

## **Skill Development Programme on Integrated Farming System Organized by ICAR-NAARM**

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ICAR- National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad organized five days Skill Development on “Integrated Farming System” under SCSP in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), TNJFU, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu for SC farmers from 08-12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Prof. Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice Chancellor, TNJFU, Nagapattinam, delivered the presidential address. He stressed about the role of allied components in IFS to improve the additional farm income, livelihood security of farm women and role of modern techniques of fish in integrated farming to achieve higher production. He advised the farmers to utilize all the KVK demonstration units as model for the adoption of Integrated Farming System.

Dr.Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, NAARM, Hyderabad has participated as chief guest in the program and addressed integrated farming system models for effective utilization of farm resources, more net profit from less land areas, rural employment generation, alleviate malnutrition in rural areas and doubling the farmer’s income. He stressed the farmers to cultivate mushroom, sericulture, poultry farming and fish culture by forming FPOs for better marketing of their produce. Also, insisted the farmers to avoid stubble burning and make use as mulch and compost.

Dr. M. Balakrishnan, Principal Scientist & Chairman, SCSP, ICAR–NAARM, Hyderabad in his keynote address, farmers to utilize the training effectively and adoption of technology like IFS. Farmers should become an entrepreneur and master trainer for the technology transfer to fellow farmers.

In the Valedictory Program Dr. N. Felix, Registrar, TNJFU Nagapattinam presided the valedictory function and distributed the certificates and inputs i.e., Vermi bags, Aseel Desi Chicks, Vegetable seed kits, Teak and Coconut seedlings to the participants.

Earlier Dr. M. Rajakumar, Director of Extension Education, TNJFU, Nagapattinam welcomed the gathering and felicitated the program. Dr. A. Gopalakannan, Associate Professor & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nagapattinam proposed vote of thanks.

A total of 40 farmers including farm women, rural youths were participated from Sikkal, Panimedu, Mozhithidal, Vadakku poigainallur, Anthakudi and Melakarairuppu villages of Nagapattinam district. The Program was coordinated by Mr. K. Ragu, SMS (Horticulture) and Dr. V. Kannan, SMS (Agronomy) of KVK, Nagapattinam.

