

## ICAR-NAARM Organises Skill Development Training on IFS at KVK Hulkoti, Karnataka

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ICAR-NAARM organized 5 days Skill Development Training Programme on Integrated Farming System for the farmers under SC- Sub Plan programme in collaboration with ICAR-K.H.Patil Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hulhoti, Gadag District, Karnataka from 30-01-2024 to 03-02-2024 at KVK campus. About 50 farmers from Shivajinagar and Brahmanandapura of Gadag district of Karnataka were participated in the programme.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director of ICAR-NAARM has participated in the inaugural session as the Chief Guest and he enlightened the participants about importance of Integrated farming system doubling the income. Under changing rainfall situation, IFS is an important technology to get guaranteed income. He suggested adopting different cropping pattern, crop diversity, agro-forestry, agro-horticulture, dairy, sheep and goat, sericulture, etc. for getting income throughout the year.

Dr.M.Balakrishnan, Chairman, SCSP, ICAR-NAARM urged farmers to adopt various IFS technologies for economic security of families especially in dryland. Adoption of IFS components will also help in improving the health of people as well as in providing better education and better life to their children.

Dr.L.G.Hiregoudar, KVK Advisor & Secretary, Agricultural Science Foundation, Hulkoti explained about the various technologies provided under IFS. Further, he thanked ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad for the support extended in organizing the training programme to farmers of Gadag District to help them in getting sustainable income.

As part of the programme, trainees also took exposure visit IFS farmers fields at Kadakol and Sugnalli of Shirahatti block, Mulgund, Hulkoti and Asundi villages of Gadag block. In the valedictory session, important inputs viz., seed material, Bio fertilisers, Vegetables seed kit, Seedlings - Papaya, Drumstick, curry leaf, Tamarind and Lemon, were given to all trainees as an initial support to take up IFS model in small scale. Earlier, Dr. Sudha V. Mankani, Sr. Scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK, Hulkoti delivered the welcome address. The programme was coordinated by Shri. N.H.Bhandi, SMS ICAR-KVK, Hulkoti.

