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Tribal Farmers' Training Programme Held

Tribal Farmers' Training Programme was organized on 16.02.17 in Narhar village for 5 adopted villages of Parseoni block in which around 520 tribal farmers have participated. The programme was graced by the Grampanchayat Sarpanch of Kolutmara and Dhawalapur and Agriculture Department officials besides the Scientists and Subject Matter Specialists of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. The team from ICAR-CICR comprised of Dr. Singandhupe, Dr. P.R. Vijaya Kumari, Dr. T .R. Loknathan, Dr. K. P. Raghavendra, Dr. Sunil Mahajan, Dr. S.M. Wasnik, Dr. Ambati Ravinder Raju, Dr. Vinita Gotmare, Dr. Shailesh Gawande, Dr. U.V. Galghate, Dr. S.S.Patil and Mr. R. Lokhande attended the meet and guided the farmers.

The farmers were trained exclusively on cotton seed production technology and also the different aspects of agriculture, poultry and goat rearing. Various aspects of cultivation of different crops besides cotton and benefits that could be accrued therein; the importance of soil moisture conservation in severely eroded sloppy soils and how precisely it can be intercepted for its effective use, key issues related to choosing of right cotton hybrids having sucking pests tolerance, disease tolerance; cotton boll worm management, control measures to be taken to ensure better yield levels, need for cultivating pesticide free cotton, creating a balance between predator-pest complex populations, ensuring better micro-environment and effective cost reduction was discussed. Back yard Poultry development and goat rearing is an important component of livestock production for sustainable livelihood during non-season employment in agriculture, procurement and use of improved breeds of poultry, enhancing high egg production at a faster rate; rearing improved goat breed like Osmanabadi goat for enhanced goat milk production was highlighted. It was pointed that these two components of livestock could be a viable option in the remote tribal areas, ensuring better sustainability as compared to other livestock practices like Dairy farming which attract high expenditure inputs.



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Dr. P. R. Vijaya Kumari, Principal Scientist, Nodal Officer, TSP –NSP (Crops) facilitated the programme.

Dr. Raju informed the YMV free soybean varieties such as JS-20-34, RVS-20-29, RVS-2001-4 which are available from Sehore Agriculture College, near Bhopal which mature 80-90 and 100 days respectively.

Mr. Parthiki of Dawlapur and Smt. Usha Tumdam of Kolutmara, gram sarpanches of the two villages expressed their satisfaction and participation in future programme. On the occasion four Tribal farmers viz., Saryam (Kolutmara), Santhosh Khandate (Narhar), Gopinath (Surera) and Ramu Tukaram Bhallavi (Dawlapur) were felicitated for acquiring comparatively higher yield levels of Phule Dhanwantri (Desi cotton variety) by following the recommended package of practices, a step to ensure promotion of desi cotton variety in the tribal area involving minimum cost. Four Krishi Mitras were also felicitated for their active involvement in MGMG programme.

Dr. Vinita Gotmare, compered the programme, providing intermittent suggestions inviting questions from farmers and assuring quick solutions. Shri. Manraj Inwate, Krishi Mitra thanked the organizers for conducting such training programme in their Tribal villages.



Meetings/Seminar/ Workshop/ Symposia/ Kisan Mela attended

- Dr Rishi Kumar delivered a lecture on whitefly management and answered the queries of the farmers regarding whitefly management in cotton during a Kisan Mela organized by Department of Agriculture, Govt of Haryana on 03.03.2017 at village Kharian. The mela was attended by 5000 farmers of adjoining villages. The Deputy Commissioner Sirsa, SDM Ellenabad and Deputy Director (Agriculture), Sirsa attended and addressed the farmers in the Mela
- Dr. S.M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist, Extension attended Regional Workshop on “Skill Development in Agriculture-Kaushal Vikas se Krishi Vikas” on 20 February 2017 organized by MANAGE and Min of Agriculture and Farmers welfare at NAARM, Hyderabad



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