

ICAR-CRIJAF organized “Krishak Sammelan” at Sundarban, South 24 Parganas under SCSP

ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore organized “Krishak Sammelan” on 29.10.2023 at Kultali, South 24 Parganas in association with Kultali Milon Tirtha Society for livelihood and technological improvement of SC farmers of Sundarban. The objective of this programme is to create awareness among the small and marginal farmers of Sundarban about the promotional activities of ICAR-CRIJAF for enhancing the farm income of the farmers of this region through adoption of new technologies and farm implements like Vermibed for composting of agricultural and household waste, jute seeder for line sowing of jute and other field crops, cycle weeder for mechanical weeding of jute and vegetables, irrigation kits for watering the flower and vegetable nurseries, IPM kit for management of major insect pests in jute and rice based cropping systems.

Prof. S. K. Datta, Former DDG (CS) and Ex-Vice Chancellor of Visva-Bharati University and Chairman QRT, ICAR-CRIJAF was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Sain Dass, Former Director, ICAR-DMR; Dr. N. K. Singh, National Professor B. P. Pal Chair, ICAR-NIPB; Prof. R. K. Ghosh, Ex-Professor of Agronomy, BCKV; Dr. Virendra Kumar Baranwal, National Professor, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI; Prof. V. K. Dhanpuri, Former Prof. and Head, Dept. of Agril. Economics, CSK HPKV, Palampur, HP who were also QRT members of ICAR-CRIJAF were the Guest of Honour.

Dr. Datta appreciated the efforts of CRIJAF for taking up such programme in this region of Sundarban where the farmers need livelihood upliftment through adoption of new technologies. He expressed that the farmers must be in touch with ICAR-CRIJAF for training and skill upgradation which will make them self-reliant in farming.

Dr. Gouranga Kar, Director, ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore in his address told that farmers of Sundarban need awareness and input for scientific cultivation of crop and use of farm implements to reduce drudgery in different farm operations. He also assured the farmers that the institute will organize training at Kultali for training the farm women to prepare jute diversified products.

Shri Lokman Molla, Founder and President, Kultali Milon Tirtha Society acknowledged ICAR-CRIJAF for providing the agricultural inputs to the farmers

and expressed confidence that such programme will benefit the needy farmers of Sundarban.

The mega event was attended by more than 3000 resource poor farmers and representative from Press and Media. In this programme 150 Jute Seeder, 150 Single Wheel Jute Weeder, 300 Nail Weeder, 150 Vermi Bed, 200 small farm implements, 750 irrigation kits, 300 units of Pesticide kits and 75 battery operated sprayers were distributed among the farmers. The whole programme was organized by Dr. Gouranga Kar (Convenor) and Dr. S. Satpathy, Dr. R. Saha and Dr. R.K. Naik (Co-ordinators), ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore in association with Kultali Milon Tirtha Society, Narayantala, Basanti Block, South 24 Parganas.



