

Skill Orientation Programmes on Fish and Mushroom Farming in South Tripura

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) conducting fish and mushroom farming in South Tripura on demand of farming community and women SHGs. There is considerable potential for cultivation of oyster mushroom in South Tripura, if scientific technology is adopted by the growers. Today training-cum-demonstration was conducted to 30 tribal farm women of South and Gomati district of Tripura. Farm women were trained practically and 8 sets of spawn and cube making materials were distributed to each woman so that they can start producing oyster mushroom in their respective villages. Earlier KVK has trained 15 SHG groups covering about 200 women members on mushroom farming. They are producing about 45-50 Kgs of fresh mushroom per 50 cubes and earning about Rs. 10,200 per farmer every year (Sept-Feb). Considering the profit on mushroom farming, gradually they are increasing the production depending on the market demand. Apart from selling these products in the local market, the group builds up a marketing network throughout the district.

KVK also organized programme on backyard aquaculture to 41 fish farmers of tribal villages of South Tripura district. Each farmer was given 500 fingerlings of Rohu, Catla, Mrigal, Big Head Carp and Silver Carp to each farmer for fish production in their pond. Some ongoing programmes are “Duck-cum-Fish farming” and “Paddy-cum-Fish Farming” in the district under NICRA project of ICAR. Earlier KVK has organized about 40 field demonstrations on “Integrated Fish Farming” covering six villages under “Backyard Aquaculture” and four villages under “Integrated Pig-cum-Fish Farming”. Each farmer demonstrated the technology by integrating 3 pigs and 1600 fingerlings per 0.16 ha (Rohu, Mrigal, Catla) at their pond.

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