

## Division of Agricultural Extension Undertakes Capacity Building Interventions for Economic Upliftment and Nutritional Security of Farm Women

The Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi organized a 3-day long training programme for economic empowerment and enhancing nutritional security of farm women 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 Sangail, Mewat district of Haryana during August 24-26, 2017. A group of 52 rural women representing several Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Sangail village participated in the training programme. The entire programme comprised of various sessions. The training programme started with registration of the trainees followed by



*Registration of trainees*

ice-breaking exercises and briefing about the programme schedule. The next session included a lecture on how and why of agri-nutri linkage towards women empowerment . Videos of successful examples of entrepreneurs were



*Mr. Ravi Shankar,SRF delivering lecture on agri nutri linkage*



*Video being showcased to the trainees*

showcased to trainees followed by discussion to what makes an entrepreneur. The next session was solely dedicated to enhance skills of the trainees. They were demonstrated with practical session on making of bajra pop and bajra ladoo. This session included hands on experience and participation of the trainees to ensure higher learning. Simulation exercises for

entrepreneurship development was the major thrust of the third day. A feedback session was also held to evaluate the extent to which trainees have learned. Dr. Premlata Singh, Head, Division of Agricultural



*Entrepreneurial orientation session in progress*



*Demonstration on bajra laddoo preparation*

Extension and Dr. Satyapriya, Principal Scientist and PI of the project helped in successfully designing the programme. Mr. Satyaprakash, Technical Assistant, Mr. Ravi Shankar, Senior Research Fellow, Dr. Prince Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, Mr. Ankush, Project Assistant, Ms. Renu, Project Assistant, Mr. Sumit, Project Assistant and the local coordinator of SHGs in the project locale played important roles in successfully conducting the programme. Dr. S. Paul, Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension was the Course Director of the capacity development programme.



*Hands on exercise on Bajra laddoo preparation*



*Hands on exercise on Bajra Pop preparation*