

Farmers Awareness Programme on Climate Resilient Agriculture

A farmers' awareness programme on Climate Resilient Agriculture was organised at the community hall of Mainama GP under Manu block of Dhalai district on 14th June 2013. A total of 87 (60m, 27f) farmers from 14 tribal villages were participated in this programme. Shri. Samram Debbarma, Chairman, Mainama GP have presided over the meeting along with two other Panchayet members, Smt. Mayabala Chakma and Mr. Madav Debbarma. Mr. Pramod Debbarma and Mr. Samiran Chakma, respective Sector officers of Manu and Chawmanu were also present in the programme. The keynote address was given by Mr. Dhiman Daschaudhury, Technical officer (Agro-met), ICAR Tripura Centre, who welcomed the delegates and participating farmers. He has explained the traditional way of weather forecasting and the need of farmers' awareness in the era of weather and climate change. He awared the farmers about the SMS- based weather forecasting of ICAR Tripura Centre and in near future the service will be extended for the farmers of Manu also.



The Panchayet Chairman, Mr. Samram Debbarma, on his speech, he cited many grass root problems like the problem of irrigation, timely unavailability of seeds and fertilizers in farmers fields. He expressed his gratitude to Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the initiative on the SMS-based weather services for Manu farmers. He also assured to provide more mobile numbers for receiving this service. Two sector officers have talked about maize cultivation and availability of different schemes under the state Dept. of Agriculture where farmers will be benefited with such SMS-based services. They assured to help the farmers in all the possible ways for practicing hassle free agriculture in Manu and Chawmanu. Dr. Dipanjan Chakraborty, SRF, ICAR spoke about the impact of climate change on livestock production and adaptive measures to climate change. He prescribed some medicines for diseases which may occur in animal during the weather change. The programme was concluded with the feedback from the farming communities and vote of thanks by Mr. Lalit Chakme, RA, ICAR, Tripura Centre.