



**Training-Cum Awareness Programme on
Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001
Mango and Jackfruit Diversity Show- 2024
Organized at ICAR - Regional Research Station, Malda - West Bengal**



A training-cum-awareness programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001 and the Mango and Jackfruit diversity show-2024 was organized in collaboration with ICAR-CISH Regional Research Station, Malda, West Bengal on June 09, 2024. The Programme was inaugurated by Prof. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), Government of India, New Delhi. The hon'ble chief guest Dr. Mohapatra was accompanied by Dr. Dinesh Kumar Agarwal, Registrar-General,



PPV&FRA, Govt. of India, New Delhi, Dr. V. B. Patel, Assistant Director General (Hort.), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ATARI, Kolkata, West Bengal, Dr. T. Damodaran, Director, ICAR-CISH, Lucknow, Dr. J. Karforma, Dean, College of Agriculture, UBKV, Balurghat, Dr. D. Sarkar, Social Activist, Malda, Mr. Krishnendu Narayan Choudhury, Former Minister in Charge, Department of FPI &

Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal, Mr. Ujjal Saha, President, Malda Mango Merchant Association, Malda and Mr. Ujjal Choudhury, Malda Mango Merchant Association, Malda.

At the beginning, mango and jackfruit diversity show was inaugurated and distinguished guests visited the various stalls of the diversity show and witnessed the unique diversity of more



than 250 varieties of mango showcased by progressive mango growers from Malda, Murshidabad, Bankura and Purulia districts of West Bengal.



The Director, ICAR-CISH delivered formal welcome address and greeted all the distinguished guests and fellow mango and jackfruit growers. In his address, he highly appreciated the mango growers coming from different districts of West Bengal and adjoining states for mango and jackfruit exhibition and also

admired the SC and tribal women of Malda who were involved with Farmer Producers Company (Agrani & Alokini) and conserving the indigenous diversity in mango and jackfruit. All distinguished guests delivered the lectures and highlighted the importance of PPV&FRA act on protection and conservation of plant varieties. The hon'ble chief guest enlightened the farmers for joining the hands with PPVFRA for registration of



indigenous mango and jackfruit varieties under PPV&FRA act, which in turn may help the farmers to ensure their livelihood security. He also lauded the efforts of Dr. Naik, ICAR-CISH RRS, Malda for showcasing very rich diversity of mango and jackfruits in this programme and for its active role in registration of traditional mango varieties and other horticultural crops. Other dignitaries

also emphasized the role of the institute in sensitizing the farmers for

conserving the rich diversity in mango and jackfruit and helping them to uplift their income by processing and value addition of important varieties and marketing on commercial scale. Dr D.K. Agarwal, Registrar general, PPVFRA, highlighted the importance of Agrobiodiversity and urged the farmers for registration of varieties conserved by them specially fruit varieties such as Mango, Jamun and Jackfruit which originated from our country. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Technical Consultant, PPVFRA elaborated on the farmers rights and filling of the forms, on-site testing requirement for registration of the



farmers varieties. In the Exhibition the showcasing of mango included commercial mango varieties like Amrapali, Mallika, Himsagar, Langra, Fazli and Laxman Bhog and indigenous mango varieties like Chiniya, Gadadhar, Kolaboti, Funiya, Kishan Bhog, Gulabkhas, Piyarfuli, Nawab Pasand, Belakishan Bhog, Raj Bhog, Amrit Bhog, Chintamani Guti. About 300 mango growers and farmers participated in the

programme from different parts of West Bengal. The mango and jackfruit diversity showcased in the programme were evaluated by the group of experts and awards were given in different categories. Among the farmers, Mr. Biman Mondal, a progressive grower from Malda received best exhibitor award in the show for showcasing about 115 different indigenous mango varieties, while Mr. Pradip Rajbanshi was awarded the second-best exhibitor for showcasing 72 varieties of mango. Agrani Neo FPC, Malda received the second the best exhibitor award for showcasing rich collection of jackfruit, while Alokini FPC received the second best exhibitor award for jackfruit. More than 64 Farmers facilitated by Dr Naik, Head, CISH, RRS, Malda submitted application forms duly certified by the Director ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata. Programme ended with the vote of thanks to one and all.

