

SEED FAIR

Online Preparation Meeting on 11 October 2020

Stakeholders:

Coordinator

Farmers

Scientists

(States: Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh)

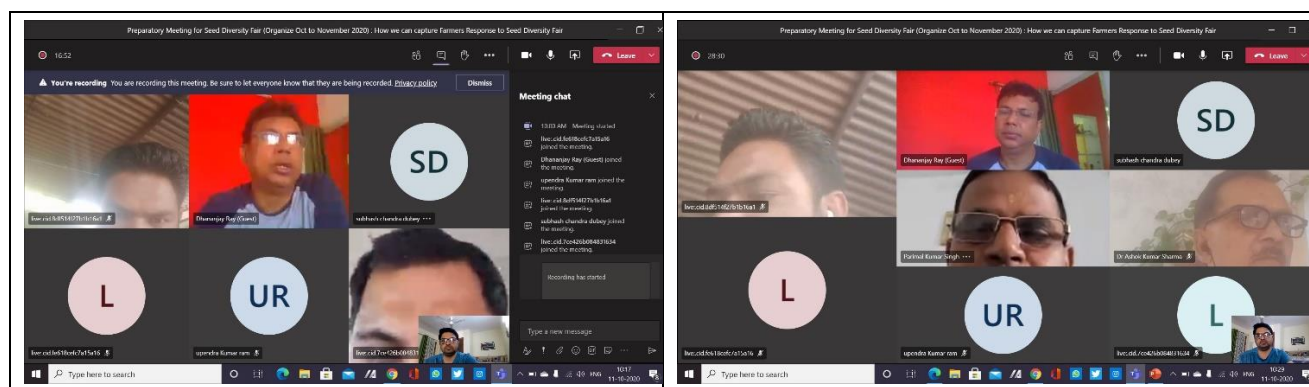
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FAO, ITPGR-BSF Project - Fourth Cycle

Improving pulse biodiversity in rice fallow areas of tribal belts of Central and East Indian states to bring resilience in the farming practice, provide livelihood support and enhance nutritional level of the tribal population

Implementing Institution

PAIRVI (Public Policy Initiatives for Rights and Values in India)



Images: participates in online meeting

Our team will organize it – First Week of November and Mid June Season



COMMUNITY SEED FAIR IN THE WORLD

London /UK- Example : <https://seedysunday.org/>

The UK's biggest and longest-running community seed swap event

Netherlands: <https://aseed.net/reclaim-the-seeds-met-6-zadenbeurzen/>

United State : <https://www.seedsavers.org/>

Norway : <https://www.regjeringen.no/en/topics/food-fisheries-and-agriculture/svalbard-global-seed-vault/id462220/>

China - [The Germplasm Bank of Wild Species](#), China

[India, Vrihi](#), India – Rice Varieties



Guidelines for Conducting Community Seed Fairs

1. To ensure **Women Participation**
2. To create awareness of local crop diversity/**Different Crop Varieties** in community
3. Platform should be used for
A. Discussion on i) SEED, ii) Local practices and knowledge linked to specific seed varieties
B. Showing and Exchanging the seed, showcasing and sharing their best varieties/crop seed.
4. Focus on **local crop diversity** (improved, local, neglected and collected crops)
5. The planning, design and preparation of seed fairs **affordable for rural farmers**
6. The **community feels ownership** of it.
7. The seed fair should be given a Theme and Objectives.
8. Seed fair should have pre-decided the **Planning of activities**.
9. The '**Seed Fair Committee**' and **Activity-Coordinators** must plan in advance
10. **Monitoring and evaluation**

Theme: What is the main message = गाँव का बीज मेला / हमारा बीज मेला

Objectives:

1) Objective 1: Raising awareness of local crop diversity at the rural community level

- Displays of crop diversity, with judging and awards for the best displays.
- Presentations by very knowledgeable farmers on the crop diversity that they conserve.
- Sketches, songs and dances related to crop diversity.
- Links project presentations on the findings of field research

2) Objective 2 : Encouraging community-level production of crop diversity

- Sale or exchange of local varieties.
- Exchange of information on local varieties.
- Planning of demonstration plots, including at the local school or with a farmer (quality declared seed [QDS], very knowledgeable farmer or other).

