

Sixth Farmer-Scientist Forum Meeting

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gondia organized 6th Farmer-Scientist Forum meeting in the field of Mr. Basantlal Bisen (Kautika Vermicompost and Agro Farm), Hiwara, Tal. Distt. Gondia on 09.05.2023 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Mahendra Thakur, Chairman of FSF.

In meeting, Mr. Pravinkumar Chaudhary, Co- chairman, FSF; Dr. Shakir Ali Syed, Senior Scientist and Head, Dr. Vijaykumar Kore, SMS (Hort.), Mr. Rajebhau Chauvan, SMS (Ento.), Mr. Vishal Ubarhande, SMS (Agril. Engg.) and Mr. Ganesh Khedikar, PA (Lab), KVK, Gondia and Mr. Vijay Bahekar were present.

In introductory remark, Dr. Vijaykumar Kore briefed about activities of Farmer-Scientist Forum. He also talked about pre-season Kharif planning as many farmers are unaware about pre-season planning. Mr. Rajebhau Chauvan briefed about lack culture and apiculture. Mr. Vishal Ubarhande talked about use of drum seeder in paddy cultivation. Mr. Ganesh Khedikar talked about soil sampling.

Farmers Mr. Dilip Agrawal, Mr. Tukaram Bohare and Mr. Sureh Bohare shared their experiences about farming. They requested to use natural farming in future for healthy food.

Dr. Shakir Ali Syed, Senior Scientist and Head shared his experience on many topics like marketing of farm produce. He also mentioned about crop rotation and use of improved varieties of crops in Kharif season.

Mr. Pravinkumar Chaudhary, Co-chairman, talked about proper marketing of produce. He also introduced a bag which was prepared from paddy straw.

Mr. Mahendra Thakur, Chairman of FSF, briefed about drum seeder, use of biodegradable mulches, cultivation of fruits and vegetable crops etc. He requested to use good quality planting materials in upcoming Kharif season.

Mr. Sanjay Bisen also shared his experience about integrated farming system. In his field he created IFS model as he established goatery, poultry, fishery, Vermicomposting alongwith vegetable crops and summer paddy.

Points discussed in meeting

1. Pre season Kharif planning

2. Selection of seeds for proper sowing

3. Proper management of fertilizers

4. Weed control

5. Mechanization in agriculture

6. Processing and value addition of farm produce

7. Processing and Marketing of major crops like sugarcane, turmeric, etc

8. Cultivation of turmeric, ginger, spiny gourd (katwal), etc.

Anchoring and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Vijaykumar Kore, SMS, Horticulture. In all, 32 farmers and officers from KVK were present.

