

**Leveraging Agriculture based Enterprises for Household Nutrition: Division of Agricultural Extension Organizes Capacity Building Programme for Farm Women during June 22-24, 2017**

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 research project entitled “Strengthening agri-nutri linkage for enhancing nutritional security and empowering farm women in India : leveraging agriculture for nutrition” at village Jajuka, Mewat district of Haryana during June 22-24, 2017. A group of 50 rural women representing twelve 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 specialised trainers guided by Dr. Sudipta Paul, Scientist and Co-PI of the project. It was followed by lecture and practical exercises on processing and value addition to pearl millet, conducted by Dr. Alka Joshi, Scientist, Division of Food Science and PHT. Production



*Microlab exercises underway*



*Dr. Alka Joshi , scientist ,FS & PHT taking session on processing and value addition in pearl millet*

training programme comprised of simulation

technologies of pearl millet pop was practically demonstrated to the trainees. The second day of the



*Demonstration on pearl millet pop production underway*



*Dr. Premlata Singh, Head, Div. of Agri Extn. explaining about nutri rich IARI technologies*

games and motivational exercises conducted by Dr. Premlata Singh, Head, Division of Agricultural Extension.

Success story based and general nutrition awareness related videos were also screened for the benefit of target group. On the third and final day of the training programme, Dr R. S. Bana, Scientist, Division of Agronomy exposed the trainees to improved production technologies and scientific methods of pearl millet cultivation.



***Dr. R. S. Bana, Scientist, Agronomy taking a session on improved production technologies of pearl millet***

Mr. Ravi Shankar, Senior Research Fellow, Ms. Renu, Project Assistant, Mr. Ankush, Project Assistant and Mr. Sumit, Project Assistant and local coordinators of SHGs from Mewat played important roles in successfully conducting the capacity building programme.

The training programme came to an end with feedback from participants, distribution of certificates and vegetable and pearl millet seed kit to them and formal thanks from the chair. Dr. S. Paul, Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension was the Course Director of the training programme. Mr. Satyaprakash, Technical Assistant, Dr. Prince Kumar, Senior Research Fellow,



***Distribution of certificates, pearl millet and vegetable seed kit to participants***