CUTS International

Developing Culture of Sustainable Development and Lifestyle through Organic Production and Consumption in the State of Rajasthan (ProOrganic II)

Synthesis Report

Farmers Trainings and Exposure Visits

Background

CUTS, with the financial assistance from Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), is implementing a two-year project. The objective of the project is to promote organic consumption in the State of Rajasthan (India), covering ten major agriculturally potential districts by awareness generation, sensitization, capacity-building and advocacy activities. Increased awareness is expected to result in increased consumer demand, which will further push demand for availability and affordability of organic products, contributing towards decreasing health hazards of consumers.

Phase I

The ProOrganic phase first was implemented during 2013-2015 and a bridge year 2016 into 6 major agriculturally potential districts of Rajasthan. These districts were Jaipur, Dausa, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Kota. This phase was conducted in six districts with the aim to increase awareness among the farmer about organic farming and to increase the productivity of their farms. The project is expected to result in better informed consumers and farmers about organic consumption and farming and advocating for better policies and enforcement thereof by sensitizing policy makers in the State. This will boost organic farming and consumption in the State and, in the long run, will provide sustainable environment and lifestyle.

Phase II (2017-21)

Due to successful implementation of phase I, which result in increase in awareness among farmers, the phase II of the project is implemented in ten major agriculturally potential district of Rajasthan. The main aim of phase II is to spread more awareness among farmers relating to the importance of organic farming, creating demand of organic product and advocacy. It is implemented in ten districts, namely, Bhilwara, Pratapgarh, Chittorgarh, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Jaipur, Dausa, Udaipur, Jhalawar and Jodhpur. Farmers were well acquainted with the benefit of organic farming over chemical farming in every aspect, whether related to productivity, health or economic terms.

Under the project, Ten District Level Training Programmes and Exposure Visits for farmer groups were organised. The objective was to motivate farmers to reduce chemical uses in farming by way of several sessions/lectures on organic farming and related issues through subject experts and to showcase some of the successful live demonstrations of organic farming for the purpose of practical orientation in the nearby all ten districts. Efforts were made to ensure participation of farmers, especially women farmers, representing all blocks of the district. The objective of the orientation was to build capacity of farmers and inspire them to take up organic farming through experience gained from various subject experts and live demos of organic culture. Through the trained farmers, it was further envisaged that they will work as catalysts at local level, in order to impart their knowledge gained from orientation and exposure.

Summary of Activities

Ten District Level Training Programmes and Exposure Visits were conducted by CUTS. Representation of farmers from each block of the district was ensured. Only few farmers were found to be purely involved in organic agriculture prior to orientation, but after the programme, many were highly motivated to adopt organic method of farming. These events helped bringing farmers and institutions on a common platform for better coordination in future and understanding of organic farming, which will ultimately help in reaping good results. Healthy debate and discussion over myths about organic culture and financial benefits took place. The events also helped participants to know some of the traditional ways of organic farming, such as formation of vermin-wash and compost, herbal pesticides/insecticides management, treatment of seeds and soil management, etc.

The second day was dedicated to exposure visits in nearby farms, which were managed by local agriculture farmers working exclusively on the pattern of organic farming. The participants of first day were taken in vehicles to visit nearby farm. The farm owners at all the places showcased live demonstration of various traditional systems of organic farming, through their experiences, and tried to motivate participants for adopting organic farming. Participants visited farm sites and saw the convergence, which motivated them to adopt organic farming and consumption. Queries from the workshop were clarified in practical. District level Farmer's trainings and Exposure Visits were organised by CUTS, in partnership with district project partners. Around 50 participants from each district, representing every sub-district (block), participated in the activity. Target beneficiary of activities were only farmers from selected panchayats from ten project districts. Special efforts were made to ensure female participation.

Ten agriculturally potential districts included in phase II are as follows:

1. Kota
2. Bhilwara
3. Pratapgarh
4. Jaipur
5. Jodhpur
6. Chittorgarh
7. Dausa
8. Udaipur
9. SawaiMadhopur
10. Jhalawar

Training and Exposure Visit

Farmers Training and Exposure visits are both different activities under the project, but these were conducted back to back in each district. The main reason was to ensure that the same group of participants, who attended the one-day orientation on organic farming should also get practical exposure for better understanding, so that they are in a position to actually engage in organic farming. The other reason was to save the organizing and other costs to maximize the expenditure outcomes.

