

## **CAU Regional Agri Fair 2017-18 concludes today at College of Fisheries**

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The three days long CAU Regional Agri Fair 2017-18 which took a grand opening on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, concluded today at the College of Fisheries, Tripura. Speaking on the closing ceremony held today as the Chief Guest, Shri Aghore Debbarma, Minister of Agriculture, Tribal Welfare and Animal Resource Development, Govt. of Tripura, mentioned the need for convergence of three components i.e. government approach, scientific contribution and interest of farmers. He further pointed the need for farmer friendly policies on agriculture inputs like feed and seed, better training dissemination to counter the farmer suicide in the country. He gave importance on prime areas of agriculture like fisheries and forestry to enable increased farm income with low investment.

Dr. R.B. Singh, speaking on the occasion praised the constituent colleges of the University for their enthusiastic participation and also the government of Tripura for providing all possible help to the University in establishing its Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the state. He pointed that the fair acted as a mutual learning process between farmers and scientist. He emphasized the need for women empowerment in agriculture to remove poverty from the country.

Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Vice Chancellor of the University presented a brief report of the fair. Prof. Singh placed his idea of compiling the queries from the farmers in the form of a book in several regional languages and preparing an action plan for need-based research by the scientist of the University.

The fair organized under the theme “Integrated Farming for Doubling of Farm Income” was attended by 7,000 farmers across the Northeastern states, above 153 officials from various related Agri & allied line departments, academic & research institutes, KVKs, banking sectors, private companies, NGOs/SHGs and agripreneuers. Various governmental, non-governmental organizations, entrepreneurs showcased their farmer friendly technologies, success stories, innovative ideas and products in 42 exhibition stalls. This fair also incorporated new components in comparison to last year’s fair in form of theme pavilion, women in agriculture, inclusion of quiz during farmer-scientist interaction. In the four sessions of interaction, altogether 83 scientist and technical staff of different organizations of NE region took part as resource persons. Some of the striking queries raised by the farmers during various thematic sessions relates to regional suitability of fish species and livestock breeds, fish disease outbreak during winter months, utilization of green manure crops in integrated farming, problem of bird flu, de-worming in pigs and cattle, ways and means to start agri-entrepreneurship, schemes available for poultry farming, training needs of the farmers from various extension functionaries etc. which were responded by the experts as per needs.

Earlier, Dr. Pramod K. Pandey, Dean, College of Fisheries welcomed Shri Aghore Debbarma, Minister of Agriculture, Tribal Welfare and Animal Resource Development, Govt. of Tripura, Padma Bhushan, Dr. Ram Badan Singh, Chancellor of the University, Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. C.A. Srinivasamurthy, Director of Research, CAU, Imphal, the scientist/officials/extension functionaries from various institutes, farmers across the NE and other dignitaries. Considering the technology showcase and display of products to suit with the theme, prizes to winners were presented by the chief guest.