

Six days Training Program organized under SCSP Program at Jorhat,

Assam 22 - 27 February, 2021, Jorhat, Assam

A Farmers' training program spanning six days (22-27 February 2021) under the SCSP program of the Govt. of India was conducted by the ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Jorhat in collaboration with Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat on seven different aspects of Agri-entrepreneurship. The motive of the training program was to give exposure to the Scheduled Caste farmers of adopted villages of Jorhat district about most recent scientific development in the different aspects of Agricultural Science where they can develop their skills and the same may be used to improve their livelihood condition by adopting relevant enterprises. Total 40 farmers participated from four SC villages out of which 18 (45%) were progressive women farmer.

Different aspects covered under the training program were: techniques of modern and commercial Horticultural nursery raising; scientific Vermicomposting; Integrated Pest and disease management of fruit crops with special reference to Banana; scientific mushroom cultivation; scientific fish breeding and fish farming in integrated farming system mode; post harvest, food processing and value addition of horticultural crops; Scientific Animal Husbandry: Cattle, Goats, Pigs, ducks individually and in integrated farming system mode; and Scientific Lac culture and production of various commercial products out of the Lac resin.

During the training program, the resource persons emphasized on practicing improved and scientific agriculture, keeping an eye on commercial production, value addition of their products, with special reference to organic agriculture. They also highlighted on agricultural mechanization and tackling the challenges posed by rapid climate change on marginal and subsistence agriculture of small and marginal farmer's of Assam.

Dr. M. Saikia, the Associate Director of Research (Agri) of AAU, Jorhat graced the valedictory function as chief guest. In his speech he emphasized on incorporation of multiple agri-enterprises in the same piece of land that increases cropping intensity/farm productivity/farm income. He also expressed that farmers can take benefits of different govt. schemes which includes provision of improved varieties, irrigation facilities, low interest agri-loans, agri-insurance schemes etc. Farmers should prepare themselves to cope up with the challenges posed by rapid climate change. He encouraged the farmers to take the advantage of improved technologies developed by AAU and ICAR so that their livelihood improves and at the same time their agricultural production systems become more and more sustainable.

Some of the farmers formally acknowledged about the knowledge they earned and skills developed during the training program and showed interest in disseminating the same among other fellow farmers of their own village and community.

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