

FIELD DAY CUM CAPACITY BUILDING ORGANISED UNDER THE AEGIS OF ICAR-AICRP (STCR)

To popularize the importance of soil test based fertilizer application for improved crop productivity among tribal farmers, a field day cum capacity building programme under the theme of “Soil test and target yield approach for increased crop productivity” was organized on January 2, 2017 under Tribal Sub-Plan of ICAR-AICRP on Soil Test Crop Response. The programme was organized at Burjugadda Thanda, a small tribal hamlet of Ranga Reddy district, Telangana and the home of Lambadi tribe. Forty Tribal farmers including twenty women farmers from two tribal hamlets, viz., Burjugadda and Shapur of



Ranga Reddy district participated in the event. Besides, different facets of soil testing and soil health, the farmers were provided hands on training on collection of soil samples. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. A. Madhavi, Centre-in-Charge of STCR at Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Hyderabad who stressed on the importance of soil testing and STCR based nutrient management. Dr. Pradip Dey, Project Coordinator (STCR) explained the soil health card scheme and targeted

yield approach for improving crop productivity and maintaining soil health. He also distributed the soil health cards to the tribal farmers. Dr. T. Srijaya, Scientist (STCR), PJTSAU gave a practical demonstration on collection of soil samples. The motive of the programme was to imbibe scientific knowledge among the farmers and the practical demonstration gave hands on training to the farmers. The application of manures and fertilisers as well as sowing methods was also explained to the farmers. The FLDs on *rabi* maize which are being conducted as part of STCR Tribal Sub-Plan was visited by all. A scientist farmer interaction was the major highlight of the “Field Day” and the scientists explained the queries raised by the farmers. Every one enthusiastically participated in the Field Day and showed interest. During feedback session the farmers expressed their satisfaction and felt that such training programmers are beneficial to the farming community and should continue in the future too.



Photo (from top): Distribution of soil health card; Scientist-Farmer interaction in field; A Lambadi Tribal couple in the Demonstration site)