



At present, initiative has been taken to construct three new solar energy based cool rooms. Opportunity to build new market including mushroom cultivation has increased to 12%. Chief Minister said, on the one hand, income has increased with the help of various projects of the central and state government to improve the quality of farmers, on the other, the fear of loss has been replaced by the assurance of marketing. Due to change in mentality about income generation, educated youths of the state have also started associating themselves with the agricultural profession today. Prime Minister even mentioned about a successful youth farmer from Kumarghat in his speech. Instead of keeping the youths busy in the protests and movements, the state is encouraging them for productive work as a result the state is becoming self-reliant.

Chief Minister in the programme said, the government has taken initiative to provide various opportunities to the real sharecroppers of the state through proper planning. Already a good number of sharecroppers in the state are getting various assistance. Prime Minister after tasting state's bamboo biscuits has expressed his delight and Prime Minister also advised to make bamboo pickles. Chief Minister planted a sapling and visited different units and fruit gardens at Nagicherra Horticulture Research Complex.

Agriculture and Tourism Minister Pranajit Singha Roy in his speech enunciated, agricultural growth rate has increased in the state. Government is working on increasing income of the farmers through modern process of farming. Only when farmers are benefited, will the state be benefited. He also said, various projects have been taken to increase garden and horticultural crop production. Prime Minister is working on economic development of farmers for the country's economic development. State farmers are reaping benefits from definite steps by the Chief Minister taken to escalate the goal of the central government to double the farmer's income by 2022. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is playing significant role in releasing the breadwinners from mortgaging the land or from the moneylender system. Besides Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Chief Minister Bima Yojana is also playing a significant role in alleviating farmers' risk of loss. A big part of the cost is borne by the state government. The department is playing an important role in bringing state farmers under 100% insurance. Innovative farming has created employment opportunities in the state. Progressive farmers from 8 districts participated in the programme. Others present in the programme were Principal Scientist ICAR-NRCB, Dr. V Kumar (Trichy, Tamil Nadu), Agriculture department's Secretary C.K. Jamatia, and Director of Horticulture and Soil Conservation department Dr. Phani Bhusan Jamatia.