

ICAR-CTCRI launches seed village programme on tuber crops under RKVYScheme

ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram launches seed village programme in three Panchayats viz., Chinnakanal, Santhanpara and Senapathy in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra and selected Krishi Bhavans of Idukki District . The programme aims to cover 34 Tribal farmers in three villages. Seed Materials of Improved varieties of cassava (Sree Pavithra & Sree Reksha) and sweet potato (Bhu Krishina, Sree Kanaka,Gouri and Sree Arun) will be distributed from ICAR-CTCRI. Interface programme and field visits were organized during 07-08 September at Chinnakanal (B.A.L.Ram village), Senapathy (Arivalamchal village) and Santhanpara (Aduvilanthankudi). Dr. V. Ramesh, Principal Scientist and Dr. D. Jaganathan, Senior Scientist from ICAR-CTCRI explained about the seed village programme under RKVY scheme. Dr. R. Marimuthu, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Idukki was presided over the function. Smt. Betsy, Agricultural Officer, Senapathy and Mr. Benny Agricultural Officer, Chinnakanal facilitated the programme. Mr. Sudhakar Soundarajan, SMS, KVK,Idukki coordinated the programme. Farmers from three panchayats participated in the programme and learnt about seed village programme and seed entrepreneurship for income generation from tuber crops.

Supply of quality planting materials of tuber crops and critical inputs, training programmes and seed entrepreneurship are planned in collaboration with KVK, Idukki and Department of Agriculture as part of Seed Village Programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme funded by Government of Kerala. The programme will address food and nutritional security of the tribal people and other stakeholders in Idukki district in the long run.



Field visits and Soil sample collection by Scientists of ICAR-CTCRI and KVK at Chinnakanal, Idukki



Seed Village Programme at Senapathy, Idukki district



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