

## **ICAR-CIWA Celebrates ‘Women in Agriculture Day’ in MGMG Villages**

The multidisciplinary team of ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar organised scientist-farmer interface and quiz competition for farm women as a part of celebration of ‘Women in Agriculture Day’ in village Kadua on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. Mrs. Kanaklata Behera, Samitee Sabhya, Kadua was the 'Chief Guest'. Mr. Brajkishore Pati, President, State Horticulture Society, Odisha was the 'Guest of Honour'. The programme was attended by more than 80 farm women and 30 youths/students from Kadua, Talapatna, Chanagouda, Bila Sahi and Behera Sahi villages of Satyabadi block of Puri district which are adopted under MGMG initiative by ICAR-CIWA. The introductory remark delivered by Mrs. Kanaklata Panda, Village Leader. The Chief Guest accompanied by Guest of Honour and Mr. Suresh Chandra Sahu, Ward Member lighted the lamp and inaugurated the function. The welcome address delivered by Mrs. Geeta Saha. The programme was started by the children’s patriotic song. Dr. S. K. Srivastava, Principal Scientist briefed the importance of celebrating ‘Women in Agriculture Day’, 'Agriculture Education Day' and 'World Soil Day' and gave elaborative deliberation on role of ICAR-CIWA and gender friendly technologies as well as government initiatives, programmes, policies for empowering women in agriculture. Dr. Jyoti Nayak, Senior Scientist highlighted the importance of nutrition and sanitation for the farm women. She has given nutritional tips for women and children to reduce malnutrition. Dr. S. Tanuja, Scientist highlighted the importance of animal products in daily diet and their role in improving nutritional status of farm families. Mr. Brajkishore Pati also highlighted the importance of horticulture and kitchen garden in enhancing the nutritional status of farm families. Further, Mr. Suresh Chandra Sahu motivated the farm women for supporting and participating in government initiatives. The Quiz competition for farm women was organized in which youths and students also participated. Mrs. Geeta Saha, Technical Officer and Mr. Atul Chetan Hemrom, Technical Assistant coordinated the competition. The prizes were given to the winners of Quiz competition. The Chief Guest Mrs. Kanaklata Behera stressed upon the need for development of women leadership and its importance for empowering women in agriculture. She also motivated to farm women for adopting new farm technologies for sustaining their livelihood. Mr. Atul Chetan Hemrom proposed vote of thanks. The compering was done by Dr. Shivaji Dadabhau Argade, Scientist.

**Glimpse of 'Women in Agriculture Day' celebration at Village Kadua of Puri district**



**Lighting of lamp**



**Introduction by Mrs. Kanaklata Panda, Village Leader**



**Welcome Address by Mrs. Geeta Saha, Technical Officer**



**Address by Dr. Jyoti Nayak, Senior Scientist (FRM)**



**Address by Dr. S. Tanuja, Scientist (FPT)**



**Address by Dr. S. K. Srivastava, Principal Scientist (AE)**



**Distribution of prize to farm woman**