Two days training-cum-demonstration programme on 'Popularization of sowing and weeding equipments for small land holders" at KVK Ramgarh under CRP on FM & PF

16-17th December 2020, Ramgarh

Two consecutive one day training-cum-demonstration programme was conducted on 'Popularization of sowing and weeding equipments for small land holders' at KVK, Ramgarh (Jharkhand) under the project, Consortia Research Platform on Farm Mechanization and Precision Farming (CRP on FM & PF) during 16-17 December, 2020. During the training programme, Dr. P K Sundaram (ICAR RCER, Patna) appraised farmers about different sowing and weeding equipment suitable for their region. He also informed about different horticultural tools useful for hilly terrain. Dr. D K Raghav (Head, KVK Ramgarh) informed the farmers about the Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) at KVK Ramgarh, demonstrated different machines under CHC and the mechanism to hire the equipments. Dr. Pawan Jeet (Scientist, ICAR RCER, Patna) briefed the farmers about drip and sprinkler irrigation equipment. He also demonstrated the drip system installed at KVK Ramgarh Farm. Dr. N Raju Singh (Scientist, ICAR RCER, Patna) was also present and discussed regarding different plants suitable for agroforestry. Dr. Dharmjeet Kherwar (SMS, KVK Ramgarh), Manoj Kumar Sinha (STA, ICAR RCER Patna) and Mr. Sunny Kumar (Farm manager, KVK Ramgarh) assisted in the demonstration of two-wheel hoe, stirrup hoe and grubber which was carried out in KVK farm. Women farmers operated two-wheel hoe in French bean crop and were impressed with the easy and effortless operation of two-wheel hoe. Women farmers also operated the pedal operated paddy thresher. A total of 47 farmers participated in the training cum demonstration programme. 26 farmers from Puchmo Village, Ramgarh and 21 farmers from *Indirabad* and *Takha* village, Ramgarh were present on 16th and 17th December 2020, respectively.

