

## Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) interacted with Soliga tribals on TSP interventions of AICRP on Integrated Farming Systems

Integrated Farming Systems approach of agricultural interventions for Soliga tribals in BR Hills, Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka, is being implemented under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) by AICRP on Integrated Farming Systems through UAS, Bengaluru. Technological interventions such as crop husbandry through improved seeds, introduction of subsidiary enterprises like apiculture, kitchen garden, vermicomposting, back yard poultry with improved breeds, value addition of forest fruits like Jack as well as Grain amaranth for Nutritional up gradation were made for income and employment generation of Soliga tribals. Capacity building and Skill development activities were also taken in the cluster.

Interventions resulted in threefold increase in production of cereal crops like maize and finger millet, providing additional buffer stock for soliga family consumption in case of Finger millet and increased grain yield and marketable maize for additional income.

Secretary (DARE) & Director General, ICAR, Dr. S. Ayyappan interacted with Soliga tribals personally along with OFR Agronomist and staff of AICRP-IFS on 26 December 2015 and expressed his satisfaction regarding the impact created under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) activities of AICRP on IFS for soligas based on their feedback provided. The success story of TSP interventions were documented as **“Soliga Tribals and Farming systems”** in the form of booklet and CD which was released at BR hills by Dr. S. Ayyappan and guest of honor Dr. H. Sudarshan, Honorary Secretary, Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra of B.R. Hills. Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, Protection of Plant varieties and Farmers Rights, Dr. M. Mahadevappa, Director, JSS Rural Development Foudation, Dr. N.K. Krishna Kumar, DDG (Horticultural Science) and Dr. H. Shivanna, Vice- Chancellor, Director of Research, Director of Extension, UAS, Bangalore, Chief Conservator of Forest, Chamarajanagar also participated in the interaction.



Release of Booklet on “Soliga Tribals and Farming Systems” by Dr S. Ayyappan, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR)



**Release of CD on “Soliga Tribals and Farming Systems” by Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR)**



**Interaction of Dr S. Ayyappan, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) with Soliga Tribals**