RYTHU AWAGAHANA SADASU

KESAMUDRAM VILLAGE and MANDAL, MAHABUBABAD DISTRICT 03.06.2025

Telangana Intellectuals Association (T IA) and ICAR- Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendranagar Hyderabad organized Rythu Awagahana Sadhsu meeting on 03-06-2025 at 11.00 AM at Kesamudram village in Mahabubabad Dist. Meeting was organized by Sri Jaipal Reddy garu, President, Telangana FPO's Organisation Programme was coordinated by:

- 1. Dr Ch.Ravinder Reddy, President, TIA, Dr.V.Ravindra Babu, Vice President, TIA,
- 2. Dr R Mahendra Kumar, PS & Head Crop Production Division, IIRR,
- 3. Dr S.V. Saiprasad, PS& Head, Crop Improvement Division, IIRR
- 4. Dr Brajendra, PS, Soil Science
- 5. Sri SaiJaipal Reddy garu, President, FPO'S Telangana.

Nearly 150 farmers have attended the meeting. Sri. Jaipal Reddy garu welcomed the members of the TIA and Scientists of ICAR -Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendranagar Hyderabad and also explained about the various activities undertaken by the organization for the benefit of farmers. Dr V Ravindra Babu also welcomed the farmers and appreciated the initiatives taken by the Telangana Intellectuals Association and ICAR -Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad and informed that such a interaction programmes will definitely benefit the farmers in increasing the production and productivity of crops and thereby improving the income levels of the farmers. Dr. V Ravindra Babu, former Director of ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad and the vice president of TIA, while addressing, informed that the farmers should adopt innovative farming practices, right and proper selection of cultivars and also timely adoption of plant protection measures will certainly improve the yields of crops. He also suggested to the farmers to go for value addition of farm produce instead of selling raw produce at farm gate prices immediately after harvest. He advocated the innovative farmers to come forward to construct cold storage units and ware houses for storing the farm produce by the farmers so that the farmers can sell the farm produce at a later date when the prices are remunerative. While addressing, he strongly recommended to the farmers to make use of good seed which can withstand the menace of pests and diseases and also to get higher yields. He suggested to the farmers to go far latest Rice varieties such as DRR Dhan 48, biofortified high yielding fine grain with high Zinc and sugar free (low GI) variety with 4 months duration and also DRR Dhan 53 a high yielding fine grain with BLB and Blast resistant variety with 4 months duration and well suitable to the Telangana region.

Dr Saiprasad explained about the latest high yielding Rice varieties released by IIRR and their high yielding ability, other special characters including pest and disease resistance.

Dr Brajendra demonstrated Soil Kit developed by IIRR and how easily it can be operated by farmers in estimating Soil N,P,K,Ph and EC.During the meeting, the foundation seed of DRR Dhan 48, and DDR Dhan 53 containing 5 kgs of seed bags were distributed to 45 farmers free of cost under Tribal Sub Plan(TSP). Five Soil kits also distributed to five innovative farmers belongs to five near by villages. The paddy varieties and Soil testing kits were sponsored by ICAR-Indian institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad.

The programme was well organized and appreciated by the farmers and the meeting concluded at 1.30 pm and followed by lunch.

Dr Ch Ravinder Reddy President,(TIA)