

## **Awareness cum training program on Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) for Farmers' prosperity**

A Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SC-SP) sponsored program titled "Awareness cum training program on Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) for Farmers' prosperity" was conducted by the Division of Agricultural Economics, ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Fatehpur-Rajpur village, Aligarh district, Uttar Pradesh. This awareness program organized under the leadership of Dr. Alka Singh (Head, Division of Agricultural Economics) was coordinated by Dr. Raju R, Dr. Nithyashree M.L., and Mr. Praveen K.V., (Scientists Division of Agricultural Economics). The program presided by Dr. R.N. Padaria, Head, Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-IARI was attended by 200 farmers from 15 villages. Dr. Nafees Ahamed, Principal Scientist, CATAT welcomed the dignitaries and farmers and briefed about the interventions of IARI technologies for benefitting farmers under SC-SP plan. In the program, Scientists from ICAR-IARI and experts with experience in FPO shared their views on how to mobilize farmers, procedures in FPO formulation and strategies to sustain them. Dr. Dinesh Kumar (Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy) Dr. Rashmi Singh (Principal Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension) and Dr. Gograj Singh (Scientist, Division of Vegetable Science) interacted with farmers and answered their queries on farming and value addition in general and benefits of forming FPOs in particular. Mr. Pritam Singh and Mr. R.P. Pachaury who are successfully running FPOs detailed their experience and motivated farmers for forming FPO. The program ended with vote of thanks.

