

Capacity building of women farmers on nutrition linked entrepreneurship development: Division of Agricultural Extension reaches to the unreached under UNDP funded Project

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 Ujina, Mewat district of Haryana during April 26-28, 2018. A group of 52 rural women representing different Self Help Groups (SHGs) participated in the training programme. The entire programme comprised three different sessions. The first day of the training programme started with ice-breaking exercises by a team of specialized trainers guided by Dr. Sudipta Paul, Scientist and Co-PI of the project. Mr. Ravi Shankar & Miss Himanshi, SRF motivated the women farmers and made them aware of good



Registration and pretesting of participants underway



Value added final product: Mushroom pickle

nutritional practices, cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation. Demonstration on IARI-nutri products followed thereafter. Registration and pretesting of knowledge of participants in the area of training was part of first day training programme. The second day of the training programme was devoted to practical demonstration on processing and value addition to Mushroom for household nutrition and nutrition linked agri-preneurship development among farm women. On the third and final day of the programme, marketing strategies of value added mushroom products were briefed to the

participants. Videos of successful cases of agri-nutri linked entrepreneurship development were streamed for motivating the participants. At the end of training programme feedback and post-test were collected followed by distribution of certificates and seed kits. The training programme came to an end with collecting feedback from participants, posttest, distribution of certificates and seed kits to them and



Streaming of videos of successful entrepreneurs for motivating women farmers

formal thanks

from the Chair. Dr. Premlata Singh, Head and Dr. Satyapriya, PI of the project helped in effectively designing the training programme. Mr. Satyaprakash,



A participant sharing her feedback on the training programme

Technical Officer, 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.



Dr. S. Paul, Scientist distributing training certificate and seed kit to a participating woman