

Programme:-Training of Trainers on System of Millet Intensification

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Venue: - Panchayat Training Hall, Khairput

The “TOT for Progressive Farmers on System of Millet Intensification, training was organised by Madhyam Foundation, through project representatives (Saubhagya Kumar Mishra) of Millet Mission project, Malkangiri as per project guideline. One day Progressive Farmers training has created to knowledge increase & strengthens with positively about organic ways of Millet cultivation.



The training was held at Khairput Panchayat training hall on 24/06/2017 at 10.00 AM. At first Mr. Dillip Kumar Das welcomed to all participants and guest. Then Mr. S.K. Misra had given a brief idea about the training. He also explained aims & objectives of Millet Mission. 20 Progressive Farmers are attended in this training from 4 GPs of Khairput, Rasabeda, Podaghat & Kadamguda Under Khairput Block.



Mr. Bibhu Prasad Satapathy, DAO, Govindapalli was inaugurated the training with lighting of candle. He told some valuable tips about Millet cultivation. He also told ragi is cultivated on a variety of soils ranging from rich loam to poor shallow up land soils. In southern India, it predominates on marginal soil conditions provided by lateritic and red sandy loams.

Mr. BhagabanJani, AAO, Govindapally was the resource person in this training. He taught very nice about millet cultivation like soil, land preparation, sowing & transplantation, cropping system intercultural practices. He also told at least thrice weeding in

ragicultivation for betterment of yield. All progressive farmers also assured for cultivate ragi at least 1 acre.

In the training, Mr. Jani & Mr. Mishra focused about following package of practice in ragi cultivation



- Land selection
- Summer ploughing
- Seed selection
- Seed bed preparation
- Seed treatment in organic ways
- Main field preparation with application of organic manure like compost & cow dung
- Plant treatment with in organic ways
- Transplanting with SMI method (1' X 1' plant to plant & line to line)
- Weeding 2 to 3 times (First weeding is start 15 days & rest are 12 to 15 days gap)
- Water management
- Crop cutting / Harvesting

The land is prepared separately for irrigated and rainfed condition. In areas with a rainfall 60 to 75 cm, ragi is cultivated as a rainfed crop. So that field should be deep plough for moisture conversation.

After the production we will think about value addition of ragi like powder packing & prepared different food items like biscuits, chhatua & Cake.

At last the meeting was concluded vote of thanks given by Bhubanananda Sahoo.

