

Training Report on “Organic farming and zero budget natural farming in jute-based cropping system” during 23-25 August, 2023 under TSP

A three days training programme entitled “**Organic farming and zero budget natural farming in jute-based cropping system**” was organized at ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore during 23-25 August, 2023 under TSP Programme 2023-24.

The major objective of the training programme was to train the farmers regarding the practices and components of natural and organic farming of crops grown in jute-based cropping system so that such practices can be adopted by the farmers in economically sustainable manner. The farmers from the potential areas for natural and organic farming were selected for this training. Altogether 15 Tribal farmers including women and young farmers from Chatra (North 24 Parganas) were enrolled for this training. The participants were imparted with theoretical as well as practical sessions to develop an overall perspective and knowledge so that the trainees can prepare few of the important components of organic and natural farming of their own using on farm resources, agricultural wastes and crop residues. The topics covered during the training programme were scope, importance and components of organic and natural farming, composting of agricultural waste, practices and components of pest management in natural and organic farming, hands on training for preparation of compost, beejamrit, jeevamrit, neemastra, bramhastra and agneastra etc. The pre- and post- evaluation assessment of the trainees was also conducted to know the impact of the training.

In the valedictory session, the trainees expressed their satisfaction and shared the experience of learning during the course of the training. The trainees were felicitated with certificates by the Director, ICAR-CRIJAF in presence of Dr. Archan Kanti Das from ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore. The training team of ICAR-CRIJAF distributed irrigation kit to the TSP farmer trainees. The whole programme was organized by Dr. Gouranga Kar, Dr. S. Saha, Dr. S. Satpathy and Dr. S. P Mazumdar (Course Directors) along with Dr. Shamna A and Dr. Sourav Ghosh (Course Co-Directors).



