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Training and Demonstration on Rice Value Chain at Hatiutha Village under KVK, Morigaon

A training and demonstration on Rice Value Chain was organised by KVK, Morigaon under APART at Hatiutha village on Feb 25, 2022. Dr. Kasturi Goswami, Junior Researcher (JR), IRRI, Ms Porismita Dutta, Project Associate (PA), APART, Mr Sanju Borgohain, APS, APART and Mr Rupam Bania, RT were present in the meeting. The programme started with a welcome speech by Mr Sanju Borgohain, who discussed roles and activities of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in APART. He also briefly described about the cultivation practices of rice and its important varieties.





The technical session started with the lecture of Dr. Kasturi Goswami, JR, IRRI. She discussed about the machineries used in paddy cultivation starting from the land preparation till post harvest activities. She focused on the ways how mechanization reduces the labour cost and time. She elaborately explained the working of various post harvest machineries such as Paddy Thresher, Reaper, Harvester, Rice Mill, Dry Grinding Machine, Puff Making Machine, Rice Flake Making Machine, etc. In addition, she discussed the importance of quality seed production in rice and also encouraged the farmers to sell their paddy to designated Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) at MSP. In the demonstration programme, she gave hands-on training on the use of dry grinding machine. The programme was appreciated by everyone present and concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms Porismita Dutta.

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Demonstrations on Rice Value Chain conducted by RARS, Titabar

Demonstrations on Rice Value Chain were organized on February19, 2022 at Phalengichuk (10.00 a.m.) and Dihingia (2.00 p.m.), respectively of Jorhat districtunder APART, RARS Titabar in collaboration with International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). Dr. A.K. Medhi, Principal Scientist and In-charge of APART, Dr. Sanjib Kumar Borah and Dr.Milon Jyoti Konwar, Junior Scientist, RARS Titabar and Dr. Rahul Priyadarshi, Specialist, Agriculture Research and Development (Seed) were present as resource persons in the programmes. A total of 60 participants (including male and female farmers) from both the villages attended the respective programmes.





The programmes started with welcome address by Dr.Gitasree Goswami PA, APART, RARS Titabar.A lecture on value addition of rice and soil health, and procedure of collecting soil samples for soil testing was deliveredby Dr. A.K. Medhi, Principal Scientist and Incharge of APART and Dr. Sanjib Borah Junior Scientist, RARS, Titabar, respectively. Rahul Priyadarshi, Specialist Dr. Agriculture Research and Development (Seed) demonstrated the use of super bags and moisture meter. He also gave a presentation on the machineries' use for value addition and postharvest of rice. Mrs. Munna Saikia, Research Technician helped in smooth running of the programmes. The demonstrations concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Gitasree Goswami. PA, RARS Titabar.

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Demonstration on Rice Value Chain Machinery under APART, KVK, Cachar

A demonstration programme was organized at Saidpur Part 3 by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Cachar, Assam Agricultural University under the World sponsored 'Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project' (APART) on February 25, 2022. A total number of 34 farmers (including both males and females) participated in the event. The programme was attended as resource persons by Mr Devamitra Tarafdar, Project Associate, APART, KVK, Cachar; Mr Rituraj Gogoi, Assistant Project Scientist, APART, KVK, Cachar; Mr Abu Sahid Barbhuiya, Research Technician, APART, KVK, Cachar; Miss Puspali Das, Research Technician, APART, KVK, Cachar and Mr Ajit Kumar, Research Technician, IRRI.



The training programme was inaugurated by D. Tarafdar who briefly described about the objectives of the Project to the participants. He further explained in detail how the use of modern machineries can increase the production and reduce the cost of cultivation. A brief presentation was given by Mr Rituraj Gogoi on the modern machineries for cultivation of rice. Mr A. Kumar and Mr A. Barbhuiya demonstrated the usage of some of the machineries and emphasised the role of various machines in the value addition of rice. The participants were very much pleased and showed interest in using the machines. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Mr R. Gogoi.

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