Bhilwara

From August 7 to 8, 2018, Farmer training and visit programme was organized at Kisan Bhawan, Bhilwara.

Training

The training programme was organised on August 7, 2018, and attended by 60 farmers. Gauhar Mahmood, Assistant Director, CUTS Human Development Centre, welcomed the chief guest and participants. Many eminent speakers were present in the workshop, including Balmukund Saini, Senior Agriculture Office, Dr. O. P. Pareek, Scientist in Agriculture Science Department, Dr. Bhagwan Sahay, Assistant Director in Animal Husbandry Department, Dr. Prakash Pawar, Professor in Agriculture University, Rajdeep Pareek and Nimisha Sharma, Program Coordinators, CUTS.

Gauhar Mahmood briefed all the participants that due to efforts of CUTS Human Development Centre for increasing organic farming, the awareness among the farmers has increased manifold.

Rajdeep Pareek told the participants about the main purpose for organizing such events and mentioned that they are organizing such type of events in ten districts of Rajasthan for the cause of promoting organic farming.

Balmukund Saini highlighted the importance of organic farming and adverse effect on the health of human beings due to consumption of product produced with the help of pesticides and chemicals.

Dr. Bhagwan Sahay elucidated the importance of animal husbandry in organic farming, while stating the fact that animal husbandry with organic farming is a major occupation in rural region. He stated that animal husbandry is necessary for organic farming.

Dr. O.P. Pareek shed light on the on-going programmes for encouraging organic consumption and on the process for preparing organic manures and pesticides. He showed the model prepared by the organization and encouraged farmers to prepare manure and fertilizer at their home as per their need.

Dr. Prakash Pawar briefed them on the procedure of how to prepare organic food and crop elaborately.

Rajdeep Pareek talked about seed organic certification and marketing procedures.

During the program, an open interactive session took place in which farmers raised a few doubts, which were discussed. Also, a farmer named Bardi Chandra Gurjar shared his experience related to organic farming. Documentary film of Rajeev Dixit "Zero Budget Jaivikkheti" was previewed and pamphlet and other IEC materials on organic farming were distributed during the program.

Exposure Visit

Farmers visited Agrawal Organic Farm and Agriculture Science Centre during which they were taught about organic farming and animal husbandry. During the expedition, Jamuna Lal shared his experience and also the work done by him to enhance organic farming. They acquired knowledge about vermi compost pit and azolla. On the same expedition of agriculture science center, Dr. O. P. Pareek gave information regarding various programs from agriculture science center for the welfare of farmers. The visit inspired farmers to shift to organic farming. After the visit, farmers filled feedback forms and put forward their views.

Gaurav Chaturvedi, from CUTS Human Resource Centre, expressed gratitude on the behalf of CUTS and thanked them for their presence in the program.

Dausa

The Farmer training and exposure visit was organized from August 24 to 25, 2018, at HGVS Dausa.

Training

The workshop witnessed a large number of participation of the farmers and many eminent speakers marked their presence in literacy drive. Dr. B.L. Jat, Science Agriculture Centre, Dharmendra Chaturvedi, Project Officer, Rajdeep Pareek, Project Officer, CUTS, Anil Sharma and Dinesh Pareekh (FPO Officer) were key resource persons in the training.

Dr. B. L. Jat highlighted the importance of organic farming and the further benefit which farmers can derive by adopting organic method of farming. He mentioned the fact that

use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides has adverse effect on the life of human beings and that is why the need of present hour is to adopt organic way of farming.

Rajdeep Pareek informed the participants about organic seeds and seed treatment. He shed light on the marketing procedures and seed organic certification.

Anil Sharma encouraged the farmer involved in organic farming and stated that agriculture department is looking forward to facilitating farmers who involve themselves in organic farming.

O. P. Pareek highlighted the importance of organic farming while stating the fact that organic farming leads to less wastage of water, less cost of production, higher productivity and high price of product.

Exposure Visit

Farmers visited organic farms where they were taught about the benefits of organic farming. Farmer Jamnalal shared his experience of organic farming with the other farmers. They also visited agriculture science center to acquire knowledge about vermin compost pit and azolla grass. After the expedition, participants filled feedback forms and the session ended with a vote of thanks.

