

Report on Farmers Scientists Interaction on “Post Amphan Management of Jute” and “Swachhata Activities” during Covid-19 Pandemic

A Farmers Scientists Interaction on “**Post Amphan Management of Jute**” and “**Swachhata Activities during Covid-19 Pandemic**” was organized by KVK, North 24 Parganas (Additional) through video conferencing on 18.06.2020. In the programme, Dr. Tanmay Samajdar, Principal Scientist and Head of the KVK welcomed the participants as well as the experts and briefed about the programme. A total of 19 farmers from different villages of North 24 Parganas participated in the programme.

Dr. M. S. Behera, Principal Scientist of ICAR-CRIJAF discussed about the hygiene to be followed during agricultural operations as well as the household activities. He also highlighted about the agronomic practices to be carried out post Amphan with special emphasis on proper drainage of water from the jute field and judicious use of fertilizers.

Dr. B. Majumder, Principal Scientist of the Institute discussed about the retting of Jute using CRIJAF-SONA. He emphasized on avoiding the use of mud or banana plant in retting of Jute.

Dr. R. K. De, Principal Scientist discussed in details about the forth coming incidence of pests and disease attacks of jute due to Amphan and bad weather condition that will prevail after Amphan. He suggested judicious use of pesticides and use of full protective gear while spraying the chemicals.

Dr. Samajdar discussed about the Swachhata activities to be taken up by the farmers inside their house as well as in the village and recommended for composting of household wastes, which will be an additional source of nutrient for crops and will also help them for keeping their household clean.

This was followed by questionnaire session where the queries of the farmers were addressed by the experts. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Samajdar.

