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IIT (ISM) faculty members carry out awareness about scientific farming in remote village of Jamtara

In continuation with the ongoing drive to facilitate the farmers of remote villages of Jamtara district to become farm based self-entrepreneurs, a group of faculty members of Department of Management Studies department of IIT (ISM) today visited Khijuria village of Fatehpur block of Jamtara and apprised farmers there about the farming interventions required in their village to improve their economic wellbeing. The occasion was a workshop conducted in the Panchayat Bhavan of Khijuria village of Jamtara on Wednesday as part of Department of Science and Technology sponsored project, titled, "Improving the Economic Well Being of Scheduled Tribe Communities Using Game Theoretic and Operations Research Techniques in Jamtara District of Jharkhand State"

"The workshop attended by altogether 35 farmers and Krishi Mitra of Khijuria and adjoining villages under the leadership of, Jamuni Hembrom, village Mukhiya witnessed a detailed session of discussion on the existing pattern of irrigation, soil types, existing farming technique and source of income for farmers etc" said Rashmi Singh, Assistant Professor of Department of Management Studies who is also the Principal Investigator of project and added that soil fertility of the village is more or less good but there is lack of proper irrigation facilities in village.

"We suggested the farmers to harp of millets like, Bajra and Ragi which can be grown with lesser water availability" said Prof Singh who was accompanied by Associate Professor Niladri Das as Co- Principal Investigator and Mr Virendra Kisku field worker of Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED) project.

"We observed that double cropping is also possible in the village with facility of sufficient supply of water, provision of good quality of seed and scientific farming" said Prof Niladri Das and added that workshop was aimed to understand the specific problems of Khijuria village of Fatehpur block to design specific interventions for them and to validate the data received by project team through the questionnaire.

"Though the farmers, generally are viewed as producers of essential goods and not as informed farm based entrepreneurs/investors, but our project basically proposed that the farmers be viewed as producers of essential goods" further said Das and added that workshops have been conducted earlier in more than 16 villages of the Jamtara as part of the project.

"As investors farmers can benefit by adopting a strategy that would maximize and stabilize their earnings in long run" further said Das.

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