

Livelihood Improvement Workshop under SCSP organized at WBCADC KVK, Bankura

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Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR) today inaugurated the launching Workshop of SCSP funded Livelihood Improvement Project today, which was jointly organised by KVK Bankura, ICAR-IIAB, Ranchi, ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow, West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences, (WBUAFS), Belgachia and ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata. He highlighted the insightful perspectives on strategic measures undertaken to elevate the research and development landscape in different remote places by ICAR. Dr. Pathak applauded the accomplishments of KVK and its pivotal role in advancing agricultural practices. He felicitated Swami Swami Madhabananda Saraswati, Secretary of the Dalpur Sree Sree Gyanananda Saraswati Ashram, a group supported by the Bankura KVK who bagged Plant Genome Saviour Community Award this year. Also representatives of the KVK supported FPOs/FPCs were also felicitated. A special Chou Dance themed around the importance of millet was enacted during the occasion.

Prof. S.S. Dana, Vice Chancellor, WBUAFS, Belgachia told about the scope of fishery-based entrepreneurship development in the region. Prof. Goutam Saha, Vice Chancellor, BCKV, Mohanpur, Nadia praised the role of ICAR in improving the income of farming community.

Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata said this kind of multi-stakeholder and multi-institutional aggregation aims to advance the findings about the enhancement of livelihoods in the country's plateau regions, promoting entrepreneurship in rural areas and transforming young people from job searchers into employment providers.





Dr Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow highlighted the importance of fisheries sector in the region. Sri Sanjay Mukhopadhyay, Special Secretary, P&RD and Administrative Secretary WBCADC spoke about the importance of livestock enterprises. Dr Sujoy Rakshit, Director, ICAR-IIAB, Ranchi and Dr T. Damodaran, Director, ICAR-CISH, Lucknow also spoke on the occasion.

An exhibition was also organized where various technologies which are being disseminated by the ICAR-KVK, Bankura and produce and products of FPCs/FPOs were displayed.

Approximately 450 farmers, representative of FPOs/FPCs gathered in the Workshop. Dr. Moumita, Head, KVK proposed the vote of thanks.