Committee and engagement:

Village Meetings - ⑦ Seed Fair Committee - 10

(Activity coordinator + state coordinator + culture committee + member for attendance/assistance + logistic team)

⑦ Activity coordinator - 4 (women and youth)

State Coordinator ⑦ Registration of stall, Provide space for stall, arrangement of water, tea and food

⑦ Monitoring, Photo, video,

⑦ Noted down the farmers stall and seed and varieties

⑦ Cell in the each Stall : major crops, millets, pulses, vegetables, Oil

⑦ Responses the farmers

Culture Committee ⑦ **Culture Songs related with harvesting/crops/ biodiversity** - Farmers share their knowledge about seeds and crops with songs and dances - **women groups**

Each fair was opened with a speech from Seed Savors Women/Man

Person for attendance and signature in the sheet. 1 (Women)

Logistic team - snacks and drinks, and lunch + cloths + marker + other assistance to farmers -3 (youth)

Seed Fair Committee will decide:

1. **PLACE for fair** - ? Can we arrange it in Government school/ panchayat ghar/ Community seed bank/ Play ground
2. **Day for fair** - ?
3. **TIME** – 10.00 AM TO 5.00 AM
4. **Culture Activities** – Time ?
5. **Seed display** – bamboo basket/ leaf of plash/ soil **pot?** And Paper/cartoon **Cuttings?** and **Marker?** And **Chart Paper?**
6. **Stall arrangement** in ground – Table/Soil ?
7. **Seating** arrangement – Cloth/chair ?
8. **Stall no.** and registration - ?
9. **Tea and lunch** time and arrangement - ?
10. How to carry the seed -?
11. How to manage sunlight/rain/others – Shed/Tripal/Cloth ?
12. **The quantity of “Seeds for Sell”** and **“Seed for Display”** should be clearly classified. Minimum **half kg seed** should be represented as display.
13. The quantity of seed for sell purpose **not more than five kg** for per crop and per variety.- These selling seed should represent only **coming planting season**.

14. Distribute empty seed packets to be filled by participating farmers ahead of time and sticker for labelling
15. Public Awareness for time, place and objectives of seed fair.
16. How will close the seed fair?- closing session ? – cultural music by women/ men + tea + samosa ?

EXIT INTERVIEWS

Exit interviews with farmers as they left the event, to determine whether they actually exchanged the seeds they brought and had new varieties to take home.- **Video Recording**

Stall – Representative

- **Describe about the seed**
- **Seed variety related information**
- **Traditional knowledge and practices like planting season, harvesting season etc.**
- Interactive presentation about optimal seed selection from healthy plants, seed cleaning and drying, and different options for seed storage.



- Speeches,
- Small-group discussions,
- Games,
- Songs,
- Drama,
- Formal or informal education, or
- Farmer presentations

Invite questions and feedback from farmers, provided an opportunity to discuss and to clarify farmers' **current seed-saving practices – How they Select from Healthy Plant, Drying, Seed Cleaning**

- **State coordinator – recorded the video and submit**

State Coordinator will submit the following format at end of the fair on **BIODIVERSITY**

Stall No.-

NAME

M/F

Village

Seed bank Passbook No..... (Optional)

| Crop displayed | Main crops, Millets, Pulses, Vegetables, Oil | Varieties /Local name | Local (L) / Improved (I) | Major, Neglected, Rare |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
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*This report can be used for the award.

State Coordinator will submit the following format at end of the fair on **FARMER RESPONSE**

Stall No.- (if any)

NAME

• M/F

Village

Seed bank Passbook No..... (Optional)

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आपको कैसा लगा /
DID YOU ENJOY

क्या आप अपने गाँव में
अगले साल फिर से यह
मेला आयोजित करना
चाहोगे

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इस मेले को ओर
अच्छा बनाने के ललए
क्या सुझाव है

Certificates and Award

Certificates will be given to all Registered Stall participant

Award : community seed bank will provide two times of seed via passbook with a specific entry as awarded seed rather than general exchange based distribution to other farmers for the coming planting season. **Or/+ 500 Rs.**

Farmers were awarded from one to five points for each of the following criteria:

- Number of crops;
- Number of varieties of a crop;
- Quality of display;
- Innovativeness;
- Quality of presentation.