

## **Skill Development Training for Rural Women on Backyard Poultry Organized by ICAR-NAARM**

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To enhance the livelihood through income generation by having a self-employment activity to women. ICAR-NAARM organized three days Skill Development training programme on “Backyard Poultry Management” under SCSP in collaboration with Centre for Continuing Veterinary Education and Communication, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University (SVVU), Tirupati, AP for SC women from 24-26<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Thirty-four Scheduled Caste women farmers represented from Arimenipadu, Karraballavolu, Punnepalli, Kundam, Chillamanuchenu, Bhatlakanapur, Kurugonda, Pedapariya, and Ozili villages of Ozili mandal, Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh participated in the programme. The women participated actively in all sessions of the program and were educated on various aspects of backyard poultry rearing. The participants gained both theoretical & practical experience on Poultry Management in the backyards, Diseases commonly observed in Poultry and their management.

Delivering the valedictory address Dr. Ch. Srilatha, Director of Extension (DE), stated that introducing improved backyard poultry varieties, as well as scientific skill development for farmers in feeding, housing, disease prevention and management, will increase rural farmers' income and living standards.

Dr.M.Balakrishnan, Principal Scientist and Chairman SCSP, NAARM briefed the participants about SC Sub plan programme and its implementation and enlightened the trainees towards adopting the Backyard Poultry Farming successfully as an income generation activity.

Dr. K. Sujatha, Professor & Coordinator, CCVEC, SVVU, Tirupati, in her address highlighted that the backyard poultry farming can boost up family income as it involves low cost investment but gives higher economic returns.

In the valedictory program, to start the Backyard Poultry Farming by the trainees to each trainee 15 Aseel chicks (two months old), water, and feeder distributed.

Earlier, Dr. K. Sujatha, Professor & Coordinator, CCVEC delivered the welcome address. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks. The program was coordinated by Dr. K. Sujatha, Professor and Coordinator, CCVEC, SVVU, Tirupati.

