

Value Addition of Millets & Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture Trainings Organized by ICAR-NAARM at KVK-II, Sitapur, U.P

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ICAR-NAARM conducted two skill development training programme (three days each) on “Promotion, Processing and Value Addition of Millets” and “Promotion of Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture” for women’s farmers from 07-12th August, 2023 under SCSP, 2022-23 in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra II, Sitapur, Lucknow. Total **150 women farmers (75 members in each programme)** were participated in the training programmes.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM, in his inaugural address as Chief Guest highlighted the present status of production, productivity of millets and the role of farmers in the nation building and food security. Also, the farmers were sensitized nutritional value millets with health benefits especially for the diabetic patients. He finally emphasized the farmers to grow millet crops as it is drought tolerant crops hence gives higher yield and quality productions with minimal cost like less number of irrigations and inputs.

Dr. Sanjay Singh, DG, UPCAR, appreciated the role of ICAR-NAARM for training the farmers on various crop management technologies and value addition especially on millets across the country.

Dr. Daya Shankar Srivastava, Head, KVK II, Sitapur, imparted knowledge on the aspects of bio-fortification of millets for enhancing nutritional security, processing and post-harvest management of millet crops, procedure of millets seeds processing and marketing linkages for promotion of millets through FPOs.

In the second skill based training programme on “Promotion of Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture”. Shri Kamlesh Pandey, Former Director, RSETI, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh, were chief guest in the inaugural programme and he has appreciated the objective of the training programme and discussed with the participants that it will help in improving their livelihoods.

The farmers were trained on the aspects related to crop diversification through nutri sensitive agriculture, role of animal sector activities to boost rural economy, entrepreneurial activities through agro-based enterprises, planning and maintenance of nutrition gardens, natural and organic farm practices like vermicompost, bio fertilizers preparations, etc.

During training programmes inputs like millets seeds, seed storage bags, farm implements like sickle and hand hoe has been distributed the trainees.

Dr. M. Ramesh Naik, Scientist, ICAR-NAARM and Dr. Reema, Scientist, KVK-II, Sitapur coordinated the training programme.

