

Integrated lac and pearl cultivation and its value addition for women self employment and additional income generation linked with natural resources conservation

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ABSTRACT : 11 kisan gosthi and 30 meetings were organized in different target areas for identification and selection of interested beneficiaries for the adoption of lac and pearl culture and its value addition. 94 members were selected among the participated beneficiaries on the basis of information collected on prescribed questionnaire, personal interview and discussion with beneficiaries. 94 members were trained at Bioved Krishi Prodyogiki Gram Moharab Sringverpur, Allahabad during the period Aug 2014 (25 members), October 2014 (24 members), May 2015 (22 members) and June 2015 (23 members) and thus, 233 members were trained in their villages by these trained (94) resource persons at BRIATS, Allahabad. 12 lac krishak gosthi on scientific method of lac cultivation and its value addition were organised in the target areas during Oct.2015 to July 2016. In this way 327 beneficiaries were involved for lac and pearl cultivation and its value addition during the period July 2014 to July 2016. Trained resource persons started regular training-cum-production centres in their target villages, where lac cultivation was started but it was abandoned. 40 Trained beneficiaries prepared lac value added products during Jan. 2015 to July 2016 and earned Rs. 1, 86,630 during this period.

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