

ICAR- Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar

'Women in Agriculture Day' celebrated at village Balarampur in Athagarh Block of Cuttack District

'Women in Agriculture Day' was celebrated on 4th December, 2016 at village Balarampur in Athagarh Block of Cuttack district, adopted under Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav programme.

The programme was inaugurated with the briefing about the significance of celebrating 'Women in Agriculture Day' and the role of women in agriculture. In the technical session, the queries of farm families were addressed on scientific methods of increasing productivity in horticultural crops, and the pest and disease management in poultry. As part of the celebrations, an "Agricultural Quiz" programme was also conducted among the school children and farm women, and distributed prizes for the winners. A debate on the theme "Role of Women in Food Security" was also organized in which, about 12 adolescent girls participated.

Awareness was also created among the school children, rural youth and farming communities about the importance of "Agricultural Education Day" and "World Soil Day 2016 : 'Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life'". The participants including the children were also sensitized about the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' and the significance of keeping the surroundings neat and tidy. A 'Community Lunch' was also organized towards the end of the programme.

The programme at Balarampur was organized by the MGMT team comprising Dr. Naresh Babu, Principal Scientist (Horticulture), Dr. Biswanath Sahoo, Principal Scientist (Animal Nutrition), Dr. J. Charles Jeeva, Senior Scientist (Ag. Extension), Ms. Gayatri Moharana, Scientist (FRM) and Shri. Sanjay Kumar Behera, Technical Assistant.



**Briefing about the
'Women in Agriculture Day'**



**Distribution of prizes for the winners of
quiz programme**