

**Brief Report on Awareness programme on “Conservation of Crop Varieties,
PPV&FR Act, BDA/NBA” organized by ICAR-CRIJAF in collaboration with KVK,
Budbud, Burdwan on 22.12.2022**

An awareness programme was organized by ICAR-CRIJAF in collaboration with KVK, Budbud, Burdwan on “Conservation of Crop Varieties, PPV&FR Act, BDA/NBA” at KVK, Budbud on 22.12.2022. The objective of the programme is to sensitize the farmers about protection of their rights in the areas of farm innovations, breeding and protection of varieties including PPV&FR Act, BDA/NBA and conservation of varieties. Total 50 farmers from nearby villages participated in the programme. During the programme, officials from ICAR-CRIJAF, CSRSJAF & KVK, Budbud were present.



The programme started with welcome address by Dr. Sk. Md. Azizur Rahman, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Budbud. Dr. Ritesh Saha, Principal Scientist & I/c, ITMU, ICAR-CRIJAF has given brief introduction about the awareness programme mentioning the importance and relevance considering the present day agricultural scenario. Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay, Principal Scientist & I/c, CSRSJAF, Budbud, being Chief Guest addressed the gathering and highlighted the relevance of conservation of plant varieties and biodiversity for next generations. Dr. C.S. Kar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF briefed about the Importance of plant varieties protection and procedure of registration of plant varieties. Dr. Amit Bera, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF, explained about PPV&FR Act so that the farmers voluntarily

embrace IPRs in protecting their rights. Dr. H.R. Bhandari, Senior Scientist, CSRSJAF elaborated the significance of plant biodiversity and BDA/NBA Act. The scientists tried to provide solution for the problems raised by the farmers during interaction session. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Sk. Md. Azizur Rahman, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK, Budbud.

