

**Farmers' Training programme on 'Organic farming/Natural farming/Cow based economy'
under 'Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojna'
sponsored by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi**

The inaugural function of 5-days training programme on "Organic farming/Natural farming/Cow based economy" under Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojna was jointly organized by Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Kalyan Ashram, Tripura on 20th March, 2017 at ATIC Hall, College of Fisheries, CAU (I), Lembucherra, Tripura.

Prof. R. K. Saha, Coordinator of the training programme delivered the welcome address and emphasized the potential of organic farming as profit earning venture for improvement of socio-economic condition of farmers and encouraged the trainees towards entrepreneurship development. He also briefed about the training curriculum which is consisting of theory classes, practical and field exposure in different aspects of organic farming. He also informed the house that by 31st March 2017, 4 (four) more training programme will be completed at Kalyan Ashram, Kanchanpur, North Tripura, Kalyan Ashram, Banduar, Udaipur, Gomati and COF, West Tripura. In total 150 farmers will be trained on '**Organic farming/Natural farming/Cow based economy**' under this programme.

While addressing the well attended assembly of trainees, students, staffs, and faculties, the Guest of Honour of the programme, Mr. Pijush Kanti Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, Kalyan Ashram, Tripura appreciated the efforts taken by the ICAR and university for disseminating the knowledge and also requested the trainees to publicize the knowledge to the neighboring farmers for better productivity in the state.

The Chief Guest, Prof. J. R. Dhanze, former Dean, College of Fisheries, Lembucherra has encouraged the organizing committee including Kalyan Ashram, Tripura about the efforts taken by them towards enlightening the farmers about importance of soil, natural farming and agriculture production technology towards the livelihood improvement of the small and marginal farmers of Tripura state.

Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Dean, College of Fisheries, CAU (I), Lembucherra, Tripura and Nodal Officer of the whole programme presided over the function. In his presidential speech, he stressed upon the need of organic and cow based farming in the present scenario of agriculture of India. He expressed his concern on diminishing soil health and productivity of crops and animals thereby. He also assured the trainees about the help as and when they require in future.

The function ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Pradyut Biswas, Asst. Prof. College of Fisheries, Lembucherra.