Pratapgarh

On 28 August 2018, a farmer training and visit program was organized at Divyam Garden Pratapgarh in which 70 persons participated which included 50 men and 20 women.

Training

Chief Coordinator of CUTS Human Development Centre, Gauhar Mahmood, welcomed all the 70 participants and the chief guest and said that due to continuous effort of CUTS international, the farmers have become aware of the positive effects of organic farming. Eminent guests in the workshop were Dr. Yogesh Kanojia, Chief Scientist of Agriculture Science Centre, Dr. L.M. Tripathi, Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department, Nitesh Kumar, Srajan Sansthan, Deepak Saxena, Deputy Head of CUTS CART, Rajdeep Pareek, Program Coordinator, CUTS, Gauhar Mahmood, Human Development Centre, CUTS, and Madanlal Keer, Program Coordinator.

Deepak Saxena, Deputy Head of CUTS CART, elucidated the primary aim of organizing workshop and further stated that, for encouraging organic farming, CUTS is organizing workshops in 10 districts of Rajasthan.

Dr. YogeshKanojia, Chief Scientist in Agricultural Science Department, threw light on the importance of organic farming and the adverse impact of consumption of products grown with the help of pesticides and chemicals. He encouraged farmers to adopt organic way of farming and elaborated on the procedure of making organic manures.

Dr. L.M. Tripathi, Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department, highlighted the importance of animal husbandry in organic farming. He stated that animal husbandry is a vital component in organic farming and both are interdependent on each other.

Nitesh Kumar, Volunteer in Srajan Sansthan, interacted with the participants and taught them about the method to prepare organic manure and pesticides.

RajdeepPareek, Program Coordinator from CUTS CART, gave information about seed organic certification and marketing procedures.

During the program, participants interacted with each other and experts while Jamna Lal Gurjar and Bansi Lal Dhakad shared their experiences. Also, documentary film by Rajiv Dixit "Zero Budget Jaivik Kheti" was previewed and pens, diaries and pamphlet regarding organic farming were distributed to the farmers.

Exposure Visit

Forty-five participants, including 4 women, visited organic farm of Jamnalal to understand the concept of organic farming. After the visit, they went to agriculture science centre where farmers were taught about vermin compost pit and azolla grass. They were made well aware about the programs and workshops organized by the agriculture science center for the welfare of farmers.

After that, feedback forms were filled by the farmers in which they shared all their views and experiences. The program ended with a vote of thanks to the participants by Madanlal Keer.

Sawai Madhopur

On 19 September and 20 September, 2018, farmer training and exposure programme was organized at Shri Gautam Ashram Trust, Sawai Madhopur.

Training

The training programme was attended by 46 participants. Eminent guests present in the programme were Dr. Ramashre Prabhari, Agricuture Science Centre, Rajdeep Pareek, Programme Coordinator, Dharmendra Chaturvedi, Programme Coordinator and Dr. Nupur Sharma, Agriculture Scientist.

Dr. Ramashre Prabhari highlighted the adverse effects of the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizer on the health of human beings and productivity of crop. He requested farmers to adopt traditional way of organic farming to curb the harmful effects of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. He emphasized the importance of organic manures and fertilizers to increase the productivity of crop and bring back nutrients to soil.

Dinesh Kumar stated that the focus of the ongoing program is to encourage farmers to adopt organic way of farming and highlighted the drawbacks of farming based on chemical manures and pesticides.

Rajdeep Pareek discussed the aim of organizing workshop. He shared some natural techniques to make herbal spray, jeewamrit and vermi-composting. He recommended people to adopt natural techniques for nutrient management and pest and disease control methods.

Dr. Nupur Sharma shared information regarding vermi-compost pit and seed dressing process. He elaborated the process to prepare manure through vermi-compost process.

Exposure Visit

Forty-six participants visited the organic Shabari farm where farmer Mohanlal shared his experience with organic farming. He explained the process of making manure through vermi-compost process and the benefits of it. The programme ended with a vote of thanks.

Chittorgarh

On 26 September and 27 September, 2018, Farmer training and exposure programme was organized at Kisan Bhawan, Chittorgarh.

