

Scented Rice cultivation in organic way for greater market value

Most of us who were brought up in the city know only Basmati rice and Jasmine rice as scented rice. Traditional scented rice has been grown for years in the state by the indigenous people of the state. Mostly scented rice of 3 varieties is being grown in the state such as Gobindabhog, Kalikhasa and Harinarayan. These are grown in Kharif season. "Attempt is to grow scented rice in organic way for greater market value. Normally the scented rice is sold in the market at 60-70 rupees per kg. but organic scented rice can be sold at 80-100 rupees per kg.," said a agriculture department source.

In the previous year, scented rice was grown under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana over 2,000 Ha land. Plan is to cover 1,600 Ha this year spending 1.44 crore rupees. Under this scheme, 9 thousand rupees is spent per hectare which includes distribution of seeds, distribution of 12 kgs of bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers (Azotobacter bio-fertilizer 4kg, *potassium solubilizing bacteria* (KSB) 4kg, KMP 4kg) to each farmer. Scented rice cultivation is mostly done in ADC areas such as Dasda, Tulashikhar, Damchara, Mandwi, Killa, Ampa, Karbook, Rupaichari etc.

Organic demand is growing in the markets and why not? It is always a better choice to avoid chemically grown food. The source also said that earlier scented rice cultivation was very less but after the launch of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, quite many farmers now can cultivate scented rice. Apart from organic cultivation of scented rice, agriculture department plans to bring 19,000 Ha land under organic farming spending 42.39 crore rupees.

13,983 People receive cash against potato-onion in Kailashahar under CMCSF

So far cash value of potato and onion due under the Chief Minister COVID Special Relief Package has been transferred to the accounts of 13,983 beneficiaries in Kailashahar sub-division. Rs. 116 has been transferred to each account for this. It is worth mentioning that they are entitled to Rs. 60 for 3 kg. potato and Rs. 56 for 3 kg. onion. The total cash transfer so far has been Rs. 16,22,028. This information has been divulged by the Kailashahar SDM office.

**Assistance under Mukhyamantri
Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana in
Ganganagar block**

2 thousand 832 families of Ganganagar block area in Dhalai district will be brought under Mukhyamantri Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana in the present fiscal year as per the version of Dhalai ADM Mohammed Mouslemuddin Ahmed. He said that through ARDD in the Ganganagar block of the district assistance will be given to 123 families for rearing duck and hen, 30 families for pig rearing and 15 families for goat rearing to make them self reliant. From the fisheries department fish fingerlings will be given to 156 families.

Apart from that, different kinds of plant saplings will be given to 1 thousand 115 families from the forest department. 1 thousand 8 families will be brought under this scheme with the initiative of agriculture and farmer's welfare department and horticulture and soil conservation department.

**Agri equipments to be
distributed at Satchand**

Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, various agri equipments will be

distributed to the farmers in the present fiscal year with the initiative of Satchand agri supervisor's office. Sixteen farmers of Satchand and Poangbari block will be given power tillers at subsidised rate, water irrigation pump-sets will be given to 22 farmers at a subsidy of 10 thousand rupees, rice mill machine will be given to 5 farmers at subsidized rate of 1 lakh 20 thousand rupees and puffed rice making machine will be given to 4 farmers at a subsidized rate of 1 lakh 40 thousand rupees. This was informed by Satchand agricultural sub-division agri-supervisor Jiten Tripura.

**9,747 farmers benefitted
under PM-KISAN**

Nine thousand 747 farmers of Mohanbhog agricultural sub division area were brought under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana in the financial year 2020-21 by the agriculture and Farmer's welfare department. Among them 3 thousand 972 farmers are from Mohanbhog block, 5 thousand 177 are from Nalchar block and 598 are from Melaghar municipal area. Apart from that, 202 farmers from Mohanbhog block, 417 from Nalchar block and 8 from Melaghar

municipal area and more 627 farmers will be brought under this scheme in the 2021-22 financial year. This was informed by agri-supervisor of Mohanbhog agriculture sub-divisional office Bimal Das.

