

## Training-cum-Skill Development Programme

# Homestead Farming System

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) of South Tripura district undertaking number of demonstration, training and extension activities to disseminate integrated farming system technology. In the year 2010-12, KVK had conducted a demonstration on '*Upscaling of Homestead Farming in different Farming Systems*' in the seven villages of South Tripura district with the financial help of NABARD. This practice improves the resources of poor farmers and also meets several socio-economic, food and nutritional security which contribute to their better living and sustainability. Low input cost, stable yield every year, application of simple technology, and intensive management practices by the farm family members are the main features of homestead gardens demonstrated by the KVK.

Considering the importance of Homestead Farming System in the state, more than 100 farmers of South Tripura and Gomati district applied for the farm loan to upscale their existing homestead farm with the help of NABARD. In the first phase, about 55 farmers were trained by KVK during 5-8 Aug, 2014 for establishment of Homestead Farm. This will be done by integrating vegetables, fruits, spices, tuber crops, poultry, goatary and mushroom farming along with vermicomposting unit.

This training-cum-skill development programme is being coordinated by Dr. A.K. Singh, Programme coordinator and Sri Diganta Das, DDM (NABARD) with the help of Farmer's Club. The technical session were conducted by multi-disciplinary team of KVK, Dr. A.K. Singh (PC), Ingita Gohain (SMS-Home Science), Bapi Das (SMS- Horticulture) and Dhurbajyoti Das (SMS-Animal Science). Rural Bank is providing a loan of Rs. 25000/- to each farmer for 2 years. KVK is providing all kind of technical support including farm inputs like seeds, planting materials, poultry chicks, mushroom spawn, earthworms, etc.