Training

The training program was attended by 58 female farmers. Dr. Shankarlal Jat, Dr. Ratanlal Solanki, Scientist, Agriculture Science Centre, Dr. Mukesh Chandra Sharma, Assistant Professor, Animal Research Centre, Dr. O.P. Sharma, Assistant Director, Agriculture Research Centre, Vineet Vyas, Seed Certification Officer, Dharmendra Chaturvedi, Program Coordinator, CUTS CART, Rajdeep Pareek, Program Coordinator, CUTS CART, Gauhar Mahmood, Coordinator, CUTS Human Development Centre, and Madanlal Keer, Program Coordinator, participated in the literary drive.

Gauhar Mahmood welcomed all the participants and the chief guest and stated the purpose and aim of this program.

Dharmendra Chaturvedi, Programme Coordinator, CUTS CART, told the participants about the main purpose of organizing such an event and mentioned that they are organizing such type of events in ten districts of Rajasthan for the cause of increasing organic farming.

Dr. Shankarlal Jat highlighted the importance of organic farming and the adverse effects of farming with the help of chemical fertilizer and pesticides by stating the fact that it leads to downfall in the natural nutrients of the soil.

Dr. Ratanlal Solanki discussed about Soil Health Management and Soil Health Card. He emphasized on the importance of nutrient-filled soil and the process of making manures for through vermi-composting process.

Dr. Mukesh Chandra Sharma mentioned the importance of animal husbandry in organic farming. He stated that it is useful for making organic manure, bio gas, tilling of soil, etc., and, hence, it should b appreciated to enhance productivity.

Dr. O.P. Sharma discussed the process of making bio-fertilizers and encouraged farmers to use them instead of chemical fertilizers.

Vinnet Vyas talked about organic certification and marketing approach to enhance the selling of product. He elaborated the procedure to get organic certification.

Then, an open debate took place in which participants shared their views, which was followed by film “Zero Budget JaivikKheti”. Pens, diaries and pamphlets on topic of organic farming were distributed to the farmers.

Exposure Visit

Fify-three female farmers visited the agriculture science center where they learned about vermi-wash and vermi-compost pit from Dr. Ratanlal Solanki. They visited a compost unit, custard apple garden and kinnow garden. They were made aware about the program by the agriculture science department for the upliftment of farmers.

After the expedition, farmers filled feedback forms in which they shared their views and the program ended with vote of thanks from Madanlal Keer.

Udaipur

On 21 November and 22 November, 2018, farmer training and exposure programme was organized at Astha Prashikshan Kendra, Udaipur.

Training

The training programme was attended by 55 farmers. To enlighten farmers, various notable speakers participated, including Mr. Mohan Dangi, Mr. Anil Dutt Vyas, Mr. Deepak Saxena, Mr. Brijmohan Dixit, Mr. Panna Lal Dangi, Mr. Rohit Jain and Rajdeep Pareek.

Mr. Anil Dutt Vyas welcomed all the participants and the chief guest who participated in the literary drive by CUTS international.

Mr. Deepak Saxena elaborated on the primary purpose and aim of organizing this literary drive. He shared information regarding a series of events which are going to be organized by the CUTS.

Mr. Mohan Dangi highlighted the importance of organic farming and prerequisites for organic farming. He also highlighted the benefit of organic farming over chemical farming.

Mr. Brajmohan Dixit shared information regarding soil health management and soil card scheme. He explained how to keep soil enriched with natural nutrients.

Mr. Panna Lal Dangi expounded the organic procedures and pest management. He explained the method for adopting organic farming and various procedures involved in it.

Mr. Rohit Jain explained the procedure of getting organic certification and marketing procedures.

Mr. Rajdeep Pareek shed light on the challenges faced while adapting to organic farming and what would be the solution for it.

Exposure Visit

Fifty-five farmers visited the Rajasthan Agriculture University where information regarding organic farming was provided by Laxminarayan Dashora. He explained how to prepare organic manure, how to do organic farming, its usefulness and repercussions of chemical farming. To persuade others to adopt organic method of farming, organic farms were setup in schools of Rajasva village and Dobadiya villages. Finally, the program ended with a vote of thanks.

Jodhpur

On 25 December and 26 December 2018, farmer training and exposure visit programme, in collaboration with Marudhar Ganga Society, was organized at Kisan Bhawan, Jodhpur.