Assistance under Mukhyamantri Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana in Jampuijala

1 thousand 376 families of 3 village committee areas of Jampuijala sector will be brought under Mukhyamantri Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana in 2021-22 financial year with the initiative of agriculture and farmer's welfare department in Jampuijala sub division. Under this scheme, each family will be distributed 3 types of vegetable seeds, 2 banana tree saplings, 3 lime saplings, 6 papaya saplings, 3 arecanut saplings free of cost. These will be distributed through 3 Gramsabha centres under Jampuijala agricultural sector. So far 120 persons were given assistance and distribution work is in progress. This was informed by Jampuijala sector director Bhaskar Debbarma.

15,000 Families to come under MSPY in Khowai

Under the initiative of forest department saplings of different plant varieties will be distributed among 15,000 families of

three block areas of Khowi sub-division under Mukhyamantri Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana (MSPY). Out of the total lot, 3,000 families will be from Khowai block, 6,000 from Padmabil block and 6,000 from Tulashikhar block. Each beneficiary will receive five saplings of jackfruit, aagar, chaalta, lemon, areca nut and Yongchak. For covering these 15,000 families an amount of Rs. 7.50 lakh will be spent. Forest office in Khowai has informed this.

Drinking water facilities created in Karbook & Silachhari

Under the aegis of DWS office in Karbook subdivision work for providing drinking water connections to each household is going on in different ADC villages of Karook and Silachhari block. In Subarnapara of Jalaya ADC village under Karbook block a 7,500 GPH deep tube well has been commissioned recently. Through this deep tube well 54 families have been covered. Under the same block a 5000 DPH deep tube well has been commissioned in Mangalsingh Para of North Ekchari ADC village.

In addition, under Silachhari block two small bore wells have been commissioned in Jesai Mog Para and Fubagiritang Buddhist Temple area of Ailmara ADC village. With this small bore wells 14

families have got drinking water facility. Under SMDP scheme a deep tube well will be installed in Dhaneswarpara of Chelagang ADC village to ensure drinking water facility for 60 families. Besides, one existing deep tube well be repaired to supply drinking water in Gosamanipara of Jenta Toisa village.

Under the Innovative Scheme in Karaichera of New Gomati ADC village, one drinking water tank will be installed by utilizing the Dumboor hydel project's canal water. Under the same scheme using the spring water door to door water connections will be given through two water tanks to be installed at Mandirghat area and two water tanks at Chaplingchera area.

Under Atal Jaldhar Mission drinking water connections have been given to 583 families of Karbook block during the current financial year. So far under the scheme 4,657 families have been covered. In addition, in Silachhari block water connections have been given to 112 families during the current financial year. So far 1737 families have been covered under Atal Jaldhara in Silachhari block.

7,173 Farmers under Mukhyamantri Fasal Bima Yojana in Mohanbhog

With a view to encouraging the farmers 7,173 farmers of Mohanbhog agri-

subdivision area were brought under the Mukhyamantri Fasal Bima Yojana during the Khari season of 2020-21 financial year. Of the total beneficiaries, 2,643 farmers were from Mohanbhog block and 4,530 farmers were from Nalchhar block. In addition, during the same financial year in Rabi season 2,207 farmers of this area were brought under the same scheme. Among them, 1,052 farmers were from Mohanbhog block and 1,155 farmers were from Nalchhar block area. Mohanbhog agri-subdivision office has provided this information.

Seed & saplings distribution starts in Panisagar under MSPY

Distribution of vegetable seeds and sapling of fruit plants was kickstarted in Panisagar block on June 23 by MLA Binoy Bhusan Das. The programme was organized by the agriculture and farmers' welfare department under Mukhyamantri Swanirbhar Parivar Yojana. Different varieties of seeds and saplings were distributed in the programme. Under this initiative a total of 2,142 farmers will benefit. In the same programme forest department also distributed fruit saplings among 20 beneficiaries of gram panchayat under the same scheme.