

ICAR-IARI Organized Field Day on Seed Production of Improved Varieties

Seed Production Unit, ICAR-IARI organized programmes titled “BeejUtpadaanek Kadam Atmanirbhartaki Oar” under ICAR-Seed Project, “Beesj Divas” and Seed Distribution Programme under SC Sub-Plan on 13.3.2021 at Jalalpur village of Shikarpur block in Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh. Quality seed of IARI improved paddy varieties PB-1509, PB-1121, PB-6, PS-5, PB 1718, vegetable seed kits for kitchen garden were distributed to 200 farmers. Agricultural implements like Kasola were distributed to 200 landless farm labourers.

Dr. A. K. Singh, Director & Vice-Chancellor, IARI highlighted the importance of storage capabilities of vegetables at village level with the help of natural, renewable and low-cost resources and narrated the success of the new PusaFarm Sun Fridge run by solar power. He urged the farmers to test and adopt new crop varieties and uniformity of crop in village. He told the ongoing participatory programmes with farmers and specially mentioned about the new paddy variety PB-1692. He suggested the farmers to grow it along with PB-1509 to experience the difference for comparison by themselves. He asked the farmers to attend this type of participatory programmes as much as possible. He urged the farmers to watch Pusa Samachar episodes every week on IARI YouTube Channel.

Dr. D. K. Yadav, ADG (Seed) highlighted the importance of quality seed which can increase the yield upto 15-20 per cent and with optimum crop management management quality seeds can ensure upto 40-45 per cent increased yield and also heighted importance of ag new varieties and farmers participatory programme.

Dr. Indramani Mishra, Nodal officer, MGMG programme highlighted the importance of MGMG Programme and how MGMG Programme linked farmers and scientists continuously over last few years, to provide proper guidance to farmers with specific crop-based technologies on the basis of locations/ areas of crops where it is being grown.

Dr. T. K. Behera, Nodal Officer, SCSP Programme, detailed the distribution of seeds of paddy and the vegetable seed kits to the farmers of Scheduled Caste category. He also informed that the distribution of kasolas to SC labourers and farmers will increase the efficiency of agricultural work.

Mr. Veda Priya Arya, SDM, Bulandshahr, DDA and DAO, Bulandshahr attended the programmes. They welcomed all ICAR-IARI scientists and appreciated for conducting the programmes in the village.

Dr. Gyanendra Singh, In-Charge, SPU welcomed the dignitaries and summarized all the activities of the three consecutive programmes. Sh. Kulwant Singh, farmer, proposed vote of thanks.