

**One day off-campus training program on paddy seed production organized by IIRR scientists for tribal farmers at Haridaspally, Yadadri Bhongir, Telangana on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

A training program on seed production was organized at Haridaspally of Yadadri Bhongir district on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 under the ICAR-IIRR TSP program, in collaboration with NGO BLESS. Based on the benchmark survey and interaction with farmers in March, 2018, a twenty member farmer interest group for seed production was identified in Yadadri Bhongir district. The farmers were from Teryala, Haridaspally, Pallepahad and Chandepally villages. Dr.Amtul Waris, Principal Scientist (Ag.Extension), IIRR, briefed about the objectives of TSP and the activities (demonstrations, skill training, seeds and technical literature) undertaken by ICAR-IIRR under TSP. The critical steps, stages and precautions for quality seed production were elaborated upon by Dr.M.S. Anantha, Scientist (Plant Breeding). Dr.B.Nirmala, Scientist (Ag.Economics) emphasised the need for taking up seed production by the farmers under the supervision of scientists and NGO staff for the supply of quality seed at appropriate time and affordable cost. Leaflet on 'Rice seed production' in local language was distributed to the farmers. The program was coordinated by Drs. Amtul Waris , Dr. B. Nirmala and Dr. M. S. Anantha.

