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ICAR CRIJAF celebrated MahilaKisanDiwas on 15.10.2020 for recognizing the contribution of rural women in enhancing agricultural and rural development. The programme was inaugurated by the women employees of ICAR-CRIJAF with the lighting of the lamp. Dr. Sonali Paul Mazumdar, Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF delivered the welcome address and shared her views on women empowerment in agriculture. Fourteen women from different villages of North 24 Parganas District have participated in the programme. The programme gave special attention to topics on Women empowerment, Self Help Groups, Drudgery reduction, mushroom cultivation, different aspects of covid management in farm operation, nutrition, health and hygiene. There was an exposure visit to Agriculture engineering section to give first-hand information to farmers on various agricultural implements and machineries used in jute cultivation. They were also taken to the field and Integrated Farming System based retting tank. The significance of fetching income from such systems was illustrated. The farm women seemed to be curious about adapting such system in their farm. A drawing competition was conducted as a part of celebration programme and the winners were given prizes. An exhibition of value added products from different entrepreneurs was arranged on the occasion. The women farmers shared their farming experience and appreciated the initiative of ICAR-CRIJAF for organizing the programme especially for farm women and expressed satisfaction over the entire programme. Dr. GourangaKar, Director, ICAR-CRIJAF highlighted about the significance of celebration of MahilaKisanDiwas and participation of women in agriculture. He also emphasized on providing equal opportunities for female labourers and farm women's contribution to agro-biodiversity conservation, agricultural production, food security and nutrition, natural resource management, health and hygiene education leading to improved quality of life. The programme was organized by Dr Sonali Paul Mazumdar, Dr Laxmi Sharma, Dr Debarati Dutta, Mrs. Neena Mandal and Ms. Satarupa Roy Choudhury.



Visit to Integrated Farming System based retting tank



First-hand information on various agricultural implements and machineries used in jute cultivation



Exhibition of value added products



Concluding remarks by Director, ICAR-CRIJAF