A two days HRD Training Programme on Emerging crop management strategies in weather induced stresses for the heads and SMSs of South Bengal Krishi Vigyan Kendras organised by the Directorate of Extension Education, BCKV has been started at FACC, BCKV has been inaugurated at 10.30 am today on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. G. Saha, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor. Prof. P. Bandopadhyay, Director of Extension Education in his welcome address underpinned the relevance of the topic and its contents. Prof. A. B. Sharangi, Dean, F/Hort. in his speech emphasized on the significance recent development technologies like ΑI and machine learning towards league for sustainability. Prof. J. Tarafder, Director of Research conversed on the holistic crop management strategies keeping in view the contemporary scenario. In his address, Prof. L. Das, Dean, F/Ag. discussed about different types of stresses which might create havoc in crop production at current situation. Prof. S. K. Acharya, Dean, PG Studies gave emphasis on importance of gender mainstreaming, soil and water management in present context and also on importance of documentation for future planning. Prof. G. Saha, Vice Chancellor BCKV in his Presidential address stressed upon three subjects viz. weather forecasting prediction, contingency planning and use of new technologies in the KVK system. At the end the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. A. Banerjee, Assistant Director of Extension Education. The inaugural programme was anchored by Dr. K. Barui, Senior Scientist and Head, Howrah KVK.