

## Long Melon: A Promising Crop for Tripura

Long melon (*Cucumis melo* L. var. *utilissimus* Duthie & Fuller), commonly known as *Kakri*, is a cucurbitaceous crop used as salad or even some times cooked as vegetables. It is mainly warm season crop grown in tropical and sub tropical climate. The tender fruits are on an average 20-85cm long, 2.5-2.9 cm girth, cylindrical and 330-360 g fruit weight. Seeds are directly sown in hills in rows just like cucumber at spacing of 1.5-2.0 m between rows and 1-1.5 cm between hills in each row. Sowing time is February-March for summer crop. Seed sowing may be done in October-November for winter crop in river bed. Deep well drained soil with sandy or sandy loam texture is suitable with pH in the range of 5.8 to 7.5. Young and tender fruits are harvested for salad. This crop has been grown at ICAR Tripura Centre on experimental basis and has been found to be very promising in terms of plant growth flowering and fruiting.



**Kakri (Long Melon)**