

## ICAR- CRIDA Farmer FIRST Project organized 'Field Day cum Farmers Scientist Interaction 'on 29th July 2019

Field Day cum Farmer–Scientist Interaction was organized by Farmers FIRST project of CRIDA, Hyderabad for the benefit of farmers of adopted villages: Gangupally, Devanoniguda, Rakamcharla and Pudugurthy, on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 in Gangupally village. The interaction meeting was held in presence of Directors, CRIDA and ATARI (Zone-X) and district officials and State Agricultural universities.

During the interaction it was advised to farmers by the team to get repairs of already existing checkdams and water harvesting structures in villages for storage of water. Farmers reported the severe infestation of fall army worm pest (FAW) in maize crop and need to control as it is causing severe damage to crop, also demand of fodder for sheep and buffaloes is high. An advisory to control of FAW was provided by District Agriculture Advisory and Transfer of technology centre of the University. f Soil and water conservation scientists have explained the significance of water harvesting structures and farm ponds in mitigating droughts and prolonged dry spells. Small farm mechanization component was explained to farmers by Scientist–Agrl engineer Dr B Sanjeev Reddy. District officials in Agriculture, horticulture and Veterinary have explained the department programmes related to drip systems, seed and nursery seedlings. Fodder slips(CO-4), Microbial fertilizers and Sorghun fodder seed(CSH 24 MS) were distributed to farmers. About 100 farmers have participated in the interaction session. A field visit was arranged for the officials.

Dr G Ravindra Chari, Director, CRIDA, Dr YG Prasad, Director ATARI Zone-X, Hyderabad, Dr A Bhaskaran PS, ATARI and Nodal officer, Scientist for FFP project – Dr G Nirmala, Dr PK Pankaj, Dr B Sanjeev Reddy, Dr AGK Reddy, Dr K Nagasree, Dt Josiley Samuel and SRF, District officials of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Veterinary, Dr N Praveen, DAATTC, PJTSAU had participated in the program.

