

## **Livelihood Enhancing Skill Development Training for Rural Women Organized by ICAR-NAARM**

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ICAR-NAARM organized ten days skill development training programme on “Eco Friendly Bag making” under SCSP in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Yagantipalle for SC women from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18 February 2022. A total of 20 women from two villages viz., Yanakandla, Yagantipalle of Bethamcherla mandal of Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh were trained on the aspects of bag stitching using materials such as jute and cloth, as well as a business plan for starting a bag-making enterprise. During the programme, the participants acquired technical training in the stitching and designing of 18 different types and sizes of bags.

Dr.Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM participated virtually in the inaugural program as a chief guest and briefed the participants on the harmful effects of plastic usage and environmental pollution. He emphasized the importance and necessity of using eco-friendly bags as a viable alternative to plastic bags. The participants advised to utilize the skill-training programme in order to increase their income generation. In his address, he urged participants to form into groups and start their own business of Eco friendly bag making for the sustainable development of their livelihood.

Dr. M. Balakrishnan, Chairman, Sub-Plan Committee, ICAR-NAARM, during his inaugural speech briefed the beneficiaries about SC Subplan programme and its implementation. Dr. Dhanalakshmi, Senior Scientist & Head KVK, in her address highlighted the advantages of using eco-friendly bags over plastic bags.

Earlier, the programme was welcomed by Smt Lakshmi Priya, SMS (Home Science) KVK, Yagantipalle. In the valedictory program, the various bags designed and stitched by the participants during ten days training exhibited and the input materials for bag making were distributed to the participants. The program was coordinated by Dr. P Supriya, Scientist, ICAR-NAARM.

