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ICAR-NAARM organized five days skill development training programme on “Eco Friendly Bag making” under SCSP in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Garikapadu for SC women from 27th to 31st August 2024. A total of 30 women from the villages Nawabupeta, Penuganchiprolu of Jaggayyapeta Mandal and Muppalla, Chandarlapadu of Nandigama Mandal of NTR district, Andhra Pradesh were trained on the aspects of bag stitching using materials such as jute and cloth, as well as a business plan for starting a bag-making enterprise. During the programme, the participants acquired technical training in the stitching and designing of different types and sizes of bags.

Dr. S. Krishnam Raju, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Garikapadu participated in the inaugural program and briefed the participants on the harmful effects of plastic usage and environmental pollution. He emphasized the importance and necessity of using eco-friendly bags as a viable alternative to plastic bags. The participants advised to utilize the skill-training programme in order to increase their income generation.

Dr. P Supriya, Scientist & Member, Sub-Plan Committee, ICAR-NAARM, briefed the beneficiaries about SC Subplan programme and its implementation. She also highlighted the advantages of using eco-friendly bags over plastic bags.

Shri Ravuri Ramesh Babu, Director, Westwood Farmer Producer Company Limited participated in the valedictory programme and urged participants to form into groups and start their own business of Eco friendly bag making for the sustainable development of their livelihood.

Earlier, the programme was welcomed by Dr Prabhavathi, SMS (Home Science) KVK, Garikapadu and she acted as local coordinator for the training program. In the valedictory program, the various bags designed and stitched by the participants during five days training exhibited and certificates were distributed to the participants.

