

Reaching out to Marginalized Farmers for Inclusive Agricultural Development under SCSP Programme

ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi is implementing Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) programme for upliftment of scheduled caste farmers through technological interventions. The efforts are being made for inclusive agricultural development of the target group. During Kharif 2021 total 10615 SC farmers were covered in 23 districts of 3 states. Demonstration of IARI improved varieties of paddy, mungbean, Pigeonpea, and vegetables were organised. Several farmer-scientist interface and training programmes were organised across the districts. A farmers training programme and Kisan Gosthi was organised on 21.08.2021 at Bhatta Parsoul, Gautam Budhh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. Hon'ble Director, ICAR-IARI, Dr. A. K. Singh was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. Indra Mani Mishra, Head, Division of Agricultural Engineering & Nodal Officer, MGMG, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Dr. Gyanendra Singh, Incharge, Seed Production Unit (SPU) and Dr. R. Roy Burman, Nodal Officer SCSP were also present on the occasion. In his inaugural address, Dr. A. K. Singh gave detailed information to the farmers about the above SCSP programme of the Government of India being implemented in the districts of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi. Under this scheme, a target has been set to benefit the below poverty level Scheduled caste farmers by giving them seeds, fertilizer, plant protection chemicals and agricultural machinery. He also stressed upon timely and proper management of insects pests and diseases of paddy and narrated improved technologies for proper management of pests and diseases. He also stressed that the scientists of the Institute are always available for addressing the farmers' queries and popularized Pusa Samachar, an online news bulleting being uploaded on IARI YouTube channel every Saturday. Dr. Indramani Mishra spoke about Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav programme of ICAR and highlighted the interventions of the Institute for spreading scientific knowledge and improved technologies in the villages and among the farmers. Dr. Gyanendra Singh welcomed the dignitaries and the farmers and also thanked them profusely for gracing the occasion. Seeds of improved varieties of mustard, carrot, vegetable kit, insecticides, knapsack sprayer etc., were also distributed by the dignitaries on this occasion.

