

**Pearl Millet for Nutrition and Income: Division of Agricultural Extension
Successfully organizes Capacity Building Programme for Farm Women of Mewat
District, Haryana**

The Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi organized a three days training programme on **‘Nutritional Security and Economic Empowerment of Women Farmers’** under the UNDP funded project **‘Strengthening Agri-nutri linkage for enhancing nutritional security and empowering farm women in India: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition’** at village Bajhera, Mewat district of Haryana during February 26-28, 2018. A group of 52 rural women representing different Self Help Groups (SHGs) participated in the training programme. The entire programme comprised three different sessions. The first day of the training programme started with ice-breaking exercises by a team of specialized trainers guided by Dr. Sudipta Paul, Scientist and Co-PI of the project. Dr. Paul continued with a quick-session



on general nutritional awareness, cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation, and

demonstration on IARI-nutri products. Videos of successful cases of agri-nutri linked

entrepreneurship development were streamed for motivating the participants.

Registration and pretesting of knowledge of participants in the area of training was part



Hands-on practical exercise on value addition in pearl millet underway

of first day training programme. The second day of the training programme was devoted to “Scientific production and post production processing of pearl millet.” Dr. Kapila Rathod, Scientist, Division of Agronomy conducted the session. The session included lecture on scientific pearl millet production practices, and practical demonstration and hands-on-training on processing and value addition in pearl millet through preparation of pearl millet pop and pearl millet *laddoo*. On the third and final day of the programme, motivational exercises and talks by Shri A. S. Rajawat, President village panchayat and Shri, B. S. Rajawat, Retd. Cornell, Indian Army were arranged for motivating the participants. The training programme came to an end with collecting feedback from participants, post test, distribution of certificates and seed kits to them and formal thanks from the Chair. Dr. Premlata Singh, Head and Dr. Satyapriya, PI of the project helped in effectively designing the training programme. Mr. Satyaprakash, Technical Assistant, Mr. Ravi Research Fellow, Project Assistant, Assistant, Mr. Assistant and local SHGs in the village roles in conducting the programme. Dr. S. Division of Extension was the the training programme.



Distribution of certificates and seed kit to the participants

Shankar, Senior Mr. Ankush, Ms. Renu, Project Sumit, Project coordinator of played important successfully capacity building Paul, Scientist, Agricultural Course Director of