

ICAR-NAARM Organizes Organic Farming Training for Farmers of Tamil Nadu

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ICAR-NAARM organized 5 days Skill Development Training Programme on Organic cum Natural Farming for the farmers under SC- Sub Plan programme in collaboration with ICAR- ICAR - Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Villupuram-II), Kallakurichi District from 25-11-2024 to 29-11-2024 at KVK campus. A total of 40 scheduled caste farmers from Edaiyur, Poottai, Nagalur, Sembakurichi, V.Krishnapuram, Kural, Rayarpalayam, Nainarpalayam, Eliyathur, Seerpanandhal and Nagakuppam villages in Kallakurichi district were participated and benefitted.

Th.M.S.Prasanth, District Collector, Kallakurichi has participated in the inaugural session as the Chief Guest and he enlightened the participants about importance of natural farming system in getting sustainable income. He briefed about the importance of Natural farming in enhancing the livelihood needs of farming community. He has said that the marketing of natural farming products requires certification, such as FSSAI. During the inaugural session, the organic farming booklet was released by the chief guest, and battery-operated sprayers were distributed to farm women.

Dr.A. Elango, Dean, Veterinary College & Research Institute, Salem delivered presidential address to the beneficiaries. It is an approach rooted in respect for nature, working in harmony with the environment to produce food that is healthy, sustainable, and accessible to all. By focusing on the restoration of soil health, the preservation of biodiversity, and the elimination of harmful chemicals, natural farming presents a pathway toward a more resilient agricultural system.

Dr.M. Balakrishnan, Principal Scientist & Chairman of SCSP, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad delivered address on the activities of ICAR-NAARM for SC community farmers and the importance of natural farming, he urged farmers to adopt these methods and help them overcome the challenges they face. The adoption of natural farming will also help improve the health of people, as well as provide better education and a better life for their children.

Th.V. Sathiyamoorthy, Joint Director of Agriculture, Kallakurichi district delivered a special address on the schemes available for farmers in organic farming development to help them achieve sustainable income.

As part of the training curriculum, trainees were taken on an exposure visit to KVK Perambalur district and to successful organic farms in Perambalur and Kallakurichi districts. Tmt. Kavitha and Tmt. Sumathi, successful organic farmers from Moongilpadi village, shared their 10 years of experience with organic and natural farming practices in traditional paddy and other crops, value addition, and demonstrated the production and application methods of fermented organic liquid manure

In the valedictory session, important inputs viz., important critical inputs viz., Jeevamirtham (1 Litre), Panchakavya (1 Litre), EM karaisal (1 Litre), 3G Extract (1 Litre), Waste decomposer (1 bottle), TNAU Biominealizer (2 kg), Potash solubilizing bacteria (1 Litre), Vermicompost (20 kgs) were given to all trainees for initiate the organic cum natural farming practices in their lands.

Earlier, Dr.M. Vimalarani, Professor & Head, KVK (Villupuram-II), Kallakurichi welcomed gathering and honoured guest. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Dr.P. Murugan, Associate Professor (Agronomy), KVK, Kallakurichi.

