

**Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP)  
Socio Economic Empowerment of SC Women in Agriculture  
(2019-20)**

Under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP), the focus was on technology dissemination, capacity building of beneficiaries, input support and technology showcasing through exposure visits for the socio-economic empowerment of women in agriculture. Various interfaces and skill upgradation programmes related to agriculture and allied sectors were carried out to solve the problems faced by the farmwomen and also to equip them with the latest women friendly technologies. During the interfaces, the farmwomen were sensitized on various issues they confront in their day to day work due to their involvement in agricultural and allied activities, especially in the field of vegetable cultivation. Some of their queries and problems were taken up during the interfaces organized and were met through technological interventions.

The activities carried out during 2019-20 include, capacity building on improved methods of paddy cultivation and varietal replacement, skill upgradation programmes on improved methods of vegetable cultivation, drudgery reducing farm tools, nutri-gardens and bee keeping. With the vision of doubling the income of farm families, the farmwomen from SC families were sensitized on some of the horticultural interventions like round the year vegetable cultivation, scientific management of vegetable crops and off-season vegetable production. As part of the SCSP programmes, inputs like seeds of improved varieties, farm tools and fishing nets were also distributed to the SC women beneficiaries from the project areas and adopted villages under MGMG programme. Much required awareness was created among farmwomen on drudgery and its effect and impact, for which hampers of drudgery reducing farm tools were distributed to them.

**Number of Programmes & SC women beneficiaries (SCSP)- (2019-20)**

Type of Programme	No. of Programmes	No. of SC Women Beneficiaries
Skill Upgradation + Input Distribution	9	347
Input Distribution	5	294
In-house Training Programme	1	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>650</b>

The details of various programmes carried out under the SCSP schemes are given in the following table.

S. No.	Name of the programme	Venue and Date	No of SC women beneficiaries	Input distributed/skill imparted	Organisers
1.	Skill upgradation programme on improved methods of vegetable cultivation and drudgery reducing farm	Nuasahi village, Puri district on 4 June, 2019.	25	• Sensitisation on scientific management of vegetable crops and off-season vegetable production, drudgery reducing	Sabita Mishra J. Charles Jeeva Ankita Sahu B. C. Behera Subrat Kr. Das

	tools			farm tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeds of rainy season vegetables like hybrid cucumber, bitter gourd, cluster bean, ridge gourd and other critical inputs</li> </ul>	
2.	Sensitization programme on drudgery reduction and distribution of women friendly farm tool kits	Parichanharpada village, Puri district on 29 June, 2019.	16	Distribution of women friendly farm tools	A.K. Panda Chaitrali S. Mhatre Pragati Kishore Rout
3.	Skill upgradation programme on improved methods of paddy cultivation and varietal replacement	Satyabadi and Nuasahi villages, Puri district on 15 July, 2019.	100	30 quintals of foundation seeds of paddy variety CR-1009 Sub 1	Sabita Mishra A.K. Panda Jyoti Nayak Ananta Sarkar J. Charles Jeeva B. C. Behera Subrat Kr. Das
4.	Distribution of minor farm tools	Beherasahi village, Puri district on 23 July, 2019	49	Tool kit containing 9 nos. of women friendly farm tools to each beneficiary.	Jyoti Nayak Tanuja, S Geeta Saha
5.	Improved methods of vegetable cultivation during <i>kharif</i>	ICAR-CIWA on 27 July, 2019.	41	Distribution of hybrid vegetable seed kits and minor farm tool kits	Anil Kumar Sabita Mishra Ananta Sarkar L. P. Sahoo D. N. Sarangi B. C. Behera Usharani, M.
6.	Farmwomen-Scientists Interface and skill upgradation programme on drudgery reducing farm tools	Balrampur village, Cuttack district on 7 August, 2019.	47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horticultural interventions like round the year vegetable cultivation</li> <li>• Scientific management of vegetable crops and off-season vegetable production</li> <li>• Rearing of livestock</li> <li>• Vegetable seeds and tool kits</li> </ul>	Lipi Das Biswanath Sahoo J. Charles Jeeva Gayatri Moharana Sanjay Kr. Behera A. C. Hemrom

				distributed	
7.	Distribution of vegetable seed kits, planting materials and minor farm tool kits	Mahidharpada and Dihasahi villages in Cuttack district on 7 September, 2019.	36	• Distribution of vegetable seed kits, planting materials and minor farm tool kits	Anil Kumar Sabita Mishra Ananta Sarkar L. P. Sahoo D. N. Sarangi B. C. Behera Usharani, M.
8.	Farmers-Scientists Interface on homestead nutri-garden	Kharibil village, Cuttack district on 1 October, 2019.	28	Distribution of vegetable seed kits for nutri-gardens	Anil Kumar Sabita Mishra L. P. Sahoo B. C. Behera Usharani, M.
9.	Distribution of seed kits	Different villages of Nimapara block, Puri district on 4 October, 2019.	140	Seed kits containing 10 numbers of different vegetables for kitchen garden	A.K. Panda Chaitrali S. Mhatre Pragati Kishore Rout
10.	Distribution of fishing nets	ICAR-CIWA on 11 November, 2019.	20	Distribution of gill nets to SC women beneficiaries from Balidia Village, Astaranga	Tanuja, S. J. Charles Jeeva
11.	Scientists farmers interface	Majjihara, Balipatana villages, Khurda district on 29 November, 2019.	40	Distribution of vegetable seed kits and tool kits	Anil Kumar Sabita Mishra Ananta Sarkar L. P. Sahoo D. N. Sarangi B. C. Behera Usharani, M.
12.	Distribution of seed kits and tool kits to SC women farmers of MGMG villages	Beherasahi village, Puri District on 19 December 2019.	49	Distribution of hybrid seed kits and tool kits	Jyoti Nayak Tanuja, S. Geeta Saha
13.	Scientists-Stakeholders Interface at ICAR-CIWA	ICAR-CIWA on 24 January, 2020.	26	Distribution of farm tools to beneficiaries from Jagannath Prasad village, Ganjam district	Biswanath Sahoo Usharani, M.
14.	Scientists-Stakeholders Interface	Banapur village, Khorda district on 7 February, 2020.	24	Distribution of farm tools	Biswanath Sahoo Usharani, M.
15.	Training programme on beekeeping	ICAR-CIWA on 16-17 March, 2020.	9	Women beneficiaries from Kadua village, Puri district	Jyoti Nayak Tania Seth Geeta Saha Subrat Kr. Das
	<b>Total</b>		<b>650</b>		



Glimpses of SCSP Programmes- capacity building and input support