

Report on
Empowering Farm Women through Advanced Skill Development Training
programme in making of Diversified Jute Braided Items at ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore

An Advanced Skill Development training programme was organized by ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore for empowerment of farm women in making various types of Jute Braided Items where 15 SC rural women of Beraberia, Chharuhat and Bijaypur villages of North 24 Parganas district, participated in the training programme. The participant women were belonged to SHGs like Neel Jyoti, Chharuhat, Super, Disha, Naba Yug, Phool and Rajani. The training was conducted at Institute's Skill Development Hall during August 10 - 21, 2026.

The training was organized with the objective of empowering farm women by enhancing their entrepreneurial skills and promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities. The programme focused on developing advanced practical skills in the production of value-added jute products, enabling participants to be technically empowered and to generate additional income by making and selling these handicrafts.

The trainees were given both theoretical and practical exposure by the well-trained Trainers and the skill of the participants was enhanced in making of various types of jute braided items like jute carpet, mat, fruit basket, *asana*, tray, pen holder, flower vase, flower basket, hat, coaster etc. The trainees were also motivated to continue their practice in making these handicrafts after the training, so that they can fine-tune their acquired skill.

The training was organized under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Gouranga Kar, Director, ICAR-CRIJAF. He interacted with each participant, motivated them, and put emphasis on marketing of their handmade jute diversified products. He also acknowledged the importance of this type of training for creating sustainable livelihood option through skill development in making value added jute diversified products. The trainees were happy with their training exposure and wanted to learn more skill in making jute diversified products. By equipping participants with practical skills and entrepreneurial knowledge, the initiative promoted self-reliance, income generation, and sustainable rural development. Continued support through market linkage and advanced training can further enhance the impact of such programmes.







