

Field day on "Importance of manually operated tools and implements for increasing farm productivity" organised by KVK, Ramgarh and ICAR-RCER, Patna

A field day on "Importance of manually operated tools and implements for increasing farm productivity" was organized under 'Consortia Research Platform on Farm Mechanization and Precision Farming' project at Aara Basti village, P.O. Sarubeda of Mandu block, Ramgarh on 13th October 2020. Twenty six (26) female farmers participated in the field day. The field day was organised for increasing awareness about region specific small tools and implements. Hands-on-training on existing and ergonomically modified grubber and twin wheel hoe was also given to the participating farmers. The field day was aimed at enhancing the competency of women farmers in the tribal dominant region for adopting and using these tools. Dr. Bikash Sarkar, Pr. Scientist (ICAR RCER, Patna) stressed the need to adopt ergonomically improved tools and implements for the farmers of the region. The participants were appraised about the recently started Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) at KVK Ramgarh by Dr DK Raghav. Dr P K Sundaram informed the farmers about locally available small hand tools for different agricultural operations viz., land preparation, weeding and harvesting for small holders. The farmers actively took part in the activity in which they operated grubber and twin wheel hand hoe. The farmers appreciated the efforts of the KVK in imparting knowledge for improving their livelihood security through agricultural mechanization. Overall, the field day was a great learning experience for the women farmers and was successful in achieving its stipulated goals.

