

Programme Report on Celebration of Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas at Jubilee Hall, VAMNICOM on 16th October, 2023

Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM), in collaboration with the Centre for Gender Studies (CGS), celebrated 'Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas' on October 16, 2023. The theme for this year's celebration was 'Sustainable Agriculture through Gender Inclusion and Participation.'

The event was conducted both in-person and online, fostering a wider reach and participation with the objectives as follows:

1. To build awareness of the contribution of Women Farmers in Sustainable Agriculture
2. To emphasize the inspirational success stories of Women Farmers

Smt. Malan Raut from the Swayam Sakhi Farmer Producer Company in Latur, a 100% women-owned FPO. She Shared her personal journey as a woman famer, discussing the challenges she overcome, especially during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic when she provided employment opportunities to other women, a feat deserving of commendation.

Smt. Priya Rakhunde, representing the Prema Gopalan Farmer Producer Company in Osmanabad, Maharashtra. She expressed how she got influence from Swayam Shikshan Prayog training Programme. Her work regarding raising awareness among school children about conservation of the Land, Water, Forest, People and Animals was praiseworthy.

Ms. Suchita Bhosale focused on the sustainable agricultural practices she has adopted and diverse training programmes offered to other farmers in the same field. Her work regarding extensive collection of more than 70 types of traditional seeds as well as her contribution in urban organic farming was laudable.

Ms. Komal Kute emphasized her multi-dimensional work for the farming community. Her work as an agripreneur and her work as a part of an FPO formation was admirable. She also shed light on the employment of Drone Technology in agriculture.

All the four women guests had an inspirational story to tell and exemplary work to follow.

Other women participants were very delighted that VAMNICOM organized such event to bring women agripreneurs, entrepreneurs and women farmers on a single platform so that they could exchange their views, ideas, opinions and experiences with each other.

The program also witnessed the participation of young agripreneurs dedicated to the welfare of the farming community. VAMNICOM received an overwhelming response from women, particularly women farmers, making this event a resounding success.



Smt. Malan Raut, Swayam Sakhi Farmer Producer Company, Latur

Topic: Women and Dairy Business in Drought Context



Smt. Priya Rakunde, Prema Gopalan Farmer Producer Company, Osmanabad

Topic: Women Farmers Leading Climate Resilient Food Security Model in Marathwada



Ms. Komal Kute, Director, Krushishstra (Parabhani Division)
Topic: Farm Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture



Ms. Suchita J. Bhosale, Founder, Pornima Agro FPO
Topic: Sustainable Agriculture Practices



Feedback from Participating Women



Dr. Pallavi Ingale, Associate Professor, HoC-CGS giving Vote of Thanks



Group Photo of Women Participants