

Leveraging Agri-Horti based Enterprises for Household Nutrition: Division of Agricultural Extension organizes Capacity Building Programme for Farm Women

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 Ujina, Mewat district of Haryana during September 20-22, 2017. A group of 50 rural women representing different Self Help Groups (SHGs) participated in the training programme. The entire programme comprised three different



Registration of participants underway

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



Dr. S. Paul, Course Director motivating the participants with success stories

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 of first day training programme. The second day of the training programme was devoted to “Scientific production and

post production 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*.



Dr. Kapila Rathod, Scientist, Agronomy taking a session on improved production technologies of pearl millet



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



Dr. Kanhaiya Singh, Pr. Scientist, FHT taking a session on Papaya based entrepreneurship: Scientific and remunerative practices

On the third and final day of the programme, Dr. Kanhaiya Singh, Principal Scientist, Division of Fruits and Horticulture Technology exposed the trainees to improved production technologies and scientific methods of papaya cultivation. Post production processing and value addition in papaya was also explained to 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 Shankar, Senior Research Fellow, Mr. Prince Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, Mr. Ankush, Project Assistant, Ms. Renu, Project Assistant and local coordinator of SHGs in the village played important roles in successfully conducting the capacity building programme. Dr. S. Paul, Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension was the Course Director of the training programme.



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