ST FARMERS OF KRISHNA DISTRICT
EXPOSURE VISIT TO ICAR-IIOPR, PEDAVEGI, WG. DISTRICT

Department of Horticulture, Krishna District, with a view to equip Tribal Oil Palm growers on latest technologies, enhancement productivity, better planation management and judicious use of scarce natural resources proposed exposure visit and assigned the task to NABCONS. NABCONS-Primary sector consultants has coordinated with Farmers and Scientists of Research institute, Pedavegi, W.G District and finalized the exposure visit programme.

Dr. M. V. Prasad, Principal Scientist, IIOPR, has given detailed presentation on latest production technologies for better productivity, adoption of efficient Irrigation systems, pest and Disease management, handling of precision harvesting devices and care and management in shipping fresh fruit bunches to oil mill. IIOPR scientists presented a short film, covering climatic requirement, Suitable soils, irrigation requirement, nursery operations, spacing, method of planting, method of Irrigation, intercultural operations, pest & disease management and care management of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB), maintaining OIL EXTRACTION RATIO (OER) Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for Price fixation to ST growers.

The institute also arranged field visit to demonstration units viz. Nursery, plantation breeding units for crop improvement,

NABCONS primary sector team organized exposure visit for ST Farmers of Krishna District in association with Dept. of Horticulture and Dept. of Tribal Welfare to Indian Council of Agriculture Research-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi, West Godavari District (ICAR-IIOPR). Around 30 Tribal farmers from Krishna District have participated in training cum exposure event conducted at IIOPR on 4/07/2017.

Tribal farmers visit to IIOPR
and explained the evaluation of field plantation. IIOPR scientists clarified all the doubts expressed by participants and also demonstrated OIL PALM APP on management practices. All ST growers’ mobile numbers are registered with Institute to get voice alerts on better plantation management.

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ST Growers expressed their gratitude and thanks to Tribal Welfare Department, Horticulture Department and NABCONS for arranging Exposure Visit to learn best practices in oil palm cultivation and to meet best scientists of ICAR IIOPR.