

IARI Organised Field Day and Training Programme on Improved Crop Management Technologies in Paddy at Nizampur Cluster of Khurja, Bulandshahr

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. Scheduled Caste Sub Plan for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) was introduced to increase the income of the target population by way of various income generating schemes, skill development and infrastructure development and to reduce the poverty among the target population and bring them above the poverty lines. A Field Day cum training programme and seed distribution programme was organised on 24th August 2021 at Nizampur village in Khurja block of Bulandshahr district, 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), Dr. R. Roy Burman, Nodal Officer SCSP and Dr. Chandu Singh, Scientist, SPU were also present on the occasion in. About 250 farmers from four villages viz., Nizampur, Sikri, Dharau and Smaspur have participated in the programme. In his inaugural address, Dr. A. K. Singh gave detailed information to the farmers about the SCSP programme being implemented in the districts of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi. Under this scheme, a target has been set to enhance their income through improved technological interventions. Demonstrations of IARI improved paddy varieties (PB1121, PB1509), mungbean variety (P9531, P1431) and vegetable varieties have been laid out in the current Kharif 2021 season. Critical inputs like seeds, fertilizer, plant protection chemicals and agricultural machinery were given to the farmers for adoption of improved crop management technologies. 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. Indra Mani 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 stressed upon the importance of quality seeds in enhancing productivity and profitability of the farmers. Seeds of improved varieties of mustard, carrot, vegetable kit, insecticides, knapsack sprayers etc., were also distributed by the dignitaries on this occasion.

