

## Food grain Storage and Quality Management in Tripura by KVK, IGMRI & FCI

Udaipur, 9 Jan 2013. Ensuring good quality foodgrains at affordable prices is one of the major food policies of Govt. of India. On an average, each year about 4 - 5 lakh metric tones of rice and wheat are being procured by the Govt. of Tripura through Food Corporation of India and their agencies for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) and for other Welfare Schemes. As Govt. of Tripura is planning to procure surplus foodgrain (rice) from the farmers of Tripura, it is essential that such foodgrains should conform to uniform specifications as prescribed by the Govt. of India. Monitoring the quality of foodgrains at the time of procurement and during storage is crucial for ensuring the quality of foodgrains supplied to consumers.

With this objective in view, Indian Grain Storage Management & Research Institute (IGMRI) in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), South Tripura organized two days training-cum-workshop on “Scientific Methods of Food grain Storage, Quality Management & Sustainable Development practices in Agriculture” under FCI’s Corporate Social Responsibility programme for farmers of South Tripura and Gomati district during 8-9 January 2013 at Udaipur. The expert from IGMRI, FCI and KVK provided the information on guidelines for procurement, insect-pest management during storage, rodent control, foodgrain storage structure and Good Agriculture Practices (GAP). Jagdish Chandra, Assistant Regional Director (Quality Control Cell, Min. of Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India, Kolkata); P. Kilam & B.M. Singh (IGMRI, Hapur, U.P.), Beni Gopal Bhuyan, Area Manager (FCI, Govt. of India, Agartala, Tripura); Dr. A.K. Singh, Programme Coordinator, T.A. Khan, Prog. Asstt. and M. Chakraborti, SMS (Agronomy) of KVK (South Tripura) were the resource person for this programme. Dr. M. Datta, Joint Director and Scientists of ICAR, Tripura Centre was present during valedictory function and certificates distribution. Farmers of South Tripura and Gomati district understood the process of foodgrain procurement and quality control during storage and processing. Some the farmer’s group also has shown interest to start a modern rice mill in Matabari block for procurement of paddy and supply of processed rice to FCI storage unit of Chandrapur, Gomati district. KVK also planning to undertake Rodent Control Campaign at village level during the year 2013-14. Altogether 50 farmers and farm women from Bagma, Mirza, Dudhpuskarini, Sataria, Chandrapur, Garjee, Laxamicherra, Sabroom and Vaisnavicherra village participated in this programme.



**Participating Farmers, Farm Women and Resource Persons of Foodgrain Storage and Quality Management**