

## Raised Bed Preparation Demonstration Training

Raised Bed Preparation Demonstration training was organized at Janbahali village of Lanji GP of Lanjigarh block of Kalahandi on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The training programme was facilitated by Janashajya NGO.



7 farmers, 5 staffs and CRP from Facilitating Agency and Aditya Pratap Singh Deo (Programme Officer, WASSAN) were participated in the demonstration training.

### Objective of the training: -

- To motivate farmers for adopting and growing finger millet under System of Millet Intensification.
- To enhance the capacities of CRPs, Staffs and farmers on best agronomy practices for increasing millet productivity.

At first, Discussion happened with participants about their ongoing cropping patterns and agronomic Practices. Later, discussion continued with basic principle of why and how a Raise Bed, important for seedlings.

**Seed Selection:** Select quality seed; prefer local seed variety as per the soil condition. Average 400 gram seed required per acre in raised bed nursery method.

**Preparation of Raised Nursery Bed:** -3 feet width, 10 feet length and 2 beds are sufficient for an acre of land. Bed should be 9-12 inches above from ground level. Seed should be mixed



with sand while sowing seeds on the nursery bed and, make sure that seeds should be spread equally around. Apply thin layer of Vermi-compost or FYM on the bed after sowing the seeds.

Apply Jeevamurta or Amrutapani on nursery bed within 3 days after seed sowing.

Preparation of nursery bed on shade is useful in protecting from birds and heavy rain.

After discussing about the nursery bed with participants, a nursery bed was prepared for demonstration purpose in Barja Mangraj's land.

Finally, it was planned to confirm 17 nursery beds by farmers.