

## Socio-economic Empowerment of Women in Agriculture under Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP)

A "Skill Upgradation Programme on Improved Methods of Vegetable Cultivation and Drudgery Reducing Farm Tools" was organized for the socio-economic empowerment of women in agriculture under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan at Nuasahi village in Puri district on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

With the vision of doubling the income of farm families, the farmwomen from this cyclone affected village were sensitized on some of the horticultural interventions like round the year vegetable cultivation, scientific management of vegetable crops and off-season vegetable production. Seeds of rainy season vegetables like hybrid cucumber, bitter gourd, cluster bean, ridge gourd and other critical inputs were distributed to 25 farm women from scheduled caste communities. Some of the day neutral vegetables like brinjal (var. Arka Neelachal Shyama and Arka Neelachal Kranti), chilli (var. Arka Neelachal Agni) and okra (var. Arka Anamika) were also popularized among the farming community.



The Scientific and Technical Staff from ICAR-CIWA, Dr. Sabita Mishra, Smt. Ankita Sahu, Shri. B. C. Behera and Shri. Subrat Kumar Das delivered technical talks and attended the queries of the farm families. Awareness was also created among farmwomen on drudgery reducing farm tools. Hampers of drudgery reducing farm tools were also distributed to the SC beneficiaries. The programme was attended by a cluster of 25 farmwomen from scheduled caste communities. The Nodal Officer of the SCSP scheme, Dr. J. Charles Jeeva coordinated the programme.