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## Workshop held on organic farming with indigenous seed varieties

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BAJAJ Foundation organised a farmers' meet-cum-workshop on organic farming through use of indigenous seeds at Wardha on Monday. The first in a series of such programmes was held with an aim of promoting indigenous seed varieties and to bring seed sufficiency. The programme was attended by hundreds of students and agriculture experts, besides farmers. The programme was inaugurated virtually by Apoorv Bajaj, Trustee, Bajaj Foundation and was attended by Praveen Mule, District Development Manager, of NABARD, and Vidya Mankar, Project Director of ATMA.

Bajaj Foundation, Bajaj Group's philanthropic arm, intends to regularly organise such meets-cum-workshops to increase the number of self-reliant farming families through use and preservation of indigenous seeds and natural farming practices, the organisers told.

Over 100 farmers displayed numerous indigenous varieties of seeds on the occasion. The workshop gave a rare opportunity for the attendees to learn about various types of crops which could be cultivated via natural farming practices using indigenous seeds.

In a bid to raise awareness among masses, students from local agricultural colleges and business schools were specially invited for the day-long workshop. Students from colleges including Ramakrishna Bajaj Agriculture College attended the meet and learnt the latest techniques and best practices in organic farming from farmers and agriculture experts.