

Women Day organized at village Rajapur, District-Jhansi by ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi on 08.03.2020

ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi has organized Women Day at village Rajapur, Block-Babina in Jhansi district on 8 March, 2020. Farm women from village Rajapur (District Jhansi) had participated in the programme. The purpose of women day was to create awareness amongst the farm women about women empowerment and agroforestry in Bundelkhand. Various activities i.e. farmer awareness programme, Scientists-Farmers interaction, and goshi with farm women were organized. The programme was chaired by Dr. R.P. Dwivedi, Principal Scientist (Agricultural Extension). Dr. Dwivedi (Convener) expressed that farmers should be made aware about the innovations and new feasible technologies so that it will help the farmers in improving their livelihood options and income. Co-conveners Dr S.B. Chavan Scientist (Forestry) delivered subject matter talk on Agroforestry. Women farmers expressed their views on growing of MPTS on bunds and fruit trees along with crops. Farm women also expressed the problems resulting due to drought i.e. drinking water, irrigation water, fodder, crop productivity, etc. Anna Pratha (let loose animals) is a major problem informed by farm women. A multidisciplinary team of Scientists from CAFRI, Jhansi visited the villages and interacted with farmers on problems related to agriculture and agroforestry and suggested the suitable technologies and management practices to get benefit in the cultivation. The farm women were also made aware of alternative systems which can provide maximum benefits in terms of production and livelihood during the drought situation. During goshi farm women, rural youth, marginal and small farmers were actively participated in group discussion and question-answer session. Total 125 farm women were participated in the programme. Farm women shown keen interest in the programme and participated in question-answer session.

