

**ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra (CREED)
Ariyalur District, TamilNadu**

Most Significant Activity (January 2024)

**Field day on FLD on VBN 4 Cowpea as intercrop in Cashewnut – Rainfed condition
under SC-SP Programme**

ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu has conducted Field day celebration in Front Line Demonstration (FLD) of VBN 4 Cowpea as intercrop in Cashewnut – Rainfed condition under SC-SP Programme on 19.01.2024 at Keelamaligai village of Sendurai block. The demonstration was conducted in 10 SC farmers fields in each 0.4 ha. The crop was raised during October month of 2023. Drought tolerant Cowpea variety VBN-4 has performed well as intercrop in Cashewnut. Farmers are practising Blackgram, Fodder sorghum and local Cowpea as intercrop in Cashewnut. For more income and other crop variety introducing purpose, the demonstration was done. VBN-4 Cowpea results high number of pods/plant (18-20 pods) than existing local cowpea (6-8 pods), less nutrient required, high yield (1010 kg/ha.) than existing local variety (780 kg/ha.) and 29% yield increase. During the field day celebration, Mrs.J.Kavitha, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Sendurai block participated and observed the feed of farmers on VBN-4 Cowpea variety. She assured to take forward the variety through department for further horizontal spread among the Cashewnut growers for getting more additional income. Totally 25 farmers were participated and benefitted.
