

Rabi Farmers' Day in Tansa Farm

For the current *rabi* weather season, a farmers' day was organized on Saturday the 25th February, 2023 at the Tansa Farm, on a central theme entitled, "Fruit, Spices and Tuber crop farming". This is a part of the Foundation's extension programme through which the modern agricultural technologies reaches to the small farmers staying surrounding the Tansa Farm. Dr. Pankaj Bhalerao, Assistant Professor, Navsari Agricultural University, was invited as Speaker on the topic. Ms. Monali Patil, Agricultural Assistant, ARDF, welcomed the guests and gave introductory remarks about the invitees. Dr. Swapnil Dekhane, Senior Scientist elaborates the activities of the Aspee Agricultural Research and Development Foundation.

Before Farmers' Day start ARDF staff take a round with farmers and showed them different plots of different vegetables and fruit crops like muskmelon, strawberry etc. The technical staff of the Aspee Foundation explained to the farmers about the research projects being conducted on the farm.

The chief guest explains very briefly about fruits, spices and tuber crops. He also explains different production techniques which gives higher returns using minimum inputs. He gave very informative talk on fruit crop cultivation.

The President of the function Dr. Bharat Waghmode, Rice Specialist, Regional Rice Research Station, Karjat, gives information regarding coming rice season. He assures to available the high yielding rice variety seeds to farmers.

Two private companies also show interest in farmer's day. One of them is Purva Enterprises who came and gave the sample of organic growth promoters to farmers. Second one is Buyer crop sciences who came and explain his hybrid rice varieties.

Near about 75 farmers including a good number of farm women from the adjoining villages were participated in the event. After clearing all doubts of farmers, the farmers' day ended after lunch.



The chief guest Dr. Pankaj Bhalerao welcomed by ASPEE Foundation Senior Staff, Shri. Sudam Patil.



President of the function Dr. Waghmode Sir welcomed by ASPEE Foundation Senior Scientist, Dr. Swapnil Dekhane.



Vegetable plot visit of the farmers.



Strawberry plot visit.



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Dr. Pankaj Bhalerao addressing to the farmers.



Dr. Waghmode addressing to the farmers



Vote of thanks given by Mr. Kalpesh Jadhav.

