

## REPORT

### **Awareness-cum-Demonstration Mela for Agricultural Tools and Equipment**

One day “Awareness-cum-Demonstration Mela for Agricultural Tools and Equipment” was organised at the Gumto Village by joint collaboration of UBA and ESA, NERIST on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The main theme of the event was to demonstrate various improved technology to the farmers to enhance their income and develop linkage among farmers. NERIST, UBA Regional Coordinator Prof. P. Lingfa emphasized the role of UBA and how it can be linked with farmers in nation building.

In the mela, the AICRP on ESA demonstrated improved hand tools and machinery for paddy cultivation, ladders for harvesting of fruits, remote controlled power tiller, safety gadgets for Dao and sickle, improved backpack for load carrying, pea planter, maize Sheller etc.

Dr. T. Patel UBA coordinator and Co-PI of ESA project briefed about latest technology available for improving income of small and marginal farmers. He also stressed the adoption of best working posture for minimizing the Work related Musculoskeletal disorders (WMSDs).



Food technology expert Mr. A. K. Choudhary, Assistant Professor of NERIST highlights the post-harvest technology management using local resources.

Dr. A. D. Singh, Associate Professor of NERIST, emphasis the use of electronic instrumentation, and control systems for solving problems in agriculture for taking maximum profit with minimum input.

At the end of the mela, improved NERIST sickles were distributed to all participants to experience the benefits of improved hand tools and technology. The feedback of the overall programme was also gathered. From the feedback session, it was concluded that participants were very happy with the programme.

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