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Report on 5 Days On-Campus Training Programme for SC Women Skill Training on Fruits and Vegetables for Increasing Farm Income organized by Rathindra KVK, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Birbhum in Collaboration with Agricultural Training Centre, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur organized a 5 Days On-Campus Training Programme for Practicing Farm Women from Scheduled Caste Community to impart Skill on improved Production Practices for fruits and vegetables for increasing farm income from 07.07.2025 to 11.07.2025 at Rathindra KVK, Sriniketan, Birbhum. The training programme was attended by 30 numbers of farm women from Scheduled Caste Community of Sainthia Block of Birbhum District. Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra KVK welcomed all the participants at the very beginning of the Inaugural Session of the above-mentioned training programme on 07.07.2025. The Presidential address was given by Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana and In-Charge Rathindra KVK, Visva-Bharati and then the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Sri Sayak Mahato, Programme Assistant (Lab Technician), Rathindra KVK.

In the Technical Session, Sri Palash Ankure, Programme Assistant (Farm Manager), Rathindra KVK detailed on Natural Farming on Vegetables and Nursery bed and seedling preparation of different vegetables. Sri Sayak Mahato, Programme Assistant (Lab Technician), Rathindra KVK, took practical classes on preparation of Natural Farming input- Jivamrita and Nursery Bed and seedling preparation of different vegetables. Dr. Soustav Datta, Subject Matter Specialist (Horticulture) Rathindra KVK, detailed on cultivation of fruit crops under Agro-climatic condition of Birbhum like Papaya and Banana as well as cultivation of high value vegetables like Coloured Cauliflower, Broccoli and Chinese Cabbage. Sri Sourav Mondal, Subject Matter Specialist (Plant protection) Rathindra KVK, detailed on Pest Management of Fruit Crops like Papaya and Banana as well as Pest Management of high value vegetables like Coloured Cauliflower, Broccoli and Chinese Cabbage. During Valedictory Session, Certificate of

Participation for the trainees of the above-mentioned programme was provided and each participant trainee (farm woman) was handed over a good quality seedling of Drumstick variety PKM-1 (prepared in black polythene) for further planting and propagation in their fields.

