

Capacity Building of Women farmers on Nutrition Linked Entrepreneurship Development

The Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi organized a three days training programme on “**Nutritional Security and Economic Empowerment of Women Farmers**” under the UNDP funded project ‘**Strengthening Agri-nutri linkage for enhancing nutritional security and empowering farm women in India: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition**’ at village Bhopawali, Mewat district of Haryana during June 28-30, 2018. A group of 52 rural women representing different Self Help Groups (SHGs) participated in the training programme which comprised three different sessions. The first day of the training programme started with registration and pretesting of knowledge of participants in the area of training to be delivered. Ice-breaking exercises and micro sessions on entrepreneurial motivation followed thereafter. The women farmers were made aware of good nutritional practices, cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation. The second day of the training programme was devoted to participatory demonstration on processing and value addition in pearl millet for household nutrition and nutrition linked entrepreneurship development amongst women farmers. On the third and final day of the programme, marketing strategies of value added pearl



Participatory demonstration on processing and value addition to pearl millet

millet products were briefed to the participants. Videos of successful cases of agri-nutri linked entrepreneurship development were streamed for motivating the participants. The training programme came to an end with collecting feedback from participants, posttest, distribution of certificates and seed kits to them and formal thanks from the Chair. Dr. Premlata Singh,



Streaming of videos of successful entrepreneurs for motivating women

Head and Dr. Satyapriya, PI of the project helped in effectively designing the training programme. Mr. Satyaprakash, Technical Assistant, Ms. Himanshi, SRF, Mr. Ravi Shankar, SRF, Mr. Ankush,

Project Assistant, Ms. Chetna, Project Assistant and local coordinator of SHGs in the village played important roles in successfully conducting the capacity building programme. Dr. S. Paul, Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension was the Course Director of the training programme.



Distribution of training certificate and seed kit to participating woman farmers