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Awareness cum Capacity Building Programme on Natural Farming 30th March 2024

An awareness cum capacity building programme for the discussion on the mode of demonstration on natural farming was held at Rathindra KVK, Birbhum (a non-project KVK) on 30th March 2024 under the flagship project entitled “Out scaling of Natural Farming through Krishi Vigyan Kendras” for the grassroot level farmers and farm women of Birbhum district.

Fifty (50) numbers of farmers and farm women of different villages from different blocks were present in this programme. Dr. Pradip Dey, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata and Dr. Avijit Haldar, Nodal Scientist, Natural Farming, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata were present in virtual mode. All the scientists and other staff members were present at the inaugural programme.

Dr. Pradip Dey, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata suggested (Virtually) to find out effectiveness of natural farming combined with organic farming in parameters like soil health management, seed treatment, plant disease and pest management. He also proposed to create a database related to soil testing and soil microbiology for sustainable acceptance of Natural farming. He said that the district of Birbhum, Purulia and Bankura have greater potentiality to out scale of natural Farming.

Dr. Avijit Haldar, Nodal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata briefed (virtually) the activities of activity taken by KVKs having natural farming project in this zone. Besides the ATARI Kolkata has a plan to include a few non project KVK like RKVK, Birbhum in research and extension of natural farming. He also told the farmers that the products produced through natural farming are more profitable as these are of greater quality and the cost of cultivation has been reduced.

Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra KVK, Birbhum informed that RKVK will continue the natural farming with the present farmers and farm women in their small plots providing all kind of support from KVK Birbhum and will create a data base in this regard.

Sri Palash Ankure and Sri Sayak Mahato, the newly trained master trainers conducted on hand practical class on preparation of Jeevamrit, Beejamrit and Neemastra. They also guided the farmers to visit different Natural farming demonstration plots in RKVK where Jeevamrit, Neemastra and Achhadana (Mulching) have been used.



Online presence of Dr. P Dey and Dr. A Haldar, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata



Dr. Subrata Mandal briefing the programme



Farmers and farm Women listening the lectures



Sri palash Ankure and Sri Sayak Mahato conducting the practical class



Demonstration of preparation of Jeevamrit



Rotation of the mixture after mixing the ingredients of Jeevamrit