

## **Brief Report on ATMA farmer field school programme at Pulicherla on 7-12-2015**

**On 07.12.2015:** Dr.T.Giridhara Krishna, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Tirupati during his inaugural address to the farmers under **ATMA farmer field school programme** he narrated the research work carried at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Tirupati in various fields viz., development of new varieties in groundnut, Redgram and Blackgram etc, production of bio inoculants and bio fertilizers, crop management in groundnut as well as contingent crops suitable for aberrant weather, plant protection in groundnut and pulses, biotechnological approaches for drought tolerance etc at Mekalavaripalle of Muthukuvaripalle, Pulicherla Mandal, Chittoor district on 07.12.2015. Further, Dr.G.Krishna Reddy, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) had explained important agro-techniques to be followed in *rabi* groundnut for realizing *two tons of pod yield per acre* and distributed the literature to the farmers for better understanding. Direct sowing in paddy will save time and drudgery on nursery raising as well as early harvest by 10 days compared to transplanted paddy. Effective herbicide viz Oxadiargyl @ 35 g/acre is recommended at 3-5 DAS of paddy in direct sown paddy for effective weed control at initial stages. Sri.P.Yerrama Reddy, Block Technology Officer, ATMA, Sri. Hariprasad Mandal Agricultural Officer, Pulicherla also participated under ATMA team. More than 30 farmers were attended the meeting.

