

Exposure programme of farmers organized under MOVCD-NER, Phase-III organized at ICAR Tripura Centre

Lead farmers exposure visit programme on “Organic Farming” was organized at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre, Lembucherra on 01st March 2022. A total of 30 farmers and the SIMFED (Sikkim state cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd) coordinators for promotion of organic farming in Tripura from Lefunga VC, Sipai Pura VC, Hezamara VC, Jamuna Para VC and Badrai Senapati VC of Tripura attended the programme. The programme was organized as a part of Mission organic value chain development for north eastern region (MOVCD-NER) Phase-III in Tripura. The objective of the capacity building programme was to sensitize farmers about various aspects of organic farming including site selection, conversion period, organic input management, production practices, marketing and certification process. At the outset, SIMFED coordinators gave a brief account of the MOVCD programme and the expectations from the ICAR about capacity building of farmers on organic farming. Dr. Anup Das, Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre interacted with the farmers on various aspects of organic farming and benefits of organic farming, organic manures, bio-fertilizers and pest management in organic farming. Special emphasis was given on cropping system, crop rotation, plant nutrition, mulching/cover crops, inclusion of legumes in cropping system, liming and application of rock phosphate etc. Organic farming with respect to vegetables, ginger, turmeric, pulses etc. were also discussed. After Farmer-Scientist interaction, participating farmers visited organic farming experimental field and Integrated Organic Farming System (IOFS) model with their coordinators. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr. Anup Das and supported by Mr. Rubai Podder and Mr Animesh Sarkar.

