

Mega Input/Kit Distribution -cum- Awareness Programme under SCSP organized

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A Mega Input/Kit Distribution -cum- Awareness Programme under SCSP organized was organized by Directorate of Extension Education, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya at the Farmer's Academy & Convention Centre of the university at Kalyani for KVKs of West Bengal under the jurisdiction of ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata. At the outset, the Dean Extension Education, BCKV, Dr. Pintoo Bandopadhyay while welcoming the Guests and participants highlighted the need of organizing such programmes under changing agricultural scenario.

Chief Guest Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata emphasized the need for such programmes aiming towards livelihood upliftment of the scheduled caste community and to address the emerging problems of the farmers to provide better return. He urged the farmers to adopt proven technologies for increasing farmers' income, respond to food and nutritional security and gender responsiveness during *Amrit Kaal*. Additionally, he called on KVKs to support entrepreneurship in rural areas and handholding young people for transition from being job-seekers to job-givers.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Gautam Saha in his President's address urged to expand natural farming programs with the uses of modern technologies like artificial intelligence and sensor-based drones for rapid plant stress detection. He also emphasized the importance of weather based advisories for addressing emerging problems.





Earlier Prof. Jayanta Tarafder, Director of Research, BCKV briefed about the recommendations including varietal development, production and protection technologies for achieving food and nutritional security.

Registrar, Director of Farms, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture of BCKV as well as several Heads of KVKs spoke on the occasion.

During the programme, a publication on the promising technologies was unveiled by the dignitaries. Different critical inputs in the form of kits covering various technologies viz. sustainable soil management, kitchen garden, pulse and oilseed production, mushroom production, nutri-garden management and banana sucker treatment were distributed among more than five hundred SC farmers from ten different blocks of the district. Five progressive farmers from the SC community were felicitated during the occasion for their commendable role in application and promotion of technologies on sustainable management practices, organic farming, pulse and oil seed production, and conservation of local races of different crops.