

## Training Program organized for Rural Youth under ARYA

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack organized a 5-days training program for Rural Youth under ARYA project (EAP-291) on “Production technology of vegetables under protected structures” at KVK campus, Santhapur from 23-27 September, 2024. The objective of conducting training under Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) is to attract and empower the youth in rural areas to take up various Agriculture, allied and service sector enterprises for sustainable income and gainful employment. A total 25 no. of rural youths were actively participated in this skill training program. Dr. Tusar Ranjan Sahoo, SMS (Horticulture), the training coordinator, coordinated the program and imparted training various aspects. The participants learned about seedling raising techniques under hi-tech nursery, construction of low-cost protective structures, plant protection measures inside polyhouse, off season vegetable cultivation and economics of vegetable production under protected structure. The trainees received hands-on training in setting up plug tray nurseries. Dr Dillip Ranjan Sarangi, SMS (Soil Science), and Dr Rajan Kamboj, SMS (Plant Protection), provided training on soil health management and IPM strategy in vegetable cultivation. Dr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanta, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK NRRI Cuttack, discussed the importance and opportunities of the ARYA project. He urged rural youths to embrace protected cultivation in response to the changing climate and awarded certificates to the participants.



Glimpses of Training