2026	~30 farmers	Farmer interaction; RTB-16 mustard dissemination
Nagla Teza, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh	23 Sept 2026	Farmers	Interaction on local crops, traditional knowledge and farming practices
Chandpur, Etah, Uttar Pradesh	24 Sept 2026	~25 farmers*	Farmer interaction; Riyawan Silver garlic dissemination
Paal, Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh	24 Sept 2026	~25 farmers*	Farmer interaction; garlic dissemination; grassroots innovation exhibition
Nagaon, Assam	23 Sept 2026	~70 participants	Innovation Yatra inauguration; grassroots innovation exhibition; student, faculty and media interaction