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Nutrient Management for Increased Rice Productivity in Tripura by KVK

Udaipur, 10th Nov 2012: Krishi Vigyan Kendra of South Tripura district conducted demonstration on Nutrient Management in Rice Crops in two tribal villages (Laxamicherra and Garjee) covering about 30 ha area during kharif season 2012. The main objective of the demonstration was to show the different system of nutrient management under all the three system of rice cultivation i.e. SRI (System of Rice Intensification), ICM (Integrated Crop Management) and Conventional (traditional) at one place with optimum use of fertilizer without affecting the soil health.

To show the success of demonstration to the farmers of other villages, a Rice Field Day was organized on 10th Nov 2012 at Laxamicherra village of South Tripura. Sri Agohre Debbarma, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture as Chief Guest and Sri Munindra Reyang, Minister of Home (Jail) and Sri Himangsu Roy, Chairman, Zilla Parishad, South Tripura as Guest of Honour attended the Rice Field Day programme. More than 200 farmers from Laxamicherra, Garjee, Sabroom, Dudhpuskarini, Bagama and Mirza village visited the rice field and observed the impact of different system of nutrient and crop management. Other dignitaries who were present in the programme were Dr. M. Datta, Joint director of ICAR (Tripura), Dr. R.C. Samui, Principal, Agriculture College, Deputy Director (Agriculture) and Suptd. of Agriculture (Bokafa Block), Scientists of ICAR and CC of Farmer's Club. Dr. A.K Singh, Programme Coordinator and M. Chakraborti, SMS of KVK (South Tripura) explained different components of the demonstration. A Pig-cum-Fish demonstration of KVK was also visited by all the farmers and dignitaries.



Agriculture Minister & Home (Jail) Minister of Tripura, Chairman of Zilla Parishad, Scientists and Farmers visiting Rice demonstration of KVK in Laxamicherra village (Tribal) of South Tripura

Sri Aghore Debbarma in his address suggested to utilize the technology as demonstrated by the KVK and use the different variety of Rice in the cropping system mode. At least two crops must be taken in a year for better farm income. KVK demonstrated four variety of rice (Gomati, Naveen, MTU 1010 & Ranjeet) of different duration under both medium land and lowland situations. He said that taking advantage of short and medium duration crops, farmer should cultivate the second crop in rice fallow areas. KVK also distributed HYV seeds of Lentil, Groundnut, Vegetable Pea and hybrid Maize to the participating farmers. Sri Munindra Reyang also requested farmers to take

advantage of expertise of KVK & ICAR for better agriculture development of the villages. He urged that farmer should not only practice rice farming but also cultivate second and third crop for better income better livelihood. Sri Himangsu Roy, Chairman of Zilla Parishad appreciated the demonstration and requested all the farmers of South Tripura and Gomati district to adopt the demonstrated technology for better productivity of crops, livestock and fish. He emphasized upon more number of such demonstration in other villages also.



Agriculture Minister & Home (Jail) Minister of Tripura, Chairman of Zilla Parishad, Scientists (ICAR), State Agriculture Officers and Farmers at Rice Field Day of Technology Week Programme 2012 of KVK

Dr. M. Datta suggested farmer to adopt such nutrient management programmes and HVY rice variety to achieve the targeted level of rice yield (6000 kg per ha). He has given an overview of ICAR & KVK programmes in South Tripura and Gomati district and urged farming community for integration of livestock to get required quantity of FYM and adoption of double cropping (rice-veg/oilseeds/pulses) to improve both soil health and farmers' wealth. Dr Samui, Principal of Agriculture College emphasized to adopt INM practices with integration of organic manures/fertilizers and utilize the crop land for 2-3 crops under cropping system mode. This type of demonstration will help to maintain the soil fertility status for sustainable food production and also achieve the desired food security of the Tripura state. Besides rice crop, KVK also demonstrated the other crops like Maize, Bhendi and Cowpea in this Laxamicherra village.



Agriculture Minister of Tripura visiting KVK Farm during Technology Week programme of South Tripura 2012



Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture also visited the KVK farm at Birchandra Manu and appreciated the development of Farm with number of instructional and demonstration units within a short span of time. He visited the Integrated Farming System unit, drip-irrigation system of citrus, banana, mango and litchi orchards, organic farming unit, Horticulture Nursery-cum-Green House, Nutrition Garden, Nutrient Management, intercropping system of field crops and fruits, fishery, herbal garden, jalkund, mushroom unit and vermicomposting system. This programme was conducted as a part of Technology week started on 6th Nov 2012 and will continue till 14th Nov 2012. A series of programme like capacity building of fish farmers on Scientific Fish Farming under changed climatic conditions, fish seed distribution, field crop and vegetable seed distribution and showcasing of agriculture technology in "Matabari Diwali Mela" in which more than ten thousand farmers going to visit KVK exhibition stall from entire state.

- Programme Coordinator, KVK, South Tripura