

Awareness Programme on Nutrition Garden under Bhoosamruddi Scheme

State Department of Agriculture, Tumakuru has provided a project to KVK, Hirehalli for developing Capacity Building on Nutrition Garden among SHG women groups of Tumakuru District. Smt. Mamatha, IAS, CEO, ZP, Tumakuru has personally assigned this work to KVK and Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD). In this regard, first Awareness cum Training Programme was organized on 30th May 2016 at Bellavi. The programme was arranged in a school. Smt.Vasathi Uppar, Programme Officer (PO) has called for 125 women to participate in the programme. About 10 Anganvadi members also took part in organizing this event.

Initially Dr.Loganandhan, Head and Senior Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Briefed about the importance of this novel program of nutritional garden for enhancement of health status of rural population and also assured KVK support in future also. Later Ms.Radha Banakar, SMS (Home Science) briefed about the importance of Vegetables and fruits for healthy life, than Dr.Somashekhar, SMS (Plant Breeding) explained about the different types of vegetables and cultivation methodologies in nutritional garden. Later Mr.Ramesh P R. SMS (Soil Science) emphasized role of major and micronutrients for plant growth in kitchen garden and role of beneficial microorganisms in disease and pest management in vegetable cultivation.

Ms.Vasanthi Uppar, Programme Officer (PO), Tumakuru instructed Anganvadi workers to involve actively for implementing this programme. She also asked women participants to estimate hemoglobin (Hb) level to know the anemic level.

Later at the end of the programme, Demonstrations of raising seedlings in portrays and planting of different vegetables in the field along with spraying of different inputs were done by staff of Krishi Vigyan Kendra. All the participants(125 No,s) were distributed with Nutrition garden kits with Vegetable seeds, Pro trays(3 No,s), Cocopit(4 kg), AMC(0.5 Kg), Vegetable Special(0.5 kg), Neem soap(0.5 kg) and Nutritional Garden Literature (1 No,s).