

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

Most Significant Activity (October 2023)

Cashew Shelling Provides Employment and Income to SC Woman

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ariyalur District (Hosted by CREED) is implementing SCSP programme to empower the SC population in the district as 24% of the people belongs to SC category. During 2022-23, installation of cashew shelling machine at Veerakkan village of Sendurai block has been made to provide year round employment to the SC women in the village. Ten cashew shelling units were placed in a cashew factory in the same village and it provides shift based employment to 20-25 SC woman. They are getting a wage of Rs.24/kg of finished nuts and a women can de-shell 12-15 kg in six hours thus earn an income of Rs.288 to 360/-. Our KVK team comprising of Senior Scientist and Head, SMS (Agri. Extn.), SMS (Home Science) visited the unit on 26.10.23 and collected data on number of labour days generated in the last six months, total wage earned by the landless SC women (Rs.5,18,400/-); drudgery aspects and socio economic impact of this particular intervention.
