

## **KrishiMela - 2024 under the theme of *Drone Technology and Smart Agriculture* organized**

7-9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, Narendrapur

The three-day KrishiMela - 2024 was organized by Sasya Shyamala Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI) under the jurisdiction of ICAR- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kolkata. It was inaugurated by Revered Swami Shastrajnanandaji Mj., Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur in presence of Dr. PradipDey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, Swami Shivapurnanandaji Mj, Asstt Administrative Head and Vice Chairman, Sasya Shyamala KVK, RKMVERI, Prof. Tapas Dasgupta, Dean, IRDM F/c, RKMVERI, Dr. Kumaravel V., Head of the Department of National Institute of Homoeopathy. The Mela showcased improved technologies for soil management, crop diversification, integrated farming, horticultural crops, farm mechanisation, Animal Husbandry, ornamental fisheries, secondary agriculture etc.

A technical session on the theme of *Drone Technology and Smart Agriculture* organized, which was Chaired by Dr. Pradip Dey, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata and Co-chaired by Dr. Krishnendu Das, Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBSSLUP Kolkata Centre. Dr. Buddheswar Maji, Ex-Head, ICAR-CSSRI Canning Centre delivered a lecture on "Climate Smart Agriculture" and Dr. Santanu Banik, Head, ICAR-NDRI ERS delivered a lecture on "Smart Animal Husbandry Practices". Total 46 stalls were installed by ICAR Institutes, SLUSI, IFFCO, FPCs, NGOs, State and Central Govt Departments depicting different technologies and achievements.

As per MoU with ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, the National Institute of Homoeopathy arranged a health camp where physicians treated farmers and gave them medication. The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, gave rewards to the participants who correctly answered the questions regarding farming. Every evening, the CBC organized cultural events and magic shows to highlight the advantages of Central Government programs for farmers.



To raise awareness, operation of drone and administering liquid fertilizers and pesticides using drone was demonstrated to the farmers. Eight Achiever Farmers in different fields were felicitated for their outstanding success in technology adoption and entrepreneurship development. About 5000 farmers, farm women and rural youths and other stakeholders visited the Mela and participated in the Technical Sessions.