

**Training cum Distribution of BND Chicks under TSP as a part of Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

On the occasion of celebration of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”, one day program on “**Training cum Distribution of BND Chicks**” under **Schedule Tribe Component: “Livelihood Improvement of Tribal Farming Communities through Integrated Farming System Interventions”** was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at KVK, Belbari, West Tripura by ICAR, NEH Region, Tripura Centre, Lemucherra. A total of 15 nos beneficiaries were participated from Champabari Panchayat, Belbari, West Tripura. In that programme Dr. B. Das, Principal Scientist (Horticulture) ICAR, Tripura Centre, Dr Anup Das, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) ICAR, Tripura Centre, Dr. Vinay Singh, Scientist (Poultry Science), ICAR, Tripura Centre, Dr. Mandira Chakraborti (I/C) KVK, Belbari, West Tripura, Dr. Devashish, SMS, KVK, Belbari, Chairman of Champabari Panchayat, Dr. Arindam Bhowmik, SRF and other staffs of ICAR and KVK were presented in the programme. Dr. Mandira Chakraborti in her welcome address gave a brief account on purpose of this distribution programme. Chairman of Champabari Panchayat gave his small speech and thanked ICAR and KVK for organizing this programme. Dr Anup Das, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) ICAR, Tripura Centre gave a brief speech on important activities of ICAR centres and KVKs in upliftment of livelihood of rural people by adopting new technologies. He also explained to farmers about importance of integrated farming system. Dr. B. Das, Principal Scientist (Horticulture) ICAR, Tripura Centre motivated all the farmers to come forward and adopting new technologies developed by ICAR Tripura Centre. He emphasized on Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and also explained how farmers become self sufficient by using new technologies developed by ICAR Tripura Centre. Dr. Vinay Singh, Scientist (Poultry Science), ICAR Tripura centre interacted with the farmers about scientific poultry farming. He emphasized on doubling the farmers income and also explained how farmers become self sufficient by rearing **BND** poultry birds. He explained about the development of **BND** chicken and informed that the improved poultry variety (**BND cross**) developed by ICAR is a dual purpose bird, gives more than 150 eggs in a year and it attains about 2.5-3 kg in maturity. Dr. Arindam Bhowmik, SRF explained about management practices and common diseases of poultry and their management. After that a total 450 nos of BND chicks, 150 kg poultry feeds, vegetable seeds and planting materials were distributed among 15 nos of farmers. At the end of the programme, vote of thanks was given by Dr. Mandira Chakraborti. The programme was coordinated by Devashish, SMS, KVK, Belbari, West Tripura.

