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Training Programme & Farmers Scientist Meet on Improved Technology of Millets Cultivation on 05.07.2023, Jointly Organized by Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati

To celebrate the International Year of Millets – 2023, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati jointly organized a Training Programme & Farmers Scientist Meet on Improved Technology of Millets Cultivation on 05.07.2023 at the Community Hall, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan. The programme was attended by 57 numbers of practicing farmers and farm women.

Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra KVK welcomed all the participants at the very beginning of the programme. Sri. Shibnath Ghosh, Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admin.), Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal, Birbhum, who was the Chief Guest of the programme detailed the initiatives of Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal regarding popularization of Millet cultivation with special reference to Birbhum District. Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati delivered his Presidential Address and emphasized on group approach for production and marketing of Millets and also on importance of uptake of Millets in daily diets.

In the Technical Session, Dr. N. C. Sarkar, Dept. of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati deliberated on Millets in India: An Overview; Dr. M. Banerjee, Dept. of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati specified on Improved Cultivation Techniques of Pearl Millet and Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra KVK, detailed on Improved Cultivation Method of Finger Millet.

The Farmers Scientist Interaction Session was attended by Dr. Bholanath Mondal, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati; Dr. Swarnali Bhattacharya, Dept. of Entomology, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati; Dr. Subrata Mandal, Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati; Sri Sourav Mondal, Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati; Sri Palash Ankure, Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati and the Session came to life through lively discussion and interaction between the participating farmers and scientist. The programme was conducted by Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati.

Sri. Shibnath Ghosh, Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admin.), Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal, Birbhum, delivering the Speech of the Chief Guest



Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra KVK, detailing on Improved Cultivation Method of Finger Millet in the Technical Session



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