Training

Deepak Saxena, Assistant Director CUTS, highlighted the importance and basic purpose of organizing such an event. He discussed further programs which are going to happen and what is expected to be achieved.

Mr. Om Prakash Meena, Agriculture Scientist, explained the procedure for obtaining soil health card and importance of organic farming.

Mr. Arun Kumar, Agriculture Scientist, highlighted the possibilities of organic farming in Rajasthan and the procedure involved in doing so. He shed light on the harmful effects of chemical farming and repercussions thereof.

Banshidhar Raigar expounded the process of eliminating pests by using the method of organic farming.

Ratanlal Dangi talked about the challenges faced by farmers while adopting organic way of farming and elaborated on the solution of these challenges.

An open session was held by Rajdeep Pareek, where farmers raised queries and they were addressed by experts.

Exposure Visit

Farmers visited a solar plant where they were taught about solar pumps, drip irrigation techniques and various other agricultural equipments. They visited Bagvani's farm and then an organic farm. In the end, they visited the agriculture science center where they were taught about variety of seeds and vermi-compost farming and dairy farming. In the end, the program ended with a vote of thanks.

Jhalawar (23-24 October, 2018)

Training

The training was organized by Samajik Vikas Sansthan, Jhalawar, at KVK. Nathuram Chaudhary welcomed all the esteemed guests and told them about the project ProOrganicII. Dr. A. K. Verma, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Radheshyam Vaishnav, Assistant Seed certification officer, Dr. Madhusudan Acharya, Retired Dean, Kamal Paliwal, Agri. Supervisor, and Dr. T. A. Bansod, Veterinary Doctor were key speakers in the training.

Dr. Verma mentioned about the developed techniques at KVK under the organic farming. He said that to reduce the cost of cultivation at a farm, they need to adopt organic farming techniques. Dr. explained the complete process of organic certification.

Dr. Madhusudan told the farmers about the hazardous effects of chemical farming and techniques of organic farming which can adopted easily at the farm. He also talked about vermi-compost, vermi-wash, waste decomposer, Jeewamrit, Harbel Spray, etc.

Dharmendra Chaturvedi mentioned about the objective of the training. He suggested farmers should adopt organic farming to get more prices of their products in the market because the demand is increasing for the organic products.

Dr. Bansod focused on the importance of animal husbandry in organic farming. He mentioned that agriculture and animal husbandry are two wheels of a bullock cart, if you remove one, it becomes useless. Therefore, it is important for every farmer to combine animal husbandry with agriculture to succeed in organic farming.

Mr. Paliwal told them about the PKVY (Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana) and how they can get benefit out of this scheme.

Exposure Visit

Next day, all the participants visited the Dhakar farm in Jhalawar. These are two brothers and they are doing high-tech organic farming of vegetables and fruits. They have two shed net houses of 4000 meters and they are growing vegetables like cucumber, broccoli, cherry tomatoes and strawberries. Farmers have also visited vermi-compost units, Jeevamrit, Herbal spray and biogas plant at the farm. They also visited a dairy farm where about 50 indigenous breeds of cows are being reared. In the interactions, all the participants give their feedback on the training and exposure visit. Mr. Nathuram gave a vote of thanks to all the participants with the promise of adopting organic farming.

Kota (25-26 October, 2018)

Training

The training was organized by Ramkrishna Sikshna Sansthan, Kota, at Jan Sikshan Sansthan. Dr. K. M. Gautam, Head, Directorate of Extension, Kota Agricultural University, Dr. Ram Kumar, Gramin Vigyan Kendra, Kota, Dr. Geeta Dhadhich, Environmentalist, Brijesh Vijayvergiya, Member, Jal Biradari, and Dr. Chandrakala, Coordinator, Akal Naari Sangthan, were the key resource persons in the training.

Yudhister Chansi welcomed all the esteemed guests and explained about the ProOrganic project and the objective of the training and exposure visit. Dr. Gautam mentioned that to improve our food safety & security, we need to strike a balance between Water, Forest and Land.

Dharmendra Chaturvedi mentioned about the increasing demand for organic products and asked farmers to adopt organic farming.

Dr. Dhadhich emphasised the need to protect the environment though sensitising people.

Dr. Chandrakala mentioned about the importance of women in agriculture. She said that in home women are related to kitchen and pesticides and chemical fertilisers have made our food plates poisonous. Therefore, women farmers need to be more conscious of this particular issue.

