## Training Program on "Natural Farming"

KVK, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack organized a Training Program on Natural farming at its Santhapur premises from 18-19 September, 2024. A total of 40 numbers of grassroot level extension functionaries included Krushimitras and Pranimitras, participated the training program on topic Natural Farming for Plant Protection and Soil Heath Management'. The aim of this training program was to promote natural farming in India as part of the project "Out scaling of Natural Farming through KVKs" by ICAR. Dr. Tusar Ranjan Sahoo, SMS (Horticulture), the training coordinator, coordinated the program and provided training in theoretical and practical classes. Different subjects were discussed such as Introduction to Natural Farming: Reasons and Methods, Soil - Perspective in Natural Agriculture, Seed System in Natural Agriculture, Incorporating Livestock in Natural Farming - Perspective, Principles and Techniques, as well as Plant Protection Strategies in natural farming and Biopesticide preparation methods during the training session. Dr Dillip Ranjan Sarangi, SMS (Soil Science), Dr Rajan Kamboj, SMS (Plant Protection) imparted trainings on role of microbes in soil and plant health management. Dr Ranjan Kumar Mohanta, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK NRRI Cuttack participated in the program and provided guidance to participants on how to prepare Biostimulants and Biopesticides. All trainees learned the preparation methods like Jeevamruta, Ghana Jeevamruta, Bijamruta, Neemastra, Agneyastra and Bramhastra. They were all received their participation certificates and expressed their commitment to expanding Natural Farming technology to a larger farming community.



Glimpses of Training Program on "Natural Farming"