

## **APART: RICE WEEKLY**

### **(28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 2021)**

#### **Rice Knowledge Bank Training under KVK Lakhimpur**

Rice Knowledge Bank (RKB) usage training for Boro season 2020-21 was successfully conducted under APART at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Lakhimpur on December 29, 2020. The session initiated with a welcome address by Mr. Sonmoina Bhuyan, Sr. Scientist & Head (i/c) of KVK Lakhimpur. The programme was attended by Mr. Lakshi Kt. Nath, SMS Agronomy who explained the ongoing APART activities under KVK with the trainees and Ms. Jyotshna Das, SMS Horticulture at KVK, Lakhimpur was also present. Mr. Debahash Buragohain, Project Scientist, RKB and Mr. Vivek Kumar Specialist IRRI were present as Resource Persons in the training programme. The said programme was successfully completed in the presence of total 30 participants including farm women from different development blocks of Lakhimpur District. Project Scientist (RKB) Mr. Debahash Buragohain imparted training on the importance and use of Rice Knowledge Bank website who also explained different sections of the portal like varieties of rice, stages of production, resources etc.



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Moreover, Mr. Vivek Kumar Specialist IRRI interacted with the farmers about their problems and also provided valuable information to the farmers. He has also shared the facilities provided under APART to the FPCs, their importance and process of selling paddy at MSP to the paddy procurement centres etc. The training programme concluded with a vote of thanks from Ms. Mouchumi Dutta, Project Associate, APART, Ms. Brishti Saikia, Assistant Project Scientist, APART and Mr. Durlov Bora, Research Technician, APART.

## Rice Knowledge Bank usage training under APART at RARS, North Lakhimpur

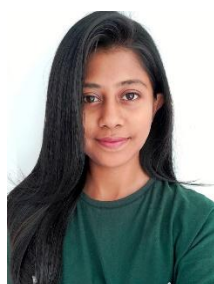
Rice Knowledge Bank (RKB) usage training under APART was successfully conducted at Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), North Lakhimpur on December 30, 2020. The program was graced by the presence of Dr. Tarun Ch. Mahanta, Principal Scientist, RARS, North Lakhimpur; Dr. Nripen Gogoi, Jr. Scientist, RARS, North Lakhimpur; Mr. Vivek Kumar, Specialist, IRRI; Debahash Buragohain, Project Scientist, APART; Porismita Dutta, Project Associate, APART and Champak Saikia, RT, APART. After a brief introduction and highlight of the objective of the program by Porismita Dutta, the programme was continued by Mr. Vivek Kumar and Mr. Debahash Buragohain. They elaborately discussed about the use of RKB website [www.rkbassam.in](http://www.rkbassam.in). They explained every section on the portal which includes, home, rice in Assam, varieties, step by step production etc. to the attendees. In addition, they also discussed various cultivation practices of rice for the upcoming Boro season, role and formation of FPCs and selling of paddy at Minimum Support Price (MSP) at Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) available in the districts. This user-friendly website was appreciated by everyone.



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## Two days training on PHM under APART, KVK Kamrup

A two days training programme on Post-harvest management was held at Uttaran FPC, village Kaniha of Rangia block on 25/12/2020 and 26/12/2020. A total of 30 farmers participated in the programme. Dr. Dharendra Nath Kalita, Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kamrup; Dr. Ilakshi Deka, Subject Matter Specialist & Scientist In-charge-APART, KVK, Kamrup; Mr. Saurajyoti Baishya, Specialist-Post-harvest Management, IRRI; Dr. Munmi Bora, Project Associate, APART, KVK Kamrup; Ananta Gogoi, Research Technician, APART, KVK Kamrup; Arup Jyoti Kakoti, Research Technician, APART, KVK Kamrup; were present during the two days training programme. Dr. Kalita briefly informed the farmers about the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kamrup and the ongoing APART activities with different International Organizations, their technical guidance including International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).



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**Additional information:** On 25<sup>th</sup> December the farmers also attended the webcasting on Hon'ble Prime Minister for the release of PM KISAN money to farmers. Further farmers were informed about the importance of modern farming techniques and the adoption of farm machineries and how the mechanization ensures reduction of drudgery associated with various farm operations and how it is directly related to doubling farmers' income. After the interactive session, as a resource person, Mr. Saurajyoti Baishya, Specialist, PHM, IRRI demonstrated the working of Rice mill. Further, the usage of paddy thresher was also shown to the farmers during the program. At the end of the programme the participants were very pleased and provided positive feedback.

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