

Farmers Skill development Program under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) Project organized at ICAR RCER FSRCHPR, Ranchi

Under the Chairmanship of Dr Anup Das, Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, a 5-day Farmers' Skill Development Training Programme on “Grafting techniques in Solanaceous and Cucurbitaceous Vegetable Crops” was organized by ICAR RCER, Farming System Research Centre for Hill and Plateau Region, Plandu, Ranchi under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) from 8th to 12th December 2025. The



programme was inaugurated by Head, ICAR RCER, FSRCHPR, Ranchi, Dr Awani Kumar Singh and Programme Coordinator & Senior Scientist Dr P. Bhavana. Dr Awani Kumar Singh emphasized significance of “Five J” i.e., *Jal, Jungal, Jamin, Jawan* and *Jalavayu* for sustainable agriculture production under changing climate scenario. Dr P. Bhavana highlighted the importance of grafting in vegetables for management of soil-borne diseases. The training focused on hands-on-training of grafting in tomato, where farmers frequently face the problem of bacterial wilt during rainy season. Participants were made aware of various improved technologies like protected cultivation, nutrient and water management, pest and disease management, orchard development etc.

A field visit of progressive farmer Sri Baidnath Mahto, Ormanjhi was arranged to enhance their practical knowledge and exposure to innovative farming practices. Dr Awani Kumar Singh, Head, ICAR RCER FSRCHPR, Ranchi, Sri Rakesh Ranjan, SMS, KVK East Singhbhum and Sri Sukanta Karmakar from PRADAN, Ranchi graced the valedictory function and shared their insights on the training programme. Around 25 tribal farmers from Gumla, Palamu, Pakur, Simdega, Seraikela, Khunti, Garhwa, Latehar and Chatra districts of Jharkhand attended and praised the programme for its practical relevance and scientific value.



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