Rajdeep Pareek talked about the techniques used in organic farming. A total of 55 participants, including 50 women, participated in the training.

Exposure Visit

Next day, the farmers visited KVK, Kota. Dr. Ramraj Meena interacted with the farmers about the different techniques of organic farming. They also visited the high-tech nursery, vermi-compost units, dairy unit and waste decomposer at the farm.

After that, the farmers visited Malav Organic farm at the Haripura village. Mr. Narendra Malav was the owner of this farm. He welcomed all the participants. He told them that he has been involved in organic farming for eight years. He is also doing beekeeping along with agriculture. The participants visited the organic soya bean field, orchards of anola, pomegranate and citrus and vermi-compost units. All the participants give their feedback about the training and learning during these two days.

Yudhister Chansi proposed vote of thanks to all the participants with a promise of adopting organic farming at least for their own consumption.

Jaipur (17-18 January, 2018)

Training

The training was organized at Kisan Bhavan, Jaipur. The training was attended by Deepak Saxena, Dharmendra Chaturvedi, Nimisha Sharma, Rajdeep Pareek and Radikha Khandelwal from CUTS. Dr. Sri Ram Sharma, Retired Professor SKNAU, Jobner, Dheeraj Sharma, Oncert International, Dr. Pawan Kumar Tak, Assistant Professor, Vivekanand Global University, and Dr. Gajendra Sharma, ARO, Dept. of Agriculture, were the key speakers in the training.

DS welcomed all the esteemed guests and told them about the project objectives and the need of training to the farmers.

Dr. Sharma told them that to reduce the cost of cultivation at a farm, there is a need to adopt organic farming techniques. He mentioned about the hazardous effects of chemical farming.

Dheeraj Sharma told them about the complete process of organic certification and the fee structure of individual and group certification.

Dr. Tak talked about integrated nutrients and pest management techniques in organic farming. He told them about the vermi-compost, vermi-wash, waste decomposer, Jeewamrit, Herbal Spray, etc.

Dr. Gajendra focused on the importance of kitchen garden in urban and rural areas. He said that even in villages, farmers used to grow monoculture and daily use vegetables they are purchasing from the market. He also said that in urban areas, consumers are becoming aware and they are growing their vegetables in their kitchen gardens and roof top gardening.

RDP told all participants that we need to talk about the need of organic farming at our local level. This will create awareness for all the villagers living there. He said that due to health issues related to our food, the number of hospitals is increasing even in a small town. If we grow organic food for our own consumption, then we will be healthier than others and at least we would save our money which we are spending on hospitals.

Exposure Visit

Next day, all the participants visited RARI (Rajasthan Agricultural research Institute), Durgapura, Jaipur.

Dr. V.S. Yadav, Director RARI, welcomed all the farmers and told them about the research work going on at their farm on organic farming. Then all the participants visited the farm, where they see vermi-composting units, integrated farming model, dairy unit and different field trials of organic inputs. All the participants give their feedback about the training programme.

Rajdeep suggested to all the participants that they should discuss about organic farming with your agriculture supervisor and it can be organized at village level by the department also. He gives a vote of thanks to all the block partners and participants.

Key Features of the Activity: At a Glance

- The events helped bring farmers and institutions on a common platform for better coordination in future, which will ultimately help in reaping good results.
- There were healthy debates and discussions over myths about organic culture and financial benefits.
- The events also enabled participants to know some of the traditional ways of organic farming, such as formation of vermi-wash/vermi-compost, herbal pesticides/insecticides and treatment of seeds and soil management, etc.
- Women participants showed keen interest in these events and were present in good numbers.
- All the six training workshops and exposure visits proved extremely successful in terms of geographical coverage in terms of participation, gender involvement, media coverage, overall conduction of the events, etc. Moreover, majority of participating farmers expressed their willingness to switch over to organic farming from their current mode of chemical farming.
- At many places, even those farmers who were already involved in organic farming came to know about many new and traditional ways of farming helpful in organic culture. They accepted that such trainings are the first of their kind besides what KVKs have been doing for them.
- Feedback forms indicate that over 80 percent of farmers were inspired by the events organised by CUTS and showed immense interest in starting organic farming.