

Awareness cum input distribution program organized by FSRCHPR (ICAR-RCER) under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and All India Co-ordinated Research Project component

“Awareness cum input distribution program” was organized by Farming System Research Centre for Hill and Plateau Region (ICAR-RCER), Plandu, Ranchi, on 7th May 2022 in 2 village clusters, *i.e.*, Bahagada (Kunda block) and Katia (lawaloung block) of Chatra district, Ranchi. It was attended by more than 50 beneficiaries, including 20 women participants. The Awareness program for standard agro techniques of papaya and tomato was elaborated by Dr. Mahesh Dhakar (Scientist, ICAR-RCER, FSRCHPR, Ranchi) and Dr. Meenu Kumari (Scientist, ICAR-RCER, FSRCHPR, Ranchi), respectively. Different basic principles like pit size, fertilizer application and irrigation scheduling in papaya and healthy nursery raising, and trellis system for indeterminate tomato varieties were detailed to farmers for higher profitability.

The tomato hybrid Swarna Anmol and Seaweed extract powder were distributed among 50 beneficiaries of SCSP. They expressed their satisfaction with the high yield of tomato hybrids and quality produce. The input distribution program was followed by a visit to the Papaya orchard, developed under SCSP and AICRP (Fruits). Participants also shared their willingness to learn preservation technologies to better utilize fruits from the backyard and nearby orchard. The program was coordinated by Dr. Mahesh Dhakar and Dr. Meenu Kumari with the support of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chatra.



