

## **Opportunity of Groundnut for Crop Diversification and Income Enhancement in Tripura**

A field day on “**Opportunity of Groundnut for Crop Diversification and Income Enhancement in Tripura**” was organized on 06<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre under ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research (DGR), Junagadh, NEH Component. A total of 30 farmers from different villages in West Tripura district of Tripura viz; Urua ADC, Belbari ADC and Brahmanpuskuni actively participated during the Field Day Programme. Dr. B. Das, Joint Director (I/C), and Dr. Anup Das, Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre was present on the occasion. Dr. Biswajit Das asked the farmers to go for groundnut production as a means of improving livelihood, nutrition and income. Dr. Anup Das, interacted with the farmers on the ways and means of including groundnut in crop production for crop diversification, soil fertility enrichment, nutrition and income enhancement. It was suggested that under Tripura groundnut can be grown in two seasons that is rainy season and winter season. While cultivation in rainy season should be planned in such a way that harvesting doesn't coincide with rain. Liming gives very good response to groundnut crop. Yield potential in North East India is 2.5 to 3 t/ha and thus, the region has got very good potential in uplands in place of low yielding rice. The farmers visited the groundnut field in ICAR and learned about the different cultivars/varieties grown in the field. A practical demonstration on field preparation, lime application, fertilizer & manure management etc., establishment practices were also conducted for capacity building of farmers. The Field day was coordinated by Dr. Anup Das (PI), Project Fellows Ripan Chandra Das, Mandakranta Chakraborty and Priyanka Das.





Fig: Field day on Groundnut on 06<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at ICAR, Tripura Centre, Lembucherra