

Kharif Farmers' Day in Tansa Farm

A Farmers' Day was organized at Tansa Farm on 2nd November 2025 with the objective of disseminating scientific knowledge and promoting improved cultivation practices for the ongoing Kharif season. The program focused on **"SRT – Zero Tillage Farming"**, emphasizing the ASPEE Foundation's continued efforts to introduce innovative and sustainable agricultural technologies to small and marginal farmers in the surrounding villages.

The event was graced by Krishiratna Shri. Chandrashekhar Bhadsavale, Pioneer of the Saguna Rice Technique (SRT), Saguna Baug, Neral, Tal- Karjat, Dist- Raigad, who served as the keynote speaker. Dr.Swapnil Dekhane, welcomed all farmers, dignitaries and introduced the key participants. Shri. Kiranbhai Patel, Director of Aspee Foundation, expressed his gratitude towards the participants for coming from far off villages to attend the programme inspite of continuous rain.

Before the formal program commenced, the farmers had field visit and were briefed about the experiments carried. Farmers were introduced to different rice varieties under evaluation and the ongoing research projects at the farm. During the visit, Shri. Parshuram Agivale, SRT Team Member, elaborated on the Saguna Rice Technique and its benefits in practical farming systems.

The Chief Guest delivered a concise yet informative presentation on various operations of Paddy cultivation by Saguna Rice Technique in kharif and Chickpea, Moong, Cowpea, Lentil etc. in Rabi. By his SRT technique he showed how to minimize cost of cultivation. During the presentation, he not only introduced these crops but also investigated into production techniques that maximize returns while minimizing resource inputs. He emphasized the use of power weeder, highlighting their effectiveness in controlling weeds and reducing manual labor. By minimizing soil disturbance, the SRT system helps increase rice yields while improving soil fertility, microbial activity and long-term soil health. His talk was a valuable source of knowledge for the audience, shedding light on the details of cultivating vegetable crops and the strategies to achieve higher yields in a resource-efficient manner. This presentation served as an essential educational resource for farmers seeking to enhance their expertise in farming. SRT Team member Shri. Parshuram Agivale who has lot of knowledge and practicing SRT at his own farm, not only answered the queries raised by the farmers but also give in detailed the cultivation and management practices of rice & different crops.

The ASPEE Foundation gifted dragon fruit plants to farmers, aiming to create awareness about the importance and potential benefits of dragon fruit cultivation. Near about 40 farmers from the adjoining villages participated in the event. After clearing all doubts of farmers, the Farmers' Day ended after lunch.



Farmers registration before function.



The chief guest Shri. Bhadsavale welcomed by ASPEE Foundation Director, Shri. Kiranbhai Patel.



Shri. Kiranbhai Patel giving introductory remark regarding foundation activities.



Paddy plot visit of the farmers.



Shri. Bhadsavale Sir addressing to the farmers.

Dr. Swapnil Dekhane, Agriculture Officer, ARDF, welcomed the guests and gave introductory remarks about the invitees.



A token of love gave to chief guest by the hands of Shri. Kiran Patel.



Vote of thanks given by Mr. Kalpesh Jadhav.



Dragon fruit plant gifted to Chief guest and same way distributed to farmers who attended the farmers Meet