

Capacity Building Programme on Improved Packages and Practices for Rabi Crops Cultivation under SCSP at KVK-CISH, Malda

The ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, organized two one-day capacity building Programs under the aegis of Dr. Anup Das, Director and Coordinator (PRAYAS) on "Improved Packages and Practices for Rabi Crops Cultivation. The training was organized for Scheduled Caste farmers under the SCSP on October 21 and 22, 2024, at KVK (CISH), Malda, West Bengal. The goals of these programs were to raise scientific awareness among SC farmers, particularly women, to enhance their livelihoods. Participants were provided with expert guidance on rabi crop cultivation. A team of scientists, including Dr. Bikash Sarkar (Principal Scientist), Dr. P.K. Sundaram (Senior Scientist), Mr Sompal, SMS (Agronomy), Dr Asish Debbarma, SMS (LPM), Dr P. Yasaswini, SMS (Home Science), Dr Anbazhagan P, SMS (Plant Pathology) and Mr. V.V. Diptikar (Senior Technical Officer, KVK-CISH, Malda), engaged with the farmers to discuss these improved practices. A total of 86 farmers from Chaitpur and 15 from Begunbari participated in the program. As part of the initiative, various agriculture related critical inputs were distributed to 101 SC farmers from these villages in Malda District. These included 75 grain storage bins, 1 battery operated post-hole digger, 1 battery operated power weeder, 850 kg of mineral mixture, 11 battery-operated sprayers, 6 foot sprayers, 1 tricycle rickshaw van, 200 ducklings, 50 poultry chicks, 80 kg of hybrid maize seed, 150 kg of mustard seed, and 40 kg of lentil seed. At the program's conclusion, the farmers interacted with the scientists, expressing their interest in more regular scientific activities to motivate them to adopt new technologies and improve their income.

