

**GRAMIN VIKAS TRUST
WEST BENGAL**

**REPORT ON
TRAINING OF TRIBAL WOMEN ON CASHEW PROPAGATION,
CULTIVATION AND PROCESSING**



Date : 25th March 2014

Venue : BCKV, Jhargram

Participants : 50 numbers of tribal women from WADI Project, Bandwan and Manbazar –II blocks along with 2 officials from Gramin Vikas Trust, WB.

Organised By: Directorate of Research, Regional Research Station-BCKV, Jhargram.

TRAINING DETAILS:

The training programme started at 10 am with welcome address by Dr. J. Islam, Associate Director of Research, Regional Research Station-BCKV Jhargram. He expressed his experience on how to cultivate Cashew plants and increase the level of income through this programme.



Dr. T. K. Hore, Professor, BCKV, Mohanpur, Nadia, went on a detailed discussion about cultivation of Cashew. He also gave his views on grafting methods of cashew plants. He suggested that Jhargram – 1, BPP -8 etc. varieties are more applicable for dry belts like Purulia & Bankura.

Dr. N. Chatterjee, Associate Professor, BCKV, Mohanpur, Nadia discussed about cashew processing both by manual and mechanical ways. He also informed that an amount of Rs.5-6 lakhs is required to set up a small cashew processing unit.

Dr. S. Chakraborty, Entomologist, AICRP on Cashew from Regional Research Station-BCKV Jhargram discussed about preventive measures that can be taken for plant protection against pests and diseases. Use of Neem Oil can be effective in pest control measures.

A Practical session was held at the field level. Dr. Mini Paduval, Jr. Horticulturist, AICRP on Cashew from Regional Research Station-BCKV Jhargram discussed simple processes to be applied for grafting of plants. She shared her knowledge about how to retain the health of the plants without watering in the summer season.

The training ended with vote of thanks by Shri S.K Pradhan, Programme Manager, Gramin Vikas Trust, Purulia.



The training was a successful one to provide a platform for the counterparts of WADI Farmers and GVT Officials to acquire knowledge on Cashew grafting and processing which would serve as a guidance note for them in proper nurturing of their WADI and as well as preparing themselves for Post WADI activities.