

Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (2019-20) –ICAR - CTRI RS & KVK, Kandukur

Under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan, the following programmes were organized and distributed critical inputs to tobacco farmers

S. No	Name of the Programme	Inputs distributed	Date	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Capacity building program on Tobacco Field Crop Management	Sulphate of Potash	05-01-2020	100
2	Input Distribution	Curo meters	05-01-2020	200
3	Integrated Pest Management	Battery operated cum manual sprayers	10-02-2020	200
4	Input Distribution	Tobacco Bale boxes	10-02-2020	40
5	Millet processing and value addition to millets	Millet Kits	10-02-2020	300
6	Kitchen gardening	Vegetable seed kits	05-01-2020	70

Brief report of different programmes organized

- Tobacco Field Crop Management:** Organised a capacity building programme on advanced techniques in the cultivation of flue-cured tobacco to 100 SC farmers and distributed Sulphate of Potash (50 kg bag) to all the farmers. Dr D. Damodar Reddy Director, ICAR-CTRI, gave a brief note on techniques in FCV tobacco cultivation for the production of quality tobacco. During the programme Dr M. Anuradha, Head, and Dr P.V. Venugopalarao Senior Scientist, CTRI RS, Kandukur explained the good agricultural practices to be followed in cultivation of tobacco with special emphasis on nutrient management. Sri G. Kondareddy, Tobacco Board member, Sri G. Umamaheswararao, Regional Manager (SBS), Tobacco Board and Sri K. Sudhakar, Regional Manager (SLS), Tobacco Board also graced the occasion and emphasised the importance of GAP in realising higher yields.
- Distribution of Curo meters:** Curo meters, a critical input during the process of flue-curing of tobacco were distributed to 200 SC tobacco farmers for achieving higher bright grades.





3. **Integrated Pest Management:** Organised a capacity building programme on Integrated Pest management to 200 SC farmers. During the programme the components of IPM were explained and suggested need based application of chemical pesticides. Dr H. Shivanna, Ex Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore was the chief guest of the programme. In his address, he enlisted various measures for upliftment of SC farmers and farm women. Dr. D. Damodar Reddy, Director, CTRI explained about SC Sub plan and explained the importance of IPM in crop management. Dr M. Anuradha, Head, Dr P.V.Venugopalarao, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CTRI RS, Kandukur, K.N. Sivakumar, Leaf Manager, ITC private limited and Smt Y. Umadevi, Auction Superintendent, Vellampalli AF explained about efficient utilisation of sprayers in crop management. In this connection 200 battery cum manual operated sprayers were distributed to 200 farmers.
4. **Distribution of Bale Boxes:** Bale boxes were distributed to 40 SC tobacco farmers which is a critical input in post harvest product management.





- 5. Millet processing and value addition to millets:** Training on millet processing and value added products to enhance the entrepreneurialship ability of SC farm women were organized to 300 SC women. During the programme, Smt K. Sudarsana, Young Professional, Home Science gave training to 300 SC women on preparation of different products viz., millet laddu, payasam, murukulu, gavvalu, chekkalu etc. using Foxtail millet, Jowar, Bajra, Little millets etc. Dr H. Shivanna, Ex Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore and Dr. D. Damodar Reddy, Director, ICAR-CTRI, Dr M. Anuradha, Head, Dr P.V.Venugopalarao, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CTRI RS, Kandukur, Sri K.N. Sivakumar, Leaf Manager, ITC private limited, Smt Y. Umadevi, Auction Superintendent, Vellampalli AF were also present during the occasion. 300 millet kits to farm women to encourage the usage of millets in their daily diet were distributed.





6. Kitchen gardening: A programme on vegetable seedling production and Kitchen gardening is organized to 70 SC women. Dr D. Damodar Reddy, Director, ICAR-CTRI; Dr M. Anuradha, Head, and Dr P.V. Venugopalarao, Senior Scientist, CTRI RS, Kandukur; Sri G. Kondareddy, Tobacco Board member, Sri G. Umamaheswararao, Regional Manager (SBS), Tobacco Board; Sri K. Sudhakar, Regional Manager (SLS), Tobacco Board also graced the occasion. Smt K. Sudarsana explained the benefits of kitchen gardening and raising different plants for self sustainability and nutritional security. Kitchen gardening kits containing a layout of kitchen garden in five cents and seeds of six leafy vegetables (Spinach, Amaranthus, Coriander, Methi, Gogu, Indian sorrel) five creepers (Water melon, Bottle guard, Ridge guard, Bitter guard, Cucumber), Cluster bean, Cowpea, Moringa, Tomato, Chilli, Okra) were distributed to participants.

