

Capacity Building programme for Tribal Farmers organized in Maharani ADC Village, Dhalai

One day program on **Capacity Building of Tribal Farmers for Livelihood Improvement** was organized on 9th July, 2019 at Maharanipur VC under TSP project on “Capacity Building of Farmers in Primary Sectors by Adopting Integrated Watershed Approach”. The project is implemented by ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre in collaboration with KVK, Salema, Dhalai. A total of 85 farmers participated in the programme. Mr. Pradip Das, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK, Dhalai in his welcome address gave a brief account of Maharani village and appreciated ICARs effort for identifying this village for adoption under TSP. Dr. Anup Das, Principal Scientist and coordinator of the program requested farmers to extend all cooperation for the success of the program. He emphasized on crop diversification with pulses, oilseeds and maize after rice for enhancing income and employment of farmers. Dr. Basant Kandpal, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex, Tripura Centre, in his inaugural address asked the participating farmers to adopt improved technologies for enhancing productivity and income. He suggested farmers to follow scientific soil and water conservation practices for farm diversification and income enhancement. Dr. Kandpal emphasized on community approach for efficient management of natural resources to achieve maximum benefit. The Chairman, BAC, Salema Mr Bimal Debbarma also interacted with the farmers on the occasion and assured all possible support to the project. Farmers informed that among different rice varieties tested by them Gomati is giving maximum productivity and the variety is a short duration one. Dr. Lopa Mudra Sahoo, Sr. Scientist (Fishery) ICAR Tripura centre interacted with the farmers on various aspects of scientific fish farming like feeding, water quality management, disease management etc. Dr. Vinay Singh, Scientist (Poultry Science) ICAR Tripura centre interacted with the farmers about scientific poultry farming. He informed that the improved poultry breed developed by ICAR (BND cross) is a dual purpose bird, gives about 150 eggs in a year and it attains about 3-4 kg in maturity. Mr. Motilal Debbarma (Social Worker), Mr. Sanjoy Ghosh, KVK, Salema and Mr. Ripan Chandra Das, JRF ICAR Tripura centre also interacted with the farmers on various aspects. Seeds of high yielding vegetables, Rice, chicks, fingerlings, poultry and fish feeds, pumps, sprayer, rose cans, mango saplings etc. were distributed among the participating farmers for enhancing productivity and income. Dr. BK Kandpal and others visited the installation site of Oil extraction unit after the program. Meeting ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Sanjoy Ghosh, KVK, Dhalai.

