

water harvesting structure for individual (20\*20\*3) metre pond were created. The ongoing programmes continued from previous fiscal year that were delayed due to Covid situation are production of vermi compost in permanent structure (200 numbers target), distribution of Power Tiller (8 BHP) at subsidised rate (200 numbers target), exposure training to the farmers (4000 numbers target), promotion of Vending cart (40 numbers target), creation of market linkage (41 numbers target) etc.

In the current fiscal year (2021-22), a flagship programme will commence starting this June where two lakh families will be provided with fifteen planting materials of different crops such as banana, papaya, lime & lemon, Areca nut in all 8 districts of the state and target has been set to cover 3 lakh families in 2022-23. The annual work plan for 2021-22 fiscal year is as per the data given by the department is as follows-

- 1. Plantation of Pineapple on 1100 Ha land spending 12.98 crore rupees.
- 2. Plantation of Lime/ Lemon on 120 Ha land spending 1.032 crore rupees.
- 3. Plantation of Areca nut on 1450 Ha land spending 14.50 crore rupees.
- 4. Rejuvenation/ Maintenance/ Replacement of senile plantation on 800 Ha land spending 1.60 crore rupees.
- 5. Cultivation of summer vegetables on 1700 Ha land spending 12.75 crore rupees.
- 6. Cultivation of winter vegetables on 3900 Ha land spending 35.10 crore rupees.
- 7. Potato cultivation- distribution of Tuberlet 1000 MT spending 11.288 crore rupees.
- 8. Assistance for cultivation of ginger and turmeric on 210 Ha land spending 4.20 crore rupees.
- 9. Assistance for cultivation of black pepper on 190 Ha land spending 0.475 crore rupees.
- 10. Cultivation of Open Field Flower under MIDH on 220 Ha land spending 1.65 core rupees.
- 11. Mukhyamantri Puspa Uddyan Prakalpa scheme implementation on 389 Ha land spending 8.886 crore rupees.
- 12. Creation of 100 numbers of water harvesting structure for individual (20\*20\*3) metre pond spending 1.80 crore rupees.
- 13. Production of vermi compost in permanent structure (150 numbers) spending 0.75 crore rupees.
- 14. Exposure training to farmers (4000 numbers) spending 0.40 crore rupees.
- 15. Staggering of pineapple in farmers field on 500 Ha land spending 0.50 crore rupees.
- 16. Production and distribution of mushroom spawn (80,000 number of packets) spending 0.8727 crore rupees.
- 17. Chief Minister's Swanirbhar Paribar Yojana (2,00,000 number of families will be covered) spending 5.83 crore rupees. Among them 27 thousand 887 families to be covered are from South district, 32 thousand 255 families from Gomati district, 34 thousand 169 families from Sepahijala district, 25 thousand 405 families from West district, 24 thousand 425 families from Khowai district, 27 thousand 143 families from Dhalai district, 12 thousand 823 families from Unakoti district, and 15 thousand 892 families from North district.

Tripura is blessed with fertile soil and natural resources. When we learn to make the best of what we already have, then we can pave a path to being self-dependent which already our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb have been encouraging about. Becoming self-dependent is the biggest strength one can achieve. It is high time that we walk with the time and develop new ways to development. It is also important to stay aware of the schemes and make others aware being responsible citizens. If everyone would work with this mentality, I believe Tripura will soar to greater heights of development and success.

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