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**Report on Farmers – Scientists Meet on “Scientific Cultivation of *Kharif* Rice and its Management”, organized by Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati on 19.07.2022**

Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati organized a Farmers – Scientists Meet on “Scientific Cultivation of *Kharif* Rice and its Management” on 19.07.2022 at the community Hall of Visva-Bharati at the Sriniketan Campus of the University. In this Farmers – Scientists Meet, 147 numbers of Practicing Farmers and Farm Women participated actively.

Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati was the Chief Patron of the Programme. Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra was the Patron of the Programme, Dr. Subrata Mandal, Sr. Scientist & Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra was the Convener; Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra was the Co-Ordinator of the Programme and Dr. Narayan Chandra Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati was the Joint Co-Ordinator of the Programme.

**The Registration of the participating Farmers and Farm Women started at 9.30 AM on that day of 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. At the on-set of the Programme, the House expressed deepest grief and offered condolence to the Family of Prof. Sarthak Chowdhury, Professor of Agricultural Extension, Former Principal of Palli Siksha Bhavana and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Former Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension, Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Statistics, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, who left this World for another World full of eternal bliss and blessings at the early morning of that very day and prayed to the Almighty for peace and tranquility of the Noble Soul. The House observed Two-Minutes complete silence to offer highest respect to the in-numerable golden memories and the rich academic legacy left by Prof. Chowdhury. Dr. Subrata Mandal, Sr. Scientist & Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra welcomed all the participants through his “Welcome Address”. The Programme was formally inaugurated by Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra at 10.30 AM through his Inaugural Speech.**

The Technical Session of the Programme was started from 10.40 AM. At the first Technical Session Dr. Swapan Kumar Maity, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) focussed on “Modern Cultivation Techniques of *Kharif* Rice”; followed by Prof. Buddhadeb Duary, Dept. of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) focusing on “Recent Technologies

of Weed Management in *Kharif* Rice”; Sri Sourav Mondal, Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Protection), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra highlighting on “Advanced Technologies in Insect Management in *Kharif* Rice” and Dr. Bholanath Mondal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) detailing on “Recent Advances in Disease Management Techniques for *Kharif* Rice”. Each Technical Session was succeeded by Active Interaction Session (of Twenty (20) Minutes duration) between Farmers and Scientists.

Prof. Goutam Kumar Ghosh, Head, Dept. of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture); Prof. Hirak Chatterjee, Head, Dept. of Agricultural Entomology, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture); Prof. Ranjan Nath, Head, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and Dr. Subrata Mandal, Sr. Scientist & Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati were present as Experts at the above-mentioned Farmers – Scientists Meet. The whole Programme was coordinated and anchored by Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

17 Numbers of the Staff Members of Visva-Bharati were also present at the Farmers – Scientists Meet.

**Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra delivering his Inaugural Speech of the Farmers – Scientists Meet on “Scientific Cultivation of *Kharif* Rice and its Management”, organized by Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati on 19.07.2022**



**Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati coordinating the Farmers – Scientists Meet on “Scientific Cultivation of *Kharif* Rice and its Management”, organized by Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati on 19.07.2022**



**Dr. Swapan Kumar Maity, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) focussing on “Modern Cultivation Techniques of *Kharif* Rice” at the First Technical Session of the Farmers – Scientists Meet on “Scientific Cultivation of *Kharif* Rice and its Management”, organized by Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati on 19.07.2022**

