

# Capacity Building: Training Programme at Chikmagalur Liaison Zone

Coffee Board is organising training programmes for various stakeholders in the coffee sector in association with Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM), Bangalore under the Board's Capacity Building Programme. In the Coffee Industry, the coffee growers are the primary stakeholders though the others stakeholders like Managers, Supervisors and workers employed in the plantations and curing works are also equally important. Therefore, Capacity building of all stakeholders in their respective fields and harmonious linkages among all the stakeholders are the key factor to ensure the sustenance of Indian Coffee industry in the long run.

The IIPM, Bangalore is conducting Short Term Executive Programme (STEP) and Reach-out programmes in consultation with the Coffee Board on the important identified topics. Reach-out training programme on "Use of Machinery and its Maintenance in Coffee Estates to Workers and Tiny Growers" was conducted in Chikmagalur region on

6th February 2014 which was coordinated by the Deputy Director (Extn.), Chikmagalur with the assistance of Senior Liaison Officer, Koppa.

The main focus of the training programme was to create awareness about the use of machinery and popularise the use of machinery in Farm operations to mitigate labour constraints. This programme was also helpful in improving skills and knowledge on maintenance of farm machinery such as weed cutter, high-tech sprayer, telescopic pruner, chain saw, pit digger, etc.

The programme was organised at Jayapura village of Koppa taluk in Chikmagalur district where majority of the growers come under the category of small and tiny holdings. Most of the tiny growers work themselves along with family members in their own estates. For these growers the training programme on use of machinery and its maintenance is very useful. About 20 small/tiny growers attended the programme. Besides Member of FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), Rotary Club

members of Jayapura and also leading growers of that area participated in the programme.

Sri.Narendra, Faculty, IIPM conducted the programme and gave a presentation on the working of various farm machineries and narrated case studies of the growers managing the estates independently. He stressed upon the necessity of mechanization of agriculture due to the increased cost of labour as well as to reduce the drudgery.

Group discussion was organized among the participants, Coffee Board Officers and IIPM Faculty. Finally demonstration of various machineries viz., Sprayer, Pole Pruner, Chainsaw, Pit Digger and Weed Cutter etc. was organized by utilizing the expertise of technicians of machinery dealers.

Board's Officers also answered queries raised by the participants about the Mechanization, Labour Welfare Measures and Development schemes of the Board.

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*Demonstration of Machineries*