

## ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management, Raipur

### Celebration of Mahila Kisan Diwas on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2020

Women are major workforce involved in multi-dimensional works in day-to-day activities of agriculture and allied sectors. The Govt of India has recognised 15 October as ‘*National Women Farmer’s Day*’ or ‘*Rashtriya Mahila Kishan Diwas*’ in the line of ‘*International Day of Rural Women*’ declared by the UN. Under the backdrop of *National Women Farmer’s Day*, ICAR-NIBSM has organised a programme on ‘Interaction of Scientists with Women Farmers’ particularly from the farmer FIRST programme of the institute. Dr P.K. Ghosh, Director, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur has addressed the gathering of women farmers on Mahila Kisan Diwas and emphasised multiple role of women in the society in general and agriculture in particular. He also promised to extend all sorts of help to women farmers in the form knowledge enrichment, awareness creation about various programmes pertaining to women, input distribution and development of model farm for demonstration of agricultural activities. Dr S.K. Ambast, JD (Education) has given opening remark highlighting reason for celebration of the Day after brief introduction of programme by Dr Sushil K. Sharma, Convener. An interactive session of scientists and women farmers including farmers of FIRST was organised for deliberation of various issues pertaining to agricultural activities including poultry. Around 10 farmers from FIRST programme belonging to villages namely Kharri, Kharah, Kuraha, Bakla and Bamhanhi along with their coordinators Mr Bhishma Sahu and Mr Satish Xara have participated virtually. This programme was witnessed by 20 more farm women from nearby area of the institute. Our scientists namely Drs Anil Dixit, S.K. Jain, PN Sivalingam, Dr K. C Sharma and others have interacted actively during interaction session. The interactive programme was coordinated by Dr P. Mooventhan. The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Lata Jain. The entire celebration was organised through virtual mode.

#### Details of farmer participation

| Name of State/UT | Number of Institute/ Universities | Number of participants  |
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| Chhattisgarh     | ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur                | Approximately 50 participants were attended the celebration of Mahila Kishan Diwas. |

