

## **BIRD Kolkata Conducted Collaborative Training Programme with ICAR-CRIDA on Climate Adaptation for Grassroot level Institutions**

Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Kolkata in collaboration with the Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (ICAR-CRIDA), Hyderabad, conducted an on-location training programme on Climate Resilient Agriculture and Livelihood from 10 to 12 November 2025 at Hyderabad. The three-days programme aimed to build the capacity of community-level institutions (FPOs and NGOs) in adopting climate-smart practices to enhance farm productivity and strengthen livelihood security in rainfed regions.

A total of 32 participants representing various Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) from Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh attended the programme.

The event was inaugurated at ICAR-CRIDA, Santosh Nagar, Hyderabad, in the presence of Faculty Member from BIRD-Kolkata and Director, ICAR-CRIDA and Senior Officials of ICAR-CRIDA. In the inaugural session, speakers highlighted the growing challenges posed by climate change to Indian agriculture and emphasized the importance of resilient farming systems, adaptive planning and scientific interventions for safeguarding rural livelihoods.

During the programme, experts from ICAR-CRIDA delivered sessions on a wide range of topics including climate change impacts, integrated farming systems, soil and water conservation technologies, livestock-based livelihoods, conservation agriculture and agro-advisories for climate-resilient crop planning. The sessions were designed by including extensive field-level experiences under national initiatives such as NICRA.

A key highlight of the training was a field visit to the Research Farm, NICRA Project Unit of ICAR-CRIDA in Ranga Reddy district, Telangana, where participants observed climate-resilient technologies, dryland farming models, watershed interventions and millet-based farming systems being implemented in real conditions. The hands-on exposure enabled the participants to understand the practical aspects of climate adaptation and resilience-building.

Besides this, sessions on the role of NABARD in promoting climate-resilient agriculture, focusing on financial support, project models, and capacity-building initiatives for grassroots organisations were covered in the Training Programme.

The programme concluded with an interactive session where participants shared field experiences, discussed challenges and presented recommendations for strengthening climate resilience in their respective operational areas. Participants appreciated the training for its practical orientation, scientific insights and relevance to climate-vulnerable regions.

The valediction programme was graced by Director, Indian Institute of Oilseed Research, ICAR, Hyderabad.

Few Photographs of the Training Programme are appended below:



(cross-section of Participants)





(Field Visit during the Training)



(Valediction of the Training Programme)