

Training Programme on Organic Farming/Natural Farming/Cow based Economy

The College of Fisheries, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Lembucherra, Tripura is organizing a series of training programmes (5) on organic farming/natural farming/cow based economy. The importance of organic farming has increased manifold while keeping in view the immediate menace of climate change. This is a massive training programme being conducted by the college in collaboration with Kalyan Ashram, Kanchanpur for the agricultural farmers from different parts of the Tripura. The whole programme is sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, under Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojana (PDDUUKSY) a sub component of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Central Government Scheme launched for promoting organic farming. Under this scheme, ICAR, New Delhi has identified 100 training centres in the country to provide massive trainings on organic farming/natural farming and to fish out the talent of Indian youths for over all development of rural India. The five training programmes, each of five days duration, are being organized at different places of Tripura such as Kanchanpur in North Tripura District, Udaipur in South Tripura District and College of Fisheries, in West Tripura District. The target of this training programme is to provide skill based knowledge on various aspects such as Zebu cattle based conservational agriculture, cattle grazing common property resource management, understanding importance of earth worm in Zebu based green economy, production of enriched compost and vermicompost, biocontrol agents, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), seed treatments, protected cultivation options, green manuring, soil, water and nutrient management, water harvesting, water conservation and advance method of water management in agriculture, alternative energy sources, location specific varieties of crops, vegetables and fruits, post harvest management, processing and value addition, certification of organic farming and modern marketing and financing tools. Total 150 agricultural farmers of Tripura are supposed to be trained under this programme. In this series third training programme was inaugurated on 25th March, 2017 by Dr. S.K. Panda (IAS), Chairman, Executive Committee, Tripura Skill Development Mission, Government of Tripura, in presence of Shri Sunil Kumar, General Manager, NABARD, Agartala, Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Dean, College of Fisheries,

Lembucherra, Shri Suryanarayan, Member, North East Executive Council, Kalyan Ashram, Guwahati, Shri Sanjit Pal, State Secretary, Kalyan Ashram, Agartala, Prof. R. K. Saha and Prof. J.R. Dhanze of the college. At the outset of the programme Dr. P.K. Pandey welcomed all the guests and trainees in the College of Fisheries and he gave brief account of the training programme. In his inaugural speech, Dr. S.K. Panda highlighted need of this particular kind of training programme in the context of Tripura. He further emphasised on relevance of the training in growing concerned for the sustainable development and increasing gap between poor and rich. He also highlighted status and prospects of Sericulture in the state. He made an appeal to the trainee farmers to come forward to acquire awareness, knowledge, technology, and capital and management skill for the better management of farming practice through higher level of production with minimum resources. Shri Sunil Kumar, GM, NABARD Agartala has highlighted various financial and welfare schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Fashal Bima Yojana, Producers Organization, Farmers Club etc. being implemented in Tripura and are beneficial for the farmers. Shri Suryanarayan, highlighted the objective, mission and brief activities of the Kalyan Ashram for the Siksha, Swasthya and Swawalamban of Tribal of the country in general and in North-East in particular. This training programme is being attended by 30 farmers from various places such as Jampuijala, Laxamnsingh Mura, Brahmanpuskarini colony, Bishram Ganj, Harendra Nagar, Bagbari, Bamutia etc. The training pragamme is being coordinated by Dr. A.D. Upadhyay, Faculty of the College.

