

Name of Event: **Consultative Learning Workshop on Lac**

Date: **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024**

Venue: **Ranchi**

ICAR-NISA, formerly known as Indian Institute of Lac Research, is working to highlight the potential of lac in addressing rural livelihoods and on its current status, constraints. A two-day workshop was organized to discuss and formulate further strategies. This program organized in collaboration with PRADAN and other stakeholders.

With the growing global demand for lac and an estimated market size of around Rs 1500 crore, India has the potential to significantly increase its supply. Currently, the country utilizes less than 10% of its host resources for lac production, indicating huge untapped potential, especially for poor producers. However, fluctuations in lac prices, quality and quantity highlight the instability within the sector, posing challenges to its sustainability and growth.



The objective of this workshop was to strengthen understanding about the current status of the sector, identify key obstacles, highlight successful experiences and jointly develop a strategic plan. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to promote collaborative work that can transform the lac sector and give a new direction to rural livelihoods in the states of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

