

## Tribal Sub Plan programmes on field day cum capacity building organised under the aegis of ICAR-AICRP (STCR)

To popularize the importance of soil test based fertilizer application for improved crop productivity among tribal farmers, a field day cum capacity building programme under the theme of “Soil test and target yield approach for increased crop productivity” was organized on February 27, 2016 under Tribal Sub-Plan of ICAR-AICRP on Soil Test Crop Response. The programme was organized at Dakshin Brahmapur village of Haringhata block, Nadia district, West Bengal. Fifty Tribal farmers including sixteen women farmers from five villages, viz., Panchkahania, Digha and Dakshin Brahmpur of Nadia district and Dadpur of Amdanga block, Anoka and Barikpara of Naihatiblock of North 24-Parganas.district participated in the event. Besides, different facets of soil testing and soil health, the farmers were provided hands on training on collection of soil samples..The welcome address was delivered by Dr. A.R. Saha of ICAR-CRIJAF who stressed on the importance of soil testing and STCR based nutrient management. Dr. Pradip Dey, Project Coordinator (STCR) explained the soil health card scheme and targeted yield approach for improving crop productivity and maintaining soil health. Dr. B. Majumdar PS, Division of Soil Science ICAR-CRIJAF emphasised on the use of organics and biofertilizers as a part of IPNS based STCR approach. Dr. S.P. Mazumdar, Scientist Crop Production Division of ICAR-CRIJAF gave a practical demonstration on collection of soil samples. The motive of the programme was to imbibe scientific knowledge among the farmers and the practical demonstration gave hands on training to the farmers. The application of manure and sowing methods were also demonstrated to the farmers. A scientist farmer interaction was the major highlight of the “Field Day” and the scientist explained the queries raised by the farmers. Every one enthusiastically participated in the Field Day and showed interest. An exhibition of better quality jute fibres was also conducted by progressive farmers. During feedback session the farmers expressed their satisfaction and felt that such training programmers are beneficial to the farming community



Photo (clockwise from top left): A woman tribal beneficiary farmer sharing her experience; hands on training on collection of soil samples; Scientist-Farmer interaction in field; Feedback session in progress)