

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SELECTION AND OPERATION OF FARM IMPLEMENTS FOR IMPROVING CROP PRODUCTIVITY

A three-days training programme on selection and operation of farm implements for improving crop productivity was organized at ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna under Consortia Research Platform on Farm Mechanization and Precision Farming (CRP on FM & PF) during 21st -23rd August, 2019. A total of 31 farmers from Nalanda District, Bihar participated in the training programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. P. S. Tiwari, PS & Head Agricultural Mechanization Division, ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal in presence of Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Head, DSEE, ICAR RCER, Dr. Bikash Sarkar, PS & PI, CRP on FM & PF and Dr. P. K. Sundaram, Scientist, ICAR RCER Patna.

During the training programme, participants were briefed about setting up of custom hiring centres and its benefits for the farming community in the region. The farmers were also apprised about the selection, operation and maintenance of tillage, sowing and harvesting equipments. The farmers were trained in calibration of seed cum fertilizer drill. The farmers also visited the research farm for exposure of different available agricultural systems. They also enquired about the installation of solar pumps. It was quite interesting for them to see the live operation of solar pumping system.

During the valedictory function on 23rd August, 2019 Dr. Prem Kumar Sundaram, Scientist and course coordinator presented a brief report of the training programme. Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, Head, DSEE along with Dr. Bikash Sarkar, Principal Scientist distributed the certificates to the participants. In his valedictory speech Dr. Ujjwal Kumar urged the participants to implement the knowledge gained by them during the training programme on their farm and propagate it among farming community for betterment of their life.



