

Farmers' Training on "Production and Marketing Techniques of Rabi Crops" conducted at ATMA, Nawada under DST-SEED project

A one-day training program on "Production and Marketing Techniques of Rabi Crops" was organized by ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna on January 17, 2025 under the DST-SEED Project entitled "Sustainable improvement in livelihood of scheduled caste community in Meskaur and Sirdala blocks of Nawada district, Bihar", at the premises of Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Nawada. A total of 50 farmers, comprising 18 females and 32 males, from the adopted villages participated in the program. The event was formally inaugurated by Mr. Santosh Kumar Suman, the District Agricultural Officer of Nawada, who talked about the state Government schemes related to agriculture. He thanked ICAR for organizing capacity building activities for SC farmers of the district and hoped that they will take all the benefits from the project. Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Head, DSEE, ICAR-RCER, Patna, in his remarks, encouraged farmers to form groups like Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and emphasized the importance of adopting climate-friendly agricultural practices through advanced technologies. He further recommended the transition of agriculture into a business model to enhance farmers' livelihoods.



Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Singh, Sr Scientist & PI suggested farmers to come forward for getting all the benefits from Govt. schemes and took feedback on ongoing experiments under the project in four adopted villages. He also suggested integrating livestock such as cattle rearing, goat farming, poultry, and mushroom into agriculture as a means of improving livelihoods. Dr. Banda Sainath, Scientist, Agricultural Economics from institute, provided an in-depth discussion on marketing techniques for rabi crops. He highlighted the significance of mandis and e-NAM for effective marketing. Mr. Kundan Arya, Mr. Abhishek Kumar and Ms. Premlata Kumari, the officials from Nawada, briefed the farmers on existing schemes, particularly targeted to SC category. During the visit, the team from ICAR-RCER, Patna, also had an inspection of the construction sites of the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) hubs at Pandey Bigha, Meskaur and Janhaul, Sirdala. During their visit, they also visited experimental fields and suggested remedies for pest attack in mustard. The program was organized with able support from project associates, Dr. SH. Shidayaichenbi Devi and Mr. Rohit Kumar.



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