

## ICAR-NAARM Organises Skill Development Programme for Rural Women at KVK, Darsi, Andhra Pradesh

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ICAR-NAARM organized 3 days Training Programme on “Empowering Rural Women Through Fabric Printing and Dyeing Techniques” from 10-12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), 2023-24 in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Darsi, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh. A total of **30 women farmers** were participated in the training programme from different villages viz., Darsi, Chandaluru, Munagapadu, Boddikirapadu and West Veerayapalem.

Dr. G. Ramesh, Senior Scientist & Head of KVK, Darsi has participated in the inaugural session as the Chief Guest and explained that, these initiative will help to provide rural women with the skills and knowledge needed to create high-quality textiles, leading to greater financial independence and enhanced community development. He emphasized that, by equipping women with strong skills, the programs pave the way for sustainable economic growth and social empowerment, promising a brighter future for rural communities.

Dr. M. Ramesh Naik, Scientist, Training coordinator ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad, elucidated the various activities conducted by ICAR-NAARM to enhance the livelihoods of farmers under SC Subplan across the nation. He also urged farmers to utilize 3 days training programme effectively for improving their skills. These skills enable women to create unique, marketable products, opening up opportunities for local and national sales. The economic benefits are significant, providing a steady income and fostering entrepreneurship among women in these communities.

Participants are trained in a variety of techniques, including block printing, tie-dye, batik, and natural dyeing processes. The curriculum is designed to be accessible, ensuring women of all educational backgrounds can participate and benefit.

In the valedictory program, important critical inputs were distributed to all the participants along with certificates. T. Manasa, SMS, KVK, Darsi acted as a local coordinated for the